

Special Meeting

Thursday July 8, 2010

Call to order: Don Wilson @ 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Paul Ritchey, Dave Wilson, Harold Grosnickle, Sandy Borchers absent

Guests: Jerrod Bradley

Prayer and Pledge: Waived

Purpose of this Special Meeting: McCarty & Associates to give their recommendations for awarding bids for the construction of the new firehouse and any other business that comes before the Board.

Harold Grosnickle suggested that the process for accepting bids be that whoever makes the motion to accept the recommendation from McCarty & Associates according to the read letter and we make the read letter a part of the meeting to make it official and to be attached to the minutes. Harold abstained from making the motion on the basis of his being on the Fire Department.

070810-1S: Don Wilson moved to accept the Letter of Recommendation from McCarty and Associates as it is recommended with recommendation that the bid be awarded to DER Construction with the add-on that is typed into the letter. 2nd by Paul Ritchey

Vote: PR, HG, DW

All Aye

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION:

Harold Grosnickle asked Jerrod Bradley if DER had been checked out thoroughly. Mr. Bradley responded that they had done an investigation and could not find any negative reports. Harold asked if DER would be able to carry a Performance Bond. Mr. Bradley responded that he had not asked them but knew they would not do the project without a Performance Bond. He did say they had the required Bid Bond and would be able to transfer it to a Performance Bond. Mr. Grosnickle asked Mr. Bradley to check on that right away. Mr. Bradley said he would verify that right away.

Chief Moulden spoke that he was on the Alternate Five and he did talk to Jerrod and they recommended that. Having received the electric bill, he did some calculations and determined it was about a five-year payback. It will save us an estimated \$500-\$600/yr.

Mr. Bradley asked that the paperwork be reviewed by an attorney before proceeding to verify that it is all proper and in order.

Vote: PR, HG (abstained), DW

All Aye

Motion Carried

BIDS ON THE SEPTIC SYSTEM

Chief Moulden reported that we received only one bid for the Septic System from Stapleton Excavation. The Chief talked to Dave Frey about having received only one bid. Mr. Frey was not comfortable with having received only one bid since Federal money was involved and recommended that we should rebid the Septic System. Mr. Frey and Chief Moulden were in concurrence and recommended the Board reject Mr. Stapleton's Bid for the septic system, that we rebid the septic system and should we receive only one bid in the second go-around that would be o.k.

070810-2S: Don Wilson moved to rebid the septic system and not accept Mr. Stapleton's bid for the septic system. 2nd Paul Ritchey.

Vote: PR, HG (abstained), DW

All Aye

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued that Mr. Stapleton should be encouraged to rebid because the only reason the bid was rejected was because of having received only one bid on the project.

Chief Moulden will have the rebid notice placed in next Thursday's paper for July 15, 2010 and have the bid opening at the regular Trustee meeting in August which will be on August 2, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Bids will be due by 5 p.m. on August 2, 2010.

Mr. Bradley reminded the Trustees that Clermont County had made three changes to the bid specifications and he wanted to be sure that updated changes be included in the rebid notice.

070810-3S: Don Wilson moved to authorize Chief Moulden to place the rebid the septic system with a bid closing time of 5 p.m. on August 2, 2010 and bid opening to be at 7:30 and August 2, 2010. The reason being for having received only one bid, by recommendation of the attorney. 2nd by Paul Ritchey.

Vote: PR, HG (abstained), DW

All Aye

Motion Carried

Chief Moulden presented his recommendations for the mid-year of the 2011 Budget.

070810-4S: Harold Grosnickle moved to accept the prepared 2011 Budget as written to be submitted to Clermont County for approval. 2nd by Don Wilson.

Vote: PR, HG, DW

All Aye

Motion Carried

Chief Moulden reported the impact of the Duke Energy cuts to the budget which would be \$4,007.00/half yr or \$8,014/yr. Hardest hit from the action will be the Fire Fund.

Chief Moulden updated the Trustees on the new Health Care Program and how it will impact the hours worked by some part-time employees.

Chief Moulden reported that Rick Purcell had been injured on a fire run on August 4, 2007 and was directed by Assistant Chief Hahn to go to the hospital. He sustained inhalation injury supposedly from Freon related to a refrigerator. Worker's Comp rejected the claim, we appealed it, they rejected it. He appealed it again. It was rejected again and eventually Mr. Purcell had a bill of \$1,608.80 as a settlement. Mr. Purcell personally paid the bill so that it would not go into a collection status. Chief Moulden recommends that because Rick was directed to go to the hospital by the Assistant Fire Chief, the Township reimburse Mr. Purcell.

Harold Grosnickle suggested the Chief check with Jeff Marcovich to see if this could be covered under our insurance. If not, the matter would be considered at the Trustee Meeting on Monday July 12, 2010.

Chief Moulden presented the budget for the building of the new firehouse. The estimated cost for the project is approximately \$940,000. We are still below the FEMA budget of \$960,000. Not included in the budget but will need to be considered are the telephones, gear racks, computer network and furniture. The Chief reported a proposed loan of \$80,000. The Chief also proposed alternative method to finance the project.

070810-5S: Harold Grosnickle moved to hire Floyd (Mike) Brown as a part-time maintenance employee effective today, July 8, 2010 and that he is used when it is necessary to have more than two people on a job. 2nd by Don Wilson.

Discussion: Harold will use Floyd when either Jason or Joe is on vacation or when three people are needed on a job. The pay rate is set at \$10.50/hr.

Vote: PR, HG, DW

All Aye

Motion Carried

070810-6S: Don Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. 2nd by Harold Grosnickle.

Vote: PR, HG, DW

All Aye

Motion Carried

Don Wilson, Chairman

Harold Grosnickle, Vice Chairman

Paul Ritchey, Trustee

Sandy Borchers, Fiscal Officer