

TR-2023-21

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GIFT IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR THOUSAND AND THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND THIRTY THREE CENTS (\$4,327.33) FROM THE ESTATE OF RICHARD FEARN TO THE TOWN OF AGAWAM FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

(Sponsored by Mayor William P. Sapelli)

WHEREAS, Richard Fearn was a longtime Town of Agawam firefighter who passed away in March, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fearn left a widow, Betty Fearn, who continues to reside in the Town of Agawam and other family members in the area;

WHEREAS, an insurance company contacted the Town several months ago and informed the personnel department that Mr. Fearn listed the Town of Agawam as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy; and

WHEREAS, after discussions with Mrs. Fearn, the Town of Agawam communicated to the insurance company that the policy appeared to have been filled out in error; and

WHEREAS, the insurance company informed the Town that the policy could not be amended post death of the policyholder and that either the Town would need to accept the proceeds or the policy would lapse; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office has been in discussions with Mrs. Fearn and the Fire Chief as to directing the proceeds to the Fire Department to purchase equipment in Mr. Fearn's honor; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Agawam desires to accept said gift.

NOW THEREFORE, the Agawam City Council resolves, pursuant to G. L. c.44, §53A, to accept the gift in the amount of four thousand and three hundred and twenty seven dollars and thirty three cents (\$4,327.33) from former Agawam Firefighter Richard Fearn to the Agawam Fire Department for the purchase of firefighting equipment.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2023.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

Christopher C. Johnson, President

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



Stephen J. Buoniconti, City Solicitor