

**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. According to the online information, V&M 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; and Blackledge Real Estate and Consulting has a valid Rhode Island Contractor's license, however no insurance.

Discussion follows.

Both of these lower bidding companies certainly can qualify very quickly with Rhode Island Contractors registration board. The law indicates, however, they should have had that when they put the bid in. RI State Law 5-65-23.

The Moderator comments that the charter states the Moderator is the only one who can hire anyone. Therefore, going forward, the Moderator must be consulted and give final approval of any hiring.

The Solicitor's legal advice – if we are going to abide by the state law – which we are bound by – we do not have a legitimate bidder other than V&M. V&M is over our allowable funds.

We have two options at this point:

- Modify the bid process and start all over again (won't reach 5/19 date if do that) It will be necessary to modify the specs because everyone knows the bids now.**
- Determine if we are going to include the performance bond.**

A motion is made by Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Marilyn Bellesheim to reject G&M's bid for failure to having a valid RI

contractor's license and valid insurance at the time of bidding per RI Contractor's Registration board, which is in violation of RI State Law 5-65-23.

VOTED: Bellesheim, Delisio, D'Onofrio, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes

A motion was made by Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Marilyn Bellesheim to reject Blackledge based on state law requiring insurance at the time of bidding and no objective evidence via the RI Contractor's registration board, failure to provide 3 references required as per bidding process and bid exceeded the allowable district funds.

Leone would like to amend the motion.

A motion was made by Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Mary Delisio to reject Blackledge based on the fact that their bid exceeds the authorized funds available for the project.

VOTED: Bellesheim, Delisio, D'Onofrio, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes

A motion was made by Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Mary Delisio to reject V&M based on the fact that their bid exceeds the authorized funds available for the project.

VOTED: Bellesheim, Delisio, D'Onofrio, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes

Discussion.

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

Where can we save money may include:

- **Lose the concrete floors – do an epoxy 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 powered windows**
- **Performance bond – look at options**
- **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 needs to be decided.

Can the fire district bond this project ourselves?

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

This way, we are protecting at least one of the buildings.

A motion is made by Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Mary Delisio that John Patrick Walsh modifies our specs to eliminate items that he feels will reduce the price and that we eliminate the performance bond and go out for rebid.

**VOTED: Bellesheim, Delisio, D'Onofrio, Vacca, Vumback – Yes; Sisco
- No**

**The Moderator will call insurance companies and see if the district
can bond our own project.**

**A motion is made by Leone D'Onofrio and seconded by Marilyn
Bellesheim to give the Moderator and the Solicitor authorization to
work with John Patrick Walsh to work out the details on the revised
specifications and to identify the proper dates for the bidding cycle,
advertise in the paper and determination completion date.**

VOTED: Bellesheim, Delisio, D'Onofrio, Sisco, Vacca, Vumback – Yes

**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