

FORTY FORT BOROUGH
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021

A special council meeting was held via ZOOM on Friday, January 22, 2021 to discuss and vote on the purchase of five (5) Public Works trucks.

President McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM with the following council members present via ZOOM: Phil Mertz, Kristy Dadurka, Frank Mazza, Tom Murray and Dave Sieminski. Also present via ZOOM were DPW Supervisor, Rick Kamus, Borough Manager, Bonnie Arnone and A & H Equipment representative, Andrew Bakken.

Mr. Kamus has received two bids from CO STARS vendors for the required equipment: Barber Ford quoted \$518,234.87 for all five vehicles. A & H Equipment quoted \$509,616.00 for all five vehicles. It was noted that A & H lowered their overall price by \$5,000.00 (\$1,00 per truck) and Ford Motor Co. lowered their price by \$1,500.00 (\$300.00 per truck) from their original quotes. A & H also added an extended warranto to five (5) years in addition to all other warranties. This lowered price from Ford Motor Co. is based on the purchase of all five (5) trucks.

The order must be submitted by the end of business today, Friday, January 22, 2021, in order to place the order for the 2021 trucks with the delivery date guaranteed as production orders for 2021 vehicles expires today. Any order after today would be for 2022 vehicles at perhaps a higher price and a definite later delivery time frame.

Delivery date is guaranteed by 9/6/2021 which will be memorialized in a formal agreement drawn up by our solicitor, William Finnegan, that A & H will sign indicating that should the vehicles not be delivered by this date, A & H will provide Forty Fort Borough with loaned vehicles from their fleet or reimburse the Borough for any expenses incurred due to the delay in delivery.

Mr. Kamus will organize the sale of current borough trucks at some point after delivery and estimates approx. \$30,000.00 realized from that sale. In addition, the Borough hopes to save considerable funds on the repairs of the current aging fleet.

Mr. Murray asked about an additional extended warranty on the vehicles which Mr. Bakken replied that that could be invested in at any time.

Motion by Mr. Murray to purchase the five (5) trucks contingent upon A & H provide adequate assurance to cover any damages in the event of a delay in delivery date of 9/6/2021. Second by Mr. Mertz. All council present, consisting of Mr. Mertz, Mr. Mazza, Mr. Murray, Mr. Sieminski & Mr. McLaughlin were in favor of this motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Arnone, Borough Manager