

**AGENDA # K.4**  
**Scio Township Board of Trustees**  
**Authorization for fire department to purchase firefighting/EMS “skid unit” for brush truck**

**FOR MEETING DATE OF:** March 24, 2026

**PREPARED ON:** 3/16/2026

**PREPARED BY:** Andy Houde

**SUBMITTED BY:** Fire

**ITEM TYPE:** Possible Action

**BACKGROUND:**

Upon receipt of the new pickup to replace our brush truck, we evaluated what size skid unit we could fit in the vehicle. The skid unit provides firefighting capability, with a water tank, fire pump, fire hose, and a rescue area allowing us to use the unit for both firefighting and rescue purposes. The unit selected will carry 200 gallons of water allowing remote vegetation firefighting capability. This will work in tandem with our ATV and conventional firefighting apparatus, providing capability for all areas within the community.

Kimtec is a sole source, low-cost provider of skid units. The proposed unit costs \$16,000 delivered. Additional work required to complete the project is upfitting with emergency lights/siren, and lettering, both of which we are currently working on.

We have budgeted \$95,000 for the project, and if approved for this purchase, will have expended approximately \$73,000 so far. I expect this project to come in well under budget.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$16,000 from 206-000-981

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Fire chief recommends approval.

**MODEL MOTION:**

Authorize the Fire Department to waive the bidding process due to a sole source provider, and to purchase a firefighting skid unit from Kimtec Corporation for the brush truck at a cost of \$16,000.

**QUESTION:** Shall this Motion be APPROVED?