



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To James L. Sullivan
City Manager

From William J. Cremins *WJC*
Chief of Fire Department

Subject Antique Fire Engine

Date 3 April 1975

Reference

This communication verifies the conversation you had with Deputy Chief Ralph W. Chapman, Jr. relative to the antique fire engine assigned to this Department on Wednesday, 2nd of April, 1975.

This vehicle is a Seagrave, 750 gallon per minute pumper. It shall be designated as "Old Engine 8". It was purchased by the City on 26 November 1935.

In order to put this vehicle in operating condition it will require an extensive overhaul of the engine. The radiator will have to be removed and repaired. The wiring and circuits will have to be checked, repaired and replaced where required. Transmission and rear end will be checked, repaired if necessary and lubricants replaced. New batteries are required. Tires appear to be in usable condition. Brakes will be checked. Minor body work will be done along with refinishing of paint. It should also be lettered.

The projected cost of this restoration project is approximately \$1,000.00.

In accordance with your verbal directive two men from the Repair Division will start work on this project immediately and will continue to work on same until completion barring any work of an emergency nature that may be required of them to keep the active vehicles of this Department in service.

There is a very slim possibility that the vehicle could be ready for the 19th of April parade. Procurement of replacement parts and associated needs for this vehicle will be difficult to obtain due to its age.

In view of the above I will have to request a meeting with you in the very near future to discuss a special appropriation to cover the needs for servicing the emergency vehicles assigned to this Department. As you know we expended \$6,000.00 in an emergency situation early in this fiscal year to repower a ladder truck which was not anticipated and this seriously depleted the schedule.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

April 14, 1975

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed for your information is Chief Cremins' reply
to the Council Order regarding the restoration of "Old Engine 8".

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf
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Agenda # 2

Restoration of "Old Engine **"

In City Council,
April 14, 1975

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