

**Business of the Village Board
Village of Saranac Lake**

BILL #33-2026

SUBJECT: Purchase new fire vehicle

FOR AGENDA: 2/23/2026

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Village Manager

DATE SUBMITTED: 2/10/2026

MOVED BY: Ryan SECONDED BY: Scollin

VOTE ON ROLL CALL: To Table

MAYOR WILLIAMS	<u>yes</u>
TRUSTEE BRUNETTE	<u>yes</u>
TRUSTEE RYAN	<u>yes</u>
TRUSTEE SCOLLIN	<u>yes</u>
TRUSTEE WHITE	<u>yes</u>

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY UTILIZATION OF GENERAL FUND BALANCE (UNRESERVED FUND) AND THE AVAILABLE FIRE VEHICLE CASH RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE TO EXPEDITE THE PURCHASE OF NEW FIRE VEHICLE, HEAVY RESCUE – 142

WHEREAS, there is a continual need to replace equipment for the Village of Saranac Lake's Fire Department and the implementation of an Equipment Replacement Plan allows for reliable and cost-effective purchasing of such equipment, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board authorized the establishment of the Fire Department Equipment Replacement Plan on May 13th, 2024 (Bill# 64-2024), and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department Equipment Replacement Plan (Bill# 64-2024) was amended by Bill #148-2024, on October 15th, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Saranac Lake Fire Department is in need of a new Fire Truck (Heavy Rescue) in order to perform the required services to the Village of Saranac Lake and surrounding Towns, and,

WHEREAS, per the Fire Department Equipment Replacement Plan the tentative purchase year of a new Heavy Rescue is 2027, and

WHEREAS, per the Village's conversations with the fire truck manufacturer, the Village has an opportunity to save up to \$120,000 if the sale is finalized in December 2026 instead, and

WHEREAS, the saving opportunity is triggered by the desire of the manufacturer to sell as many vehicles with currently industry-standard engines as possible until the new model of engine is released in 2027, and

WHEREAS, the existing Fire Vehicle Cash Reserve account will need to borrow up to \$225,000 from the general fund unreserved fund balance (001-0000-0909) in order to afford the expedited sale, and

WHEREAS, the funds will be returned to the general fund unreserved fund (001-0000-0909) in the period of two years by pausing the annual contributions to the Fire Truck Vehicle Reserve account (001-0000-0230-9000) for the same period (two years), and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees approves the utilization of the available FIRE Vehicle Cash Reserve account (001-0000-0230-9000) balance and up to \$225,000 of the general fund unreserved fund for expediting the sale of a new Heavy Rescue fire vehicle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is authorized to make public notice for the intended use of the reserve subject to Permissive Referendum.