



TOWN OF HARWINTON

HARWINTON, CONNECTICUT 06791

Tele: (860) 485-9051 • Fax: (860) 485-0051

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2015

Chairman, John Fredsall, called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm. Committee members who were present included Dave Bousquet, Jim Savenella, Tom Pollack, and I. The minutes from the previous meeting of August 27th, 2015 were passed out and reviewed. Dave made a motion to accept with Jim's second, and the motion to accept was unanimous.

The items on the agenda was for the committee to review the quotes the Town received for a new snowplow for the loader, a new highway truck, and a Van for the Animal Control Officer which the funding for was approved at the annual budget meeting and that the Town had asked for quotes. \$20,000, \$105,000 and \$25,000 were budgeted for the snowplow, truck, and van respectively.

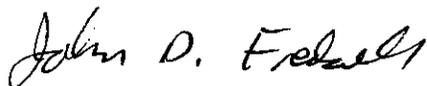
The committee took up the snowplow first. At the previous meeting the committee decided to have Tyler Equipment update their quote for the plow as they are the only dealer for this type of plow in CT. The quote received from Tyler Equipment for a Holmes/Volvo Power snowplow was \$15,995.00, which was exactly the same as the quote they gave the Town in October 2013. The members expressed their pleasure that Tyler held the price for nearly two years for a plow which meets the Town's needs so well. Jim made a motion to recommend to the selectman that the Town accept the quote from Tyler Equipment of Berlin CT. for a Holmes/Volvo power snowplow at a cost of \$15,995.00. With Tom's second the motion to accept carried unanimously.

The committee then took up the new Highway truck with its mounted equipment (Unit #2), for which the Town received two bids from the same dealer, Shaker Ford of Watertown, CT. The dealer bid a new Ford F550 chassis as well as an in stock F550 chassis as was asked for in the Town's specifications. Both bids used Universal Body and Equipment in Watertown, Ct. for the equipment package. The bid for the new chassis is \$89,237.00 and the bid for the in-stock chassis is 92,203.00. Both vehicles meet the Town's specifications and the in-stock vehicle actually exceeds them. The reason the Town asked for a quote on an in-stock chassis was discussed at the Committee's previous meeting. An ordered chassis will take as much as 7-months to receive due to axle issues from the factory. All truck suppliers have the same problem. The committee feels this is excessive and believe the in-stock chassis would be the best solution to this issue. The only problem is the cab will need to painted orange as the chassis is the wrong color. The cost is \$2,800 to do this and is included in the quote. The in-stock chassis also has some options which slightly increase the cost. The bid from Universal for the body, plow, and salter meets all the Town's specifications except that the body is not painted orange. Some Towns don't paint the body because it is made from stainless steel and does not rust. The members feel painting the body would be better because it stops the staining and dulling that is typical of stainless and is in keeping with the way the Town's equipment has been done for years. The option to paint the body is \$1,700.00. Available extended warranties were reviewed. The members feels extending the warranty is important on new trucks because of the complicated electronics they use today. The committee recommends Fords "PremiumCARE" for 6-years, 75,000 miles at a cost of approximately \$3,325.00. Jim made a motion to recommend to the selectman too award the bid to Shaker Family Ford for an in-stock F550 with snowplow, combination body, and salt spreader, with an

extended warranty and painting the dump body orange for a total quote of \$91,228.00 with \$6,000.00 allowed for the Town's trade-in vehicle. This leaves a balance of \$13,772.00 to be returned to Highway Capitol account.

The committee then took up a new Van for the Animal Control Officer. The Town did receive a quote from Torrington Ford by fax. The bid was not sealed and did not include a bid bond as required by the specifications. The vehicle did not meet the Town's specifications either so the committee disqualified the bid. Shaker Ford did provide a bid for two Transit Van vehicles. One would be ordered for \$21,535.00 and one is in-stock for \$21,927.00. As was with the F550 there is a long lead time, (180 days) if the Town ordered it. The committee as with the F550 feels the time to order is excessive and purchasing the in-stock Van would solve this time delay issue. The in-stock van does have a few options in excess of the Town's specification and is White rather than Silver. The committee believes this van will serve the Town's needs very well. The members then discussed extending the warranty. It was felt that the extended warranties for these vans are quite reasonable. It was decided that a 7-year, 48,000 mile, PremiumCare warranty at \$1,130.00 is appropriate. Dave made a motion to recommend to the Selectman too award the bid to Shaker Family Ford for the in-stock 2015 Ford Transit Van with an extended warranty at \$1,130.00 for a total quote of \$23,057.00 with \$500.00 for the Town's trade-in vehicle. This leaves a balance of \$1,943.00 to be returned to the Highway Capitol account. With Jim's second the motion to accept carried unanimously.

With nothing else on agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.



John D. Fredsall
Chairman, Capital Equipment Committee

RECEIVED FOR RECORD AT HARWINTON CT
ON 09/25/15 AT 11:45 AM
ATTEST NANCY E. ELDRIDGE TOWN CLERK