



TOWN OF HARWINTON

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Capital Equipment Committee Meeting Thursday – September 17th, 2020

Chairman Dave Bousquet called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Committee members present were John Fredsall, Bill Buys Jr, and Dave Bousquet. Pat Doyle was absent do to work, and Jim Savenella was absent because he is in the Arizona. One resident was in attendance and 2 members from the Harwinton Vol. Fire Department were also in attendance. The minutes from the previous meeting on August 13th ,2020 were passed out and reviewed, John made a motion to accept, Bill Buys seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

The agenda for this meeting was the following:

1. Review the bid results for new Engine 3 (For the Harwinton Vol. Fire Department)
2. Make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen regarding new Engine 3
3. Review the applications received for a new Public Works Department Mechanic and select applicants for interviews.

Four venders were sent bid packages for New engine 3, and they are the following. Firematic Supply, representing Pierce Manufacturing, New England Fire Equipment representing Smeal Fire Apparatus, Gowans Knight Fire Apparatus Builder, and Shipmens Fire Equipment Co. Representing Sutphen Corporation. Below is a bid result tabulation.

Harwinton Volunteer Fire Dept. Bid Opening

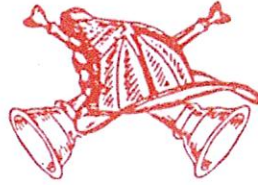
Date: 09/09/2020 at 7:00 PM

Equipment Type: New Rescue Pumper

Vender	Shipmen's Fire Equipment	Firematic	New England Fire Equipment	Gowans Knight Fire Apparatus
Bid Bond	Yes	No	No	No
Bid Price	\$763,095.69	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
Holmatro Rescue Tool	\$81,977.75	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
Total Bid Price	<u>\$845,073.44</u>	<u>No Bid</u>	<u>No Bid</u>	<u>No Bid</u>

On the next page is a letter from Chief Bill Buys explaining the reasons for receiving one bid for the new Engine 3.

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The Harwinton Volunteer Fire Department, (HVFD) is replacing our Engine 3, a 1991 Class A pumper. The new pumper will also be a Class A pumper that will include five Scott SCBA, and new Holmatro Vehicle rescue equipment. The Apparatus will be received after July 1, 2021. We sent out bid specs to four different Apparatus manufacturers. The following is the result.

1. Firematic Supply, Representing Pierce Manufacturing. They did not bid.
2. New England Fire Equipment & Apparatus Corporation, Representing Smeal Fire Apparatus. They sent an email declining to bid, citing engineering conflicts with what we wanted in our spec and what they wanted to build.
3. Gowans Knight Fire Apparatus builder. They sent an email declining to bid, stating our spec was geared towards another manufacturer.
4. Shipman's Fire Equipment Co. Representing Sutphen Corporation. They submitted a bid for \$763,095.69 plus the Holmatro rescue equipment at \$81,977.75 for a total of \$845,073.44

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William T. Buys, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

William T. Buys, Jr.
Chief HVFD

The committee then reviewed the bid received from Shipmen's Fire Equipment Company with the following representatives from the Harwinton Volunteer Fire Department. Captain Keith Whitecross, and Lieutenant Shawn Burke. The representatives from the Harwinton Volunteer Fire Department explained the duties that the new Engine 3 will have along with its capabilities and capacities. The new engine 3 will assume the duties of the department's current Engine 1, and be the department's rescue/pumper, with Engine 1 becoming the new spare engine. The new Engine will carry 1500 feet of 5" hose, 1000 gallons of water, 30 gallons of Class A foam. It will carry an assortment of new rescue tools that will be hydraulic and battery powered. The Engine will have an on-board charging station for the battery tools, and also carry spare batteries for the tools. The new Engine will also come with 5 new Scott air packs and spare air bottle. The new apparatus will be powered by a 12-liter Cummins Diesel engine with an Allison EVS-4000, 5th generation automatic transmission. The

truck will also have a 31,000 lbs. air ride rear end and a 20,000 lbs. front end. The members explained that this engine is very similar to the department's current engine 2, and that the engine has provided great service to the department for the past 8 years. The department also believes in have some consistency with the engines, verses having 3 different manufactures suppling fire apparatus to the department. After a lengthy discussion between the committee and the representatives from the Harwinton Vol. Fire Department, Bill Buys made a motion to recommend to the Boards of Selectmen, and Finance to purchase new engine 3 in the amount of \$ 845,074.00 as per bid specification, including the Holmatro rescue tools as an add alternate. John Fredsall seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to review the applications for the new Public Works Mechanic. 4 applicants applied for the job. One applicant was disqualified because he did not have a CDL license. The committee upon reviewing the remaining applications felt the three remining candidates were all qualified and felt that the 3 should be recommended for an interview. John Fredsall made a motion to recommend that the 3-remaining candidates be granted interviews, Bill Buys seconded the motion and it passed.

With nothing left on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Dave Bousquet



Chairmen Capital Equipment Committee

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