

## BALDWIN TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

November 4, 2010

**Present** – Supervisors Larry Handshoe, Jim Oliver, Tom Rush and Jay Swanson.  
Supervisor Jeff Holm absent.

**Call to Order** – The November 4, 2010 Baldwin Township special meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Oliver at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**- All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review Quotes Received for E-3 Equipment** – Five quotes were received along with one company declining to quote. The five quotes were from the following companies: 1) Frontline Plus, Inc., 2) Fire Safety USA, Inc., 3) Metro Fire; 4) Clarey's Safety Equipment; and 5) Midwest Fire Rescue. Declining to quote was Alex Air Apparatus, Inc.

Mike Rademacher stated that the easiest quote to read was from Midwest Fire. Their total estimate is \$44,000. The other companies did not follow the guidelines specified in the letter included with the request for quotes. The department has not had enough time to go through the bids line by line. Scott Case stated that, not counting the Amkus set, the estimate is \$34,000. The overall total is \$3,000 less than the initial quote estimates were. Rademacher stated that they received a letter from FEMA informing him that the department did not receive the grant. The other vendors partially bid. An estimate would be \$51,000 with a Genesis set instead of the Amkus set.

Swanson questioned if, with the board's decision to decommission Engine 2, if anything could come off it and taken off the list. Case stated that if the department's ISO rating was lowered then a home worth \$150,000 would realize a savings of \$100 per house. Engine 2 has the elevated platform and would give us 1-2% on the ISO rating. There is, however, about \$3,000 worth of equipment that could be pulled off. He feels it would be worthless to put on a hose that would go bad in a year or two. Most of the things we cannot use. Swanson questioned if Engine 2 was kept would the hose have to be retrofitted in 1-2 years anyway. Case replied yes. To fix a hose costs almost as much as a new hose. The hose on Engine 2 must be 20 years old. The cost for the items that would be purchased locally was listed in the original spreadsheet. The quotes received are good for 60 days. Some local items were listed in the Midwest Fire quote that would be taken off the list.

Rush asked if the remainder of the bids were partial. Rademacher stated that the companies did not do as they had asked. Case stated that the most items listed on the other quotes were 40 items. The department would still be looking for the remainder of the items needed.

Rademacher stated that there is a difference of opinion on the importance of newer cutting tools. The department bought a good number 2 set in June. They are not high capability tools. He wants to be able to respond with tools that will work on newer high tech cars. He apologized for not stating that when he had purchased the used tools.

Rush asked if the total would then be \$51,000 to equip. Jim Buell stated that it would be \$4,675 for local tools plus \$1,000 for a total of \$5,675 plus the \$51,000. Swanson stated that it would be about \$57,000. Buell stated that Midwest Fire's price includes freight. If the Genesis tool would be purchased from Clarey's it would be \$17,456.

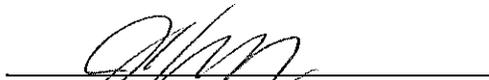
Rademacher stated that, in regards to lowering the ISO and keeping Engine 2, if it is sitting in the station it gives us points. Case stated that if Engine 2 is gone we would lose 2-3 points. Swanson stated that at the last meeting the board made a motion and carried to decommission Engine 2. Swanson questioned if the pump on the engine would run these tools as he has a problem with a new pump. Case stated that it is an electric pump, not a gas pump. There was discussion regarding the benefits of a portable pump. Larry Boeke stated that it was a demo truck and the department did not spec it out. The department is trying to set this truck up the way we want to use it. Robin Fischer stated that they will take the pump in on trade but a trade in price is not known at this time. A new pump will be able to run two tools. A \$5,000 investment to rescue your son when the township is spending \$70,000 on filling cracks in the streets. Swanson stated that the cost would be \$17,000 minus the trade-in. Case stated that the Genesis has a 10-year warranty. Swanson stated that he appreciates the thorough job they have done.

The final price would be between \$50,000-\$60,000. Discussion was held regarding the budget. On the December 6, 2010 regular town board meeting agenda the item of approve/disapprove equipment purchase will be added. The board will do the research on the financing issues. A special town board meeting will be held November 29, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss financing options.

**Adjourn** – Handshoe/Rush unanimous to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.



Submitted By: (s/) Cathy Stevens  
Clerk/Treasurer  
Baldwin Township



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Approved By: (s/) Jeffrey Holm  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Baldwin Township