

SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 9, 2015 – MEETING MINUTES

Notice: Agenda for Special Taxpayers Meeting of the Manville Fire District Board of Fire Wardens.

Date: June 9, 2015

Time of Meeting 6:45 pm Immediately before the Regular 7PM June Monthly Meeting

Where: Manville Fire Department

112 Old Main Street

Manville, R.I. 02838

Chairman Lake opens the meeting @6:45 with the Pledge of Allegiance

1. Roll Call

Present: Warden St. Germain

Warden Akers

Warden McKeon

Warden McKenna

Chairman Lake

Also Present: Raymond Forget Moderator

Lee Ann Lamothe Clerk

2. Notice

Moderator Forget reads the Public Notice

1. The purpose of this special meeting is to amend the final terms and

Conditions approved by previous vote on May 12, 2015 to purchase a 2015 Ford Utility Fire Truck from Northeast Rescue Systems. (Quote #

Q-20150046) dated 1/20/2015 at a stipulated sum of \$118,734.00. Due to

a typographical error by their manufacture the offer was based on a brand new 2014 cab and chassis. Due to this material change and mistake, Northeast is offering the 2014 cab & chassis with a manufacturers extended warranty of 5 years 75,000 miles and will also

include a back-up camera at no additional charge. All other terms and

conditions apply.

2. With regard to the proposed performance bond, because no deposit is

required and the warranty is direct with Ford the board recommends waving the bond requirement as cost would exceed value of same.

A motion was made by Warden St.Germain to approve discussion of Part #1 of the notice as written and read. The motion is seconded by Warden Akers.

Discussion: Paul Armstrong questions the incorrect wording in the Valley Breeze ad and wants to know why it is correct on SOS. He says the board is setting themselves up for additional litigation by not crossing their "T"s and dotting their "I"s. Chairman Lake explains that the wording is correct in all the postings on SOS, the Woonsocket Call and throughout town. The notice in the Breeze did say 6:45pm. Mr. Armstrong also says that the moderator did not read the notice properly.

Discussion: Rhonda Lacombe asks about the specifics of the truck and chassis. Chairman Lake says he will be happy to review the process and result for the voters and audience. She asks why the MFD doesn't just look for a 2016 truck since it's already June. Chairman Lake explains that no one has them now and it would be more expensive. She says that this would be a new truck and the Chairman explains that the truck that we are getting is new. He speaks about the procurement process for the utility vehicle. Fifteen vendors were given the specifications and 7 provided viable responses. Two of the vendors did not meet the specification of a diesel engine. Of the five remaining vendors only two have a truck in stock. There was only one vendor that put in a quote for what we

requested. Northeast Rescue is a broker in the fire apparatus business. The purchase order was issued during a meeting with Northeast the day after approval at the last meeting. Two days later Northeast called and explained that the truck that is actually available is a 2014. Chairman Lake explained to Northeast that he had to take this back to the voters because it was specifically voted as a 2015. He also went back to the other two vendors that had issued us quotes with trucks that were close to the specification. We received responses in writing. One truck in Kentucky and one in Tennessee, the trucks are white and is first come-first serve. Another company in Tennessee had a truck but we had to go down to pick it up. Northeast agreed to hold the truck because it was their mistake. There is still no down payment required with Northeast. The other two vendors contacted would require a deposit which will then require a bond. Northeast agreed to add on a 5 year manufacturer's warrantee and a back up camera. In the packet is a very specific quote from Northeast. We will be able to get service at any Ford dealer in New England. Chairman Lake feels he has done due diligence.

Discussion & observation: Warden St Germain asks what the savings for not purchasing a performance bond is. Chairman Lake says @ \$2000. Warden St Germain says we are saving on the performance bond and getting a better warrantee and a free back up camera so we are now saving over \$4000. Response by Chairman Lake is that ,Yes, it's a new truck which has only 84 miles.

Part 2 of the notice is seeking the waving of the performance and

payment bond because no deposit will be required.

Discussion: Paul Armstrong asks Chairman Lake about the packet which was provided several months ago that had a quote for a 2014 truck. He believes that all this could have been avoided had the board more carefully read what they provided. Chairman Lake explained that this was a mistake by the vendor and a copy of their apology is attached. He said “I mentioned this at the last meeting and already apologized at that meeting.”

The moderator asks for a motion to vote. Several wardens ask if we are voting on both parts together. Both items will be voted on separately for housekeeping purposes and so it’s clear.

3. Motion for absolute majority vote.

Motion for public vote on each item in the notice

Warden St Germain makes this motion. Warden McKeon seconds.

The moderator calls for a show of hands for the 1st notice item

20 out of 22 voters raised hands on part #1 of the notice. The motion passes

Warden St Germain makes this motion to cancel the performance bond. Warden McKeon seconds.

The moderator calls for a show of hands for the 2nd notice item. 20

out of 22 voters raised hands on part #2 of the notice, the motion passes.

4. Motion to Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn @ 7:09 pm made by Warden McKenna and seconded by Warden St Germain. Approved Unanimously 5-0-0

Posted on SOS: 5/26/2015

Notice posted-Newspaper: Valley Breeze & Woonsocket Call

Locations: Manville Fire Station, Manville Post Office, Denis Market, Lincoln Town Hall, Lincoln Library, Lil and Genes, Literacy Center, Coffee Cubby

DRAFT Minutes posted on SOS: 06/16/2015

Minutes submitted to/and approved by Board: 08/11/2015

APPROVED Minutes posted on SOS: 08/16/2015