



TOWN OF HARWINTON

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CAPITAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY June 28th, 2018

Chairman, John Fredsall, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Committee members who were present included Dave Bousquet, Bill Buys Jr., Jim Savenella, and myself. Pat Doyle was unable to attend. The minutes from the previous meeting of February 21st, 2018 were passed out and reviewed. Dave made a motion to accept with Bill's second, and the motion to accept was unanimous.

The items on the agenda were for the committee to review the quotes the Town received for a new Plow Truck and Pickup truck for the Public Works Department. Funding for the two pieces was approved at the annual budget meeting, which was budgeted at \$155,000 and \$50,000 for the Highway Truck and Pickup respectively. The Town had asked for quotes for the new truck from three dealers.

The committee took up the new Highway truck, Unit #11, with its mounted equipment for which the Town asked for bids from Nutmeg International in Torrington, Freightliner of Hartford and Gabriele Truck of West Hartford. Nutmeg International in Torrington, CT. Nutmeg bid a new model, 2019, HV507 International chassis. Freightliner bid a new model, 2019, 114SD Freightliner chassis. Gabriele bid a Mack Granite 42MHD. All the chassis meet or exceed the Town's specifications. Both Nutmeg and Freightliner bid's included a bid from W.H. Rose Company in Columbia for the combination body, plow, and related equipment which meet all the Town's specifications. Gabriele Truck's bid included an equipment bid from Equipment Service in Hartford. The bid from Nutmeg includes available extended warranties, four extra wheels and the driver's door spotlight while the bid from Freightliner did not. The bid from Gabriele was so much higher than the other two that it was discounted by the Committee. The members feel extending the warranty is important on new trucks because of the complicated electronics they use today. The International warranties include Extended complete vehicle coverage for 5-years, 100,000 miles, Engine and it's electronics for 5-years, 100,000 miles, Engine after treatment system for five-years, 100,000 miles and Allison's 5-year transmission warranty. The Freightliner's warranties are very similar but add a total cost of \$6,655.00 to the quote and the extra wheel and spotlight adds another \$1,750.00. Chassis package computations are as follows: The International is \$161,157.26., less \$21,500.00 for the trade-in for a total bid of \$140,072.26 with W.H. Rose equipment package, extended warranties, extra wheels and spot light. The Freightliner is \$154,756.00 less \$15,000.00 for the trade-in for a total bid of \$139,756.00 with W.H. Rose equipment. Adding the extended warranties, extra wheels and the spotlight brings the Freightliners total bid to \$148,161.00. With the Freightliner being \$8,085.00 higher and the Town already owning a fleet of International's the committee recommends the International chassis.

The members discussed the equipment packages. The quote from W. H Rose met specifications and is the vendor the Town has used for most of its trucks over the years. While slightly cheaper @(\$70,515.00) from the second bid received from Park City Equipment (\$71,281.00), they included a stainless steel body option. That same option added to W.H. Rose's bid would add \$5,480.00 bringing the total bid to \$75,995.00. The final bid received was from Equipment Service in Hartford. They met the Town's specifications but were the highest bid @ \$74,260.00 using a mild steel body. A stainless steel option was not included or asked for from Equipment Service's bid. The committee's assessment is that the package offered by Park City Equipment makes the most sense for the Town. They have a good reputation, the plow, hydraulics system layout actually is superior to W.H. Rose and for only \$766.00 the Town will get a stainless steel body over mild steel.

Total of, mounted equipment from Park City Equipment and the International truck chassis from Nutmeg totals \$140,838.26 with the trade-in value of \$21,500. Bill made a motion to recommend to the Selectman that the Town award the bid to Nutmeg International of Torrington, CT for a 2019 model HV507 International chassis and mounted equipment from Park City Equipment of Bridgeport, CT which includes snowplow, stainless steel combination body and related mounted equipment, with extended warranties for a total quote of \$140,838.26. Dave seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Next the committee reviewed the bids for the pickup truck replacing Unit #9. The Bid Specifications have been sent to three dealers who John felt would supply a truck most beneficial to the Town. Those dealers are Torrington Ford, Litchfield Ford, and Shaker Family Ford of Watertown, CT. Torrington Ford did not submit a bid. Both Litchfield Ford and Shaker Ford bid virtually the same truck using mounted equipment and snowplow from Universal Body & Equipment in Watertown CT @ \$10,596.50. Shaker bid \$50,400.00, less \$5,650.00 for the Town's trade in for a total bid of \$44,750.00. Litchfield Ford's bid was \$50,790.00, less \$4,800.00 for the trade in for a total bid of \$45,990.00. The Town has purchased many vehicles from the salesman, John Yungen of Shaker Family Ford and they being the low bid by \$1,240.00 made the choice easier. The committee also recommended adding the optional Manual Regeneration, (\$231.00), Reverse Sensing, (\$225.00), and Premium Care 8-year/100k miles extended warranty, (\$3,660.00) for a total of \$48,866.00. Bill made a motion to recommend to the Selectman that the Town award the bid to Shaker Family Ford for a 2019 F350 Ford pickup, including the options of Reverse Sensing, Manual Regeneration, extended warranty, and the snowplow with mounted truck equipment from Universal Body & Equipment for a total bid of \$48,838.00 Dave seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

John D. Fredsall
Chairman, Capital Equipment Committee

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