

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

November 26, 2004

The Officers Meeting of the Misquamicut Fire District was called to order by Moderator, Peter J. Przekop, at 4:30 p.m. on November 26, 2004.

Members present were: Peter Przekop, Mary Delisio, Louis Misto, Neil Collins, and Joan Przekop. The Solicitor, John P. Toscano Jr. was also present.

The purpose of the meeting was to review recommendations from the Fire Truck Committee on bids received and opened at the November 18, 2004 District Board of Officers meeting on a new fire truck, equipment and radios.

Doug Turnberg, Chairperson of the Fire Truck Committee, was present along with committee members, Todd Findeisen and Jane Boucher.

Committee member Jane Boucher expressed concerns (see attachment 1) over the receipt of the bids the previous week. Some of the bids were not mailed to the Clerk as specified in the bid notice and bid package. Bids from Cybercom and American LaFrance were delivered to Chief Louis Misto and bids from KME and Seagrave were delivered to Solicitor John P. Toscano. After discussion the Board agreed to accept all bids received. This decision was based upon, all

bids remaining sealed until being opened at the November 18, 2004 meeting, all bids being received by District Officers and all bids being received prior to the November 18, 2004 meeting. Jane also expressed concern that the Cybercom bid did not include installation as a line item. After reviewing the Cybercom bid it was determined that installation and program was included in the bid. Jane also expressed concerns over the reasons for the selection of the fire truck bid.

Chief Misto presented the results of the Committee bid review for Board consideration (see attachment 2). A matrix detailing the bids received was presented (see attachment 2). The Committee recommended that Cybercom be awarded the bid for the fire truck radios (see attachment 3). This recommendation was based upon Cybercom being the lowest bidder, at \$5791.00, and positive experiences in dealing with Cybercom in the past. All bidders provided a bid on the same manufacturer and model number of equipment.

A motion was made and seconded to award the fire truck radio bid to Cybercom at \$5791.00. It was,

**VOTED: To award the fire truck radio bid to Cybercom at \$5791.00.
(P. Przekop, Delisio, Misto, Collins, J. Przekop, -Yes)**

The Committee recommended that Shipman's be awarded the bid for the fire truck equipment (see attachment 3). This recommendation was based upon Shipman's providing a bid, at \$22,148.00, for all of the exact equipment specified. Although the American LaFrance equipment bid was the lowest bid it did include the exact equipment

specified in the bid package and the difference in the bid amounts did not warrant going with the different equipment.

A motion was made and seconded to award the fire truck equipment bid to Shipman's at \$22,148.00. It was,

VOTED: To award the fire truck equipment bid to Shipman's at \$22,148.00. (P. Przekop, Delisio, Misto, Collins, J. Przekop, -Yes)

The Committee recommended that Ferrara (Shipman's) be awarded the bid for the fire truck (see attachment 3). The Committee recommended the Ferrara Spartan Fire Truck at \$286,141.00. The taxpayers authorized spending up to \$310,000 for the new fire truck and equipment. Taking into account the cost of the equipment and radios (radios \$5791.00 and equipment \$19,981.50) as being included in the authorized amount, four of the truck bids were eliminated as a result of being too high. The Shipman bid on the demo was eliminated, as it did not meet the bid specifications. With the \$5200.00 credit for an order placed before November 30, 2004 the Ferrara Spartan fire truck becomes less expensive at \$280,941.00 than the New England Fire equipment and Apparatus Smeal fire truck at \$283,995.00. The Ferrara Spartan was also chosen over the Smeal because of better rear end design to support the fire fighters and heavier gauge metal being used. The Ferrara Intruder II at \$275,745.00 was also evaluated and eliminated. Even though the Ferrara Spartan was more expensive than the Ferrara Intruder II the design was more suitable to the requirements of the Fire Department. The bid specification requested that heating and air conditioning units be mounted on the cab roof. The heating and air conditioning

units for the Ferrara Intruder II were mounted inside the cab resulting in tighter quarters for the firefighters. The Ferrara Spartan also had a stainless steel exhaust system rather than an aluminum exhaust provided on the Ferrara Intruder II. As a result of these differences, in addition to the Ferrara Spartan having the Spartan chassis specified in the bid specification, the Committee recommended the Ferrara Spartan fire truck to the Board.

Further discussion resulted in taking advantages of some additional price reductions. The Committee recommended that instead of a non-pro rated 4-year paint warranty we take the pro-rated 4-year paint warranty. This would result in savings of \$3000.00. The Committee also recommended elimination of the rear tripod lights resulting in savings of \$1862.00. Changing the deck gun piping from 4 inch to 3 inch, as recommended by the Committee would result in savings of \$1480.00. The Committee also recommended changing the pump panel surface from black to stainless steel resulting in an additional cost of \$291.00. The Committee assured the Board they were satisfied with the fire truck and these changes and would not be making any changes or addition of any equipment that would add to the cost. The resulting cost of the Ferrara Spartan fire truck with the above changes would be \$274,890.00.

A motion was made and seconded to award the fire truck bid to Ferrara (Shipman's) at \$274,890.00 for the Ferrara Spartan, which includes the savings for the deck gun discharge piping change, the elimination of the rear tripod lights, the-pro rated 4 year paint warranty, the addition of the stainless steel pump panel and the

November 30, 2004 signing credit. It was,

VOTED: To award the fire truck bid to Ferrara (Shipman's) at \$274,890.00 for the Ferrara Spartan, which includes the savings for the deck gun discharge piping change, the elimination of the rear tripod lights, the pro rated 4 year paint warranty and addition of the stainless steel pump panel and the November 30, 2004 signing credit.

(P. Przekop, Delisio, Misto, Collins, J. Przekop, -Yes)

The Moderator Przekop and Solicitor Toscano will contact Shipman's to review the necessary contract and paperwork to facilitate a November 30, 2004 signing to take advantage of the \$5200.00 credit.

The total for the fire truck, equipment and radios was \$302,829.00

The Committee also requested that it be disbanded and any follow-up on the fire truck fabrication and manufacture be turned over to the Fire Department Officers.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan C. Przekop

District Clerk

Attachments:

1. Memo to District officers from Jane Boucher dated November 23,

2004

**2. Fire Truck Committee Bid Recommendations dated November 22,
2004**

3. Overall bid Comparison Matrix