

Glenville Fire District #7 – Commissioner’s Meeting
Thomas Corners
5 Airport Road, Glenville, New York 12302

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

6:00 PM

Special Meeting
Boiler Project Bid Award

Present: Chairman Dale Graves, Vice Chairman Mike Sgambati, Commissioners Wayne Penn, Edward Wierzbowski and Robert Bruce; Secretary, Terri Petricca; and Treasurer Tammy Stocker

Also Present: Todd Lavery

T. Lavery explained that only one bid was received, that being from FPI in the amount of \$237,650. T. Lavery said it’s his opinion this is a “not interested” bid. He thinks it may be best to go back out for bid but wait for spring for the work to begin. He also believes the district should purchase the boilers now to have them on hand for a spring project. T. Lavery obtained a quote for 6 boilers in the amount of \$24,149.76. He said Tony Ward also thinks the boilers should be purchased now. Purchasing the boilers would result in a 5 to 7 percent increase on new bids due to the companies not providing them themselves. Although he believes having them on hand eliminates the possibility of not being able to obtain them in the spring.

T. Stocker asked if the boilers are available through state contract. T. Lavery was unfamiliar with the state contract process and didn’t know if they were. He obtained his quote from Bell Simmons.

E. Wierzbowski asked about the warranty on the boilers. T. Lavery said that the warranty would begin when they are purchased and therefore there would be a loss of 5 to 6 months warranty by the time they were installed. However, he feels this is a minimal risk. E. Wierzbowski said he’s against buying the boilers in advance without having a contractor to install them. There is always the possibility of contractors not wanting to install equipment that we’ve had sitting around for months that they didn’t have a hand in purchasing. Additionally, T. Ward at one point wanted to add time to the warranty on them, now we’re considering reducing the warranty time. It doesn’t make sense. M. Sgambati and W. Penn agreed, adding that eliminating the boiler equipment from the specs may, in fact, discourage companies from bidding on the project.

The Board agrees that it’s a good idea to go back out to bid but hold off on the start until mid-April 2024.

MOTION: Whereas one bid for the boiler project from FPI Mechanical, Inc., Cohoes, NY was received in the amount of \$237,650, the Board of Commissioners have determined this is not the most advantageous to the district at this time. Therefore, the bid is rejected.

Moved by: M. Sgambati
Seconded: W. Penn
Ayes: Five
Noes: None

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T. Stocker reminded everyone that once the specs are approved and sent out, all inquiries for copies should be directed through her. Additionally, any changes to the specs must be approved by the Board of Commissioners and put into an addendum which is given to all persons that have received the specs already.

There was also some discussion as to whether Tony Ward should be involved in the bidding process and communicating with contractors on his own or if his duties are for the construction management only. It's unclear what T. Wards' duties actually are. His contract was reviewed and discussed.

The Board agreed it would be in the best interests of the district not to purchase the boilers in advance; however, the pad will be extended as soon as possible. D. Graves will contact J. DeMartino and J. Walters for quotes on this.

The Board will work on rebidding the project with work to begin mid-April 2024.

With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 6:35PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Terri Petricca