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Town Board: Chair Kevin Connick, Supervisor Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Dan Golen
Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal

SPECIAL MEETING: MINI-PUMPER BID DISCUSSION & AWARD

May 19, 2016

ATTENDING: Chair Kevin Connick, Supervisor Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Dan Golen, Clerk Susan Krasaway, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Asst. Chief Clyde Mortinsen, and Fire Dept. member Percy Johnson.

Chair Connick called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. The purpose was to discuss some additional information regarding the bids for the mini-pumper and rescue vehicle: at the May town board meeting, the board voted to award the contract to Red Power Diesel if the company could prove the factory Vehicle Data Recorder (VDR) and Seal Belt Monitor met NFPA/DOT standards and complied with all details listed in our spec. After the last meeting, the chief also realized Red Power's bid included a gasoline-powered water pump instead of the diesel pump the township specified. He requested clarification on that as well from Red Power.

Red Power was able to provide details for the VDR capabilities. However, they could not honor their original bid price if we insisted on using a diesel pump. Therefore:

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to find Red Power Diesel "unresponsive" because they will not provide, at the bid price they originally provided to the township, a diesel pump as cited in our specification. Discussion: During this meeting, Red Power Rep Dan Mackey confirmed this information with the chief and subsequently followed up with an email outlining the various price increases. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Motion by Connick, seconded Brooks, to accept Custom Fab & Body's Option 2 Bid Price of \$169,620 for the mini-pumper & rescue vehicle and waive the minor winch defect by accepting the 10,000 lb. winch instead of the 12,000 lb. winch specified. Discussion: Since the original low-bidder (Red Power Diesel) was eliminated, the board then considered the next lowest bid (Custom Fab & Body LLC). The board found the company to be responsive to the specification and responsible. Everything besides the winch (a minor issue which we have the right to waive) was in compliance with the spec. The bid is still good for 60 days after the bid opening on April 6, 2016. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Connick, to take advantage of the lump sum bid price and not use the financing option offered by Custom Fab & Body. Discussion: financing would cost approximately \$5,500 more. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, to remove (“deduct”) the performance bond requirement for Custom Fab & Body LLC at a cost reduction of \$6,510. Discussion: the performance bond would insure that any money we pay the company during the fabrication process would be insured if the company did not complete the vehicle. However, in this case, we will be paying them a lump sum only when we accept the vehicle, so there is no money at risk. We will pay outright for the cab & chassis first from the CPV; however, it will be titled in our name and insured before delivering it to Custom Fab for the remaining work. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

The chair will contact Custom Fab via phone tomorrow informing them of the bid acceptance and details; the clerk will follow up with an official email requesting necessary paperwork to finalize the contract.

The board voted at the May 4 meeting to purchase the cab & chassis off the state bid (CPV). We are still waiting for the 2017 Ford cab & chassis pricing (2016 models are no longer available). There is some uncertainty since Ford may no longer allow outside companies to install after-market VDR’s and seatbelt monitors on their vehicles. If that is the case, we may have to deduct those items from the Custom Fab contract and have them installed by Ford. We need to insure the final product meets all NFPA 1901 requirements. If it will not, there is a chance we will need to switch to a Dodge cab & chassis. If that happens, Custom Fab could make the necessary pricing changes since we are no longer giving them what we originally promised to give and their work could have to vary to accommodate a Dodge. The supervisors and chief hope to have necessary information about the cab & chassis by the June 1 town board meeting.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Krasaway
Clerk, Canosia Township
June 1, 2016

Kevin Comnick
Chair, Canosia Town Board
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