

**Stevensville Town Council Public Hearing**  
**Thursday, March 14, 2018**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Council for the Town of Stevensville came together in the Council Chambers for a Public Hearing of the Town Council.**

Mayor Dewey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**Present:** Mayor Dewey, Councilmember Michalson, Holcomb, Barker and Phillips

**2. Discussion on the Following Item:**

**a. Discussion regarding a budget amendment for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 through approval of Resolution 445**

Finance Officer, April Van Tassel presented on the item providing a brief history and overview of the request.

Council asked questions regarding where the money is coming from, including a CD fund and funding sources. Council asked questions about the pumper truck that was sold to Rock Creek and how it related to funding. Council also clarified that this money already exists.

**3. Public Comment**

Mark Adams 319 College Street, asked Fire Chief Motley if these are bottles only or packs and bottles or, what exactly is the additional equipment for?

Fire Chief Motley explained, complete SCBAs; pack, mask and bottle.

Mark Adams asked the Fire Chief if this included spare bottles?

Fire Chief Motley responded that the spare bottles are funded by a grant.

Mark Adams asked how many are we talking about?

Fire Chief Motley responded 4 units.

Mark Adams asked the Fire Chief why we need them.

Fire Chief Motley explained that this will give us an SCBA for every seat we have.

Mark Adams asked, that wasn't included in the grant?

Fire Chief Motley responded the number of units that were in the grant were to replace existing units, of which we have 12. We have 16 seats, so with the additional 4 units, that gives us an SCBA bottle, pack for every seat which is advantageous as we do a lot of POV response. So, a POV responder we can put them to work on the scene. This gives the flexibility to utilize all of our responders and help that may show up on the scene.

Mark Adams commented that he is thinking 16 seats, how does that breakdown? You have three type 1 engines.

Fire Chief Motley responded we have two type 1s and a ladder truck.

Mark Adams responded that each one of those engines has only 4 seats, right?

Fire Chief Motley responded, incorrect. The Peirce trucks have 4 crew members, and a Captain or Officer and an Engineer. We buy a bottle for every seat. There are 12 seats in the type 1s and 4 on the ladder. Two rear facing and 2 forward facing.

Mark Adams stated wait a minute, 12 in the type 1s.

Fire Chief Motley commented 4 in the back and 2 in the front, 6. Six times two is 12.

Mark Adams responded that there is not two in the front, the Engineer doesn't have one in the front.

Fire Chief Motley responded the Engineer is getting a bottle. We bought a bottle for every seat. Therefore, when we roll on a scene and you have a crew of two fire fighters, a Captain, and an Engineer, four people, we don't have four bottles on the engine, we have six. So now the POVs can come, we have two extra working bottles, we can form two working crews off 1 type engine.

Mark Adams asked what about the use of the Rural engines.

Fire Chief Motley, responded Rural engines come with their bottles and their equipment and we work together. The District didn't buy a bottle for every seat. That wasn't their model. The Town's model is one for every seat so we can utilize all the volunteers that show up on scene.

Mark Adams responded, okay he understands now.

Fire Chief Motley, added by buying 16 packs, SCBAs, when they cycle out, age out, we go for the next grant to replace those bottles that are coming up, it will be for the number of units that are timing out – 16 units will be available for the grant instead of 12 units.

Mark Adams responded that is kind of speculative.

Council asked how many units are we asking?

Fire Chief Motley responded an additional of 4.

Mayor Dewey clarified that the grant covers 12 of them, and we are asking for 4 additional so the total number of packs on the order is 16.

Fire Chief added, plus RITs.

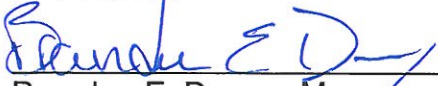
Council commented that when she listened to the audio, you had asked for 18 units maximum amount back in November.

Fire Chief clarified that the order was for 16, due to funding available.


#### 4. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:38 p.m.

APPROVE:

  
Brandon E. Dewey, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Audree Tribbensee, Town Clerk