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**MINUTES OF OFFICERS MEETING
OF THE
MISQUAMICUT FIRE DISTRICT**

December 14, 2013

The Officers' Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to order by the Moderator, Michelle Vacca, at 10:00 a.m. on December 14, 2013.

Members present were: Marilyn Bellesheim, Leone D'Onofrio, Mary Delisio, William Sisco, Michelle Vacca and Dianne Vumback. John Toscano, Solicitor, was also present. Members absent: Louis Misto, Russ Ryan.

Moderator looked up all contractors that submitted bids on the Rhode Island Contractor's Registration Board online. V&N has insurance and has a valid Rhode Island contractor's license. G&M does not have a valid Rhode Island contractor's license and does not have valid insurance. Blackeledge Real Estate and Consulting has a valid Rhode Island Contractor's lisencc and no insurance.

Discussion follows.

RI State Law 5-65-23 states

Only way we could validly throw out to bids is to validate with them that they do not have insurance or license.

Both of these lower bidding companies certainly can qualify in two minutes with RI registration board. The law if we are going to get technical says they should have had that when they put the bid in.

Charter states Moderator is the only one who can hire anyone. Moderator must be consulted and give final approval.

John legal advice – if we are going to abide by the state law – which we are bound by – we don't have a legitimate bidder other than V&N. V&N is over our amount

Two things: modify the bid process and start all over again (won't reach 5/19 date if do that) You are going to have to modify the specs because everyone knows the bids now. Last thing, you need to decide if you are going to include the performance bond.

What do we need legally. I suggest three separate options on each one:

Leon – motion to reject G&M bids for failure to having a valid RI contractor's lis and vaid insurance at the time of idding with is in violation of RI State Law 5-65-23 as per RI Contractor's Registrtration board. Seconded Marilyn. All in favor (roll call)

Discussion – on page 4.

Leon - To reject BL based on state law requiring insurance at the time of bid and no objective evidence via the RI Contractor's registration board, failure to provide 3 references were not required as per bidding process and his bid exceeded the allowable district funds. Seconded

LEod would like to amend.

We reject bl based on the fact that it exceeds the authorized funds available for the project. Mary seconds. (All in favor)

Leon same as the V& N above. (All in favor)

Discussion.

Modify plans we have to try to reduce the cost of the project.

Where can we save:

- Lose the concrete floors – do an apoxy floor systems**
- Take out the wire mesh railing system, due pressure treated**

- **Take out trex decking, do pressure treated**
- **Take out insulation, building isn't heating**
- **Lose monitors**
- **If keep monitors, use fixed windows versus**
- **Performance bond**
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- **Getting conflicting information on the lift.**
- **Some say can be removed and stored off site, others say it can't happen**

Performance bond – versus verified progress payments.

Can the fire district bond this project themselves?

Can the general contractors be allowed to bond for a lower amount?

That way you are protecting at least one of the buildings.

Leon – ask JPW to modify our specs to eliminate items that he feels will reduce the price and that we eliminate the performance bond and go out for rebid. Mary seconds. (Bill n o)

Moderator will call insurance companies and see if ditrict can bond our own project.

We will get together again –

Leon makes a motion to give the Moderator and the solicitor authorization to work with JPW to work out the details on the revised spec and to identify the proper dates for the bidding cycle, advertised in the paper and determination completion date. Marilyn seconds.

Letter:

Thank you

The mfd met on Saturday, and rejected all bids because it was not considered in the best interest of the MFD.

The board has decided to rebid and we hope you consider submitting a new bid based on forthcoming revised specifications.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. all were in favor. The next scheduled board meeting is set for January 15 , 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Vumback

Clerk