

**TOWN OF ASTATULA  
MAYOR AND TOWN  
COUNCIL MINUTES**



**SPECIAL SESSION  
MONDAY MARCH 21, 2022  
TOWN HALL**

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Mayor Mack called the Regular Session meeting to order at 5.35pm. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:**

Mitchell Mack, Mayor  
Stephen Cross, Vice-Mayor  
Gayle Sikkema  
Zane Teeters

**Absent:**

Orita Issartel

**Staff Present:**

Graham Wells, Town Clerk  
Wally Hoagland, Police Chief

Roll Call was performed, and it was determined that a quorum was present. The Mayor welcomed Karen Smith and Deborah Hughes.

**CITIZENS QUESTIONS AND COMMENT**

There was no citizens questions or comments.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposal and Approval of Law Enforcement Vehicle Repair – 2018 Ford Interceptor.**

The Mayor deferred to Chief Hoagland who went over his report which is shown below.

This proposal is to replace the engine in the 2018 Ford Interceptor, with an engine purchased and labor completed by Ford of Clermont for the estimated price of \$11,900.00 dollars. He has discussed the issues with the vehicle, with the council several times in the past and has made our legal department aware of the conflict.

After having the engine taken apart by a different dealership (Ford of Clermont), it has been discovered that this engine is not repairable and should have been replaced before it came out of the last repair shop. It has been documented that when it left the previous repair shop, as a fixed vehicle, within two months, the engine blew from turbo issues that it was in the repair shop for.

This vehicle lease will be paid off in September, and a lot of effort and money has been put into this vehicle. It is a valuable part of our fleet and needed to continue the update of our aging fleet. He had turned the matter over to our law firm to determine the best way to recoup the money for damages and replacement cost of the engine. All documents and information have been forwarded to them, and they are working on the case now.

His recommendation was to use \$13,000.00 dollars from the code enforcement case property, in which brought in \$115,000.00 dollars to general funds. If there is a better source of income that may be considered, he said he would leave that to the Town Clerk and Council.

His recommendation was to consider that for spending \$13,000.00 on a new engine in that vehicle, it would last for another five to six years, compared to purchasing a new vehicle that will cost an estimated 60,000.00.

The issue was discussed extensively by council and Chief Hoagland gave his recommendation on the best use of vehicles if the SUV is added back to the fleet. Mayor Mack requested a motion.

**MOTION by Councilman Teeters to accept the Chief's Proposal to spend \$13,000.00 to have a new engine installed in the 2018 Ford Interceptor and get the vehicle back in service; SECONDED by Councilman Cross.**

**A Roll Call vote was taken.**

**Cross YES**

**Teeters YES**

**Sikkema YES**

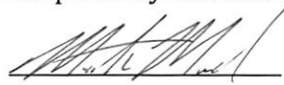
**Mack YES**

**MOTION CARRIED 4-0**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Graham Wells, Town Clerk