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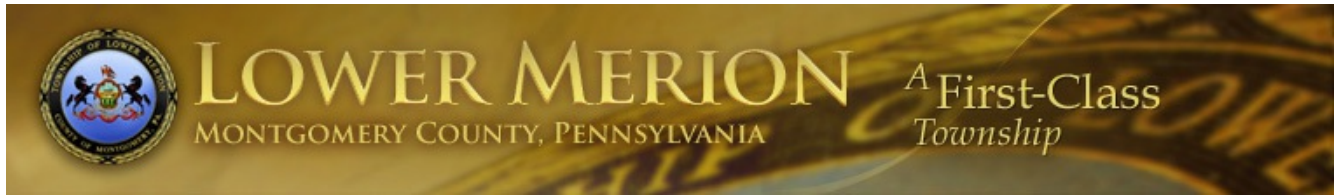
FIRE COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, April 9, 2025
6:00 PM (Approximately)**

Chairperson: Daniel S. Bernheim
Vice Chairperson: Jeremiah Woodring, V. Scott Zelov

AGENDA

- 1. WAIVER OF APPARATUS POLICY TO ALLOW BELMONT HILLS FIRE
COMPANY TO RETAIN THEIR 2003 KME ENGINE**



AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

ITEM: WAIVER OF APPARATUS POLICY TO ALLOW BELMONT HILLS FIRE COMPANY TO RETAIN THEIR 2003 KME ENGINE

Consider for recommendation to the Board of Commissioners approving a waiver of the current Apparatus Policy disposition provision to allow the Belmont Hills Fire Company (BHFC) to retain ownership of the 2003 KME Engine which is being replaced in exchange for BHFC paying the Township the vehicle's appraised value of \$20,000.

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Fire Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Waiver of Apparatus Policy for 2003 KME Engine

Prepared By: James McCoy, Chief of Department

Date: April 4, 2025

I. Action To Be Considered by The Board:

Approve a waiver of the current Apparatus Policy disposition provision to allow the Belmont Hills Fire Company (BHFC) to retain ownership of the 2003 KME Engine which is being replaced in exchange for BHFC paying the Township the vehicle's appraised value of \$20,000.

II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:

Board approval is required to waive the requirement in the Apparatus Policy to sell the truck when the replacement delivered.

III. Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable):

The current policy requires the fire company to sell the fire truck being replaced and remit the proceeds to the Township.

IV. Other Relevant Background Information:

In 2022, a new truck was ordered to replace BHFC's 2003 KME Engine. Delivery was originally expected in the fall of 2023, however delivery has been delayed for almost two full years. Delivery is now expected in September 2025. The 2003 KME Engine was purchased prior to the current apparatus policy and is owned by BHFC.

In early February, BHFC was returning from a call when the 2003 KME Engine's motor began to malfunction. BHFC's service provider and the Township's Fleet Division examined the truck. Repair of the truck is estimated to be between \$20,000-\$50,000 but the true cost will not be known until the motor is taken apart and fully analyzed.

Due to the unknown cost of repairing the truck, the Township's Fleet Supervisor recommended having the truck appraised to determine its current value and then deciding whether to repair it. Two brokers appraised the truck and valued it between \$10,000 and \$20,000. It was determined that selling the truck in its current condition is the best financial option for the Township.

At that juncture, BHFC approached the Township and requested to purchase the truck in its current condition for the appraised value of \$20,000. They intend to repair the truck and place it back in service. Once their new apparatus is delivered, BHFC plans to sell the 2003 KME Engine to recoup the costs they incurred retaining and repairing the vehicle.

V. Impact On Township Finances:

The current value of the 2003 KME engine is \$20,000 as valued by outside appraisals and the Township would receive that amount if approved.

VI. Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners waive the requirement of the current Apparatus Policy in order to allow the Belmont Hills Fire Company to retain ownership of the truck and pay the Township the appraised value of \$20,000.