ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING March 1, 2016

Members Present:

Others Present:

Francis J. Pandich, Jr. Chairman Tom Lowe, T. J. Madison Construction

George M. Bush, Secretary

Joseph Shoemaker, Chief
Ronald Materese

Tony Fiacco, Treasurer

Carlton Anderson Alice Fiacco, Executive Assistant

Board members met with Tom Lowe of T. J. Madison Construction. They have built and or remodeled several fire stations in our area including Union Center, Campville, Five Mile Point, Hillcrest, Castle Creek, Greene and others. Are just starting work on Glen Aubrey's new station. He noted that the Greene Fire Departments' station cost \$3-\$4 million because they used an architect, the cost would have been half if they had gone solely with T. J. Madison.

- Design and build from start to finish.
- They work with Butler who has a NYS OGC contract to permit them to build without the bidding process.
- They listen to needs and wants, look at sites and come back with a plan and cost.
- Adjust plans to meet budget.
- When necessary, they call in specialists.
- Use Butler pre-engineered buildings, can also build conventional structures. They can build anything that we want.
- Campvile station is 7,000 sq. ft and cost was under \$1 million.
- Usual build time is 5-6 months.
- Question about prevailing wage. They are used to this and can comply. They request payroll records from the start to ensure prevailing wages rules are being followed.
- They are experienced in working with municipalities.
- They can do demolition of current building.
- They can build with brick and mortar but its usually 20% more.
- They can make recommendations and offer options to lower cost.
- Planning usually takes about 2-3 months.
- They bill monthly progress payments as work is completed.
- They are usually within 5% of the price quoted.
- When we are ready to go forward we will sign a letter of intent and then the clock is running and costs are incurred.
- Delays and changes usually incur additional costs.

There was a discussion of the cost of the new building and also replacement of the tower. These are two big expenditures that we have coming up. Board members discussed several options to do this. Looking at \$1-\$2 million for the station and another \$1.2 million for the tower.

Chairman Pandich read two letters that he had received, one from the Buffalo IAFF Local 282 and Binghamton IAFF Local 729.

Motion by Member Materese, second by Member Anderson to receive and file the two letters.

Respectfully submitted,

George M. Bush Secretary GMB/af