

Hamlin Township Fire Board Meeting

11/25/2013

Call to order by board chair: Christine Mergener @ 7:01 P.M.

Fire Board members present, C. Mergener (chair), M. Gleason, J. Rienke, D. boomer

Absent: S. Black

Township board members present: P. Bombreys,

Fire Department Officers present: Chief Blackmer, Asst. Chief Smith and recorder Simpson

Purpose of special meeting: review the 3 truck bids.

E-One	\$197,863
Spartan/Spencer	\$184,605
Custom Fab	\$115,777

D. Boomer asked for a recommendation from the apparatus committee, Fire Chief & Asst. Chief on their opinion on the truck bids.

A discussion followed about why there is so much difference between Custom Fab \$115,777 and Spartan/Spencer \$184,605. The Fire Board asked for a spread sheet so they could make a better comparison of the 3 bids to make sure they were looking at the difference between the vendors.

Custom Fab representative and Spartan/Spencer representative were present and answered many questions submitted by the Fire Board and the Fire Chief and Asst. Chief.

A Discussion followed about the internal foam system on the truck. Custom Fab & Spencer had different opinions on how we should proceed with the existing system already on the truck verses replacing it with a new Darly foam system. Custom Fab stated that the present foam system was trash and should be replaced. Spartan/Spencer stated that only a new compressor was needed.

It was decided by the Fire Board that testing of the: Pump / Transmission / Engine / Drive Train / poly tank should be done by Spartan motors asap to certify that all systems were serviced and working properly. So that the winning vendor would know that these systems are all certified and not needed to be in their bids. The truck was scheduled to have the testing done on Nov. 26, 22013.

Fire Board Chair stated that when the results were completed the Fire Board would call for another special meeting to resume the vendor selection.

The Township board approved up to \$3,000 for the testing at Spartan Motors.

Meeting adjourned at 20:40 hrs.

Submitted by recorder P. Simpson0