

Minutes – May 11, 2020
West Plainfield Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting via meet.google.com (video and teleconference)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by President McMullen and a quorum was established. Present were:

Commissioners: Ed Beoshanz, Jim Yeager, Richard Guarino, Charles Hjerpe and James McMullen
Staff: Fire Chief Cherie Rita, AC Heins, AC Stiles, Captain Bravo, BC Beoshanz,
Guest: Patrick Fish

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

It was agreed to take item 4. Weed Abatement Update out of order.

4. WEED ABATEMENT UPDATE

AC Heins informed the group that due to COVID-19 coronavirus; it was decided that this year postcards would be sent out to the residents regarding weed abatement in leu of letters. These should have arrived to the district residents the middle of last week. Other items that are being done in regard to weed abate include but not limited to:

- Staff is mapping the district and checking properties for proper weed abatement
- Career staff are noticing progress through the district on the clearing of vegetation.

President McMullen commented that several properties that have been a problem are looking much better this year.

There was discussion over the concern that the postcards may have been discarded thinking it was junk mail. AC Heins noted that it will be assumed that residents have received the postcards and if there is no progress on weed abatement on any properties in the district, they will receive a formal notice.

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION – WATER 230 REVIEW BIDS/ACCEPT BID TO REPLACE

AC Stiles stated that as requested by the Board, he had received three (3) bids for the replacement of Water 230. He reviewed the bids starting with the two he felt should not considered and noted why.

- HME – Price was the driving force on why AC Stiles felt this should not be considered. The bids were upward of \$30,000 to \$40,000 more than the other bids for the same product.
- TOYNE – Bid was \$244,944 and they don't put the pump in and they have a different configuration, therefore, should not considered.
- ROSENBAURER -This manufacturer meets all the basic requirements with a nice configuration and locking differential. They are also the lower of the bids. They had three (3) separate bids but AC Stiles felt that the international chassis was the best of the three. Specs were reviewed.

Commissioner Yeager confirmed with Chief Rita that the budget for the apparatus was able to handle the purchase. Chief Rita confirmed there was over \$300,000 available and was within budget.

Commissioner Beoshanz was concerned that as the large equipment liaison, he was not in the loop on this project. All agreed to include Commissioner Beoshanz on any discussions in the future.

Motion by: Commissioner Yeager
2nd: Commissioner Guarino

To purchase the Rosebauer International Chassis for \$231,350 which is recommended by AC Stiles

There was discussion on when the two trucks that are out of commission would be removed from the property. AC Heins stated that due to the coronavirus no auctions were taking place and therefore, there was no place to move the trucks. After further discussion, it was agreed to wait until after the COVID-19 coronavirus passes to remove them.

Chief Rita clarified that the bid from Rosebauer for the International Chassis was only a bid and that the motion should be amended to read as an acceptance of the bid not a purchase.

Motion amended by: Commissioner Yeager
2nd: Commissioner Guarino

To accept the bid of \$231,350 for the Rosebauer International Chassis which is recommended by AC Stiles.

Passed: Unanimously

AC Stiles informed the Board that payment will not be due until delivery.

Meeting adjourned 8.20 pm



President



WFPD Clerk