

Board of Fire Commissioners

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October 16, 2012 Special Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at Company #1 by Chairman Richard Spackmann at 7:36 PM on October 16, 2012. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed District Office Building.

Present were:

Commissioners: Atwell, Barss, Chandler, Spackmann, Waite; Secretary Petkus, Director of Purchasing Chouinard. Also present is Shows Leary.

Topics included:

- Split spoon bore proposals: Mr. Leary noted that low bid was \$2820 and the high bid was \$3200. Commissioner Spackmann noted the Board has been debating whether or not to do them. If the split bore boring is done it will ultimately determine the engineering work that will go into the footings and foundation walls, and if there were ever to be a problem later on, it would fall back to the engineering, which makes it more like an insurance policy. Mr. Leary noted that if the Board chooses not to accept it, they have still got to move forward and will do so with the best information that he has and to the best of his ability without building the Taj Mahal at the same time. Also, at some point the Board will get a statement from them saying they can't guarantee it. In his experience, Mr. Leary noted that every school building project he has worked on has done way more than this. Discussion continued regarding whether or not to move forward with the split spoon boring.

Mr. Leary also noted that the material is not all the same; regarding the septic testing, they did a test hole a little outside the boundary where the proposed septic would go, hoping to find the end of the existing septic, which they did. They then dug 6' deep and found 5½' of beautiful sand that was obviously imported at some point with 6-12" of topsoil. Perc test was done to the side of that, which perked right down. Then went to where the actual septic is going to be and the first test was 38 minutes, and each subsequent one was longer. Where the proposed new septic is to go is stony and backfillish; Commissioner Chandler noted that is typical Greenfield soil and perc tests in the area are generally between 30-50 minutes. This all ties into the split spoon bore and the recent extension of the building further back especially with the parking; at the point where the fill goes back and drops down, the foundation is going to be in the area of where the natural lay of the land is. They will be going through mostly fill, not knowing exactly what is underneath that. Commissioner Atwell noted that whatever there is for fill is what the other stuff is as

well, rock ledge and hardpan. The Board decided that the split spoon bore is not to be done, and they understand they will be receiving a letter.

- Parking issues: the Board would like to see 1 full row of parking in the front of the building. Mr. Leary noted that there are currently 47 existing spaces, they would need to move the building back an additional 15-20 feet. There would be no parking in front of the main entrance, and the parking spaces would be a little wider to accommodate larger vehicles. Discussion also having a 3-5' barrier of grass/stone chips would be fine, so that the parking would not be right against the foundation of the building. Mr. Leary noted that there is a need for more backfill, and ideally the fill that is pulled out from the foundation can be used but it cannot be guaranteed. The Board noted that fill will not be an issue, the Town highway could give us some fill. Commissioner Atwell noted the Town is very good to the fire district; they previously gave us fill from a job that was put out back.
- Site drainage/maintenance of manholes, etc. Mr. Leary noted that in an effort to give Mr. Clarke accurate information, he walked around the site and noticed 2 manholes and an outlet along the west side of the property line that needs to be cleaned out/maintenance done. This information was given to the architect in order to help him design the underground electric; Mr. Leary gave a brief discussion of how the underground electric would run. The pipe will not have to be extended, but it should all be cleaned out. The Board will address it.
- Emergency generator: Commissioner Spackmann noted that it has been suggested to them that rather than trying to figure out how to tie into the existing generator, to just purchase a smaller separate generator, like a Generac. Brief discussion continued, including feeding power from two different poles and the cost of the engineering. Mr. Leary noted he will let Jim know of the change, but there has been some time already invested into the original generator proposal.
- Perc test update: not all the results are in, see above for previous discussion of some of the results. Commissioner Chandler noted that increasing the size of the field should be more than adequate. Brief discussion regarding how the leach pipes can be at different depths. Commissioners Atwell and Chandler also both noted that the Town said they will install the septic for the district.
- Updated first floor plan: Commissioner Chandler noted it seems very functional. It was noted there were changes to the bathroom areas; Mr. Leary noted by code there needs to be two fixtures in them. Commissioner Chandler also noted they would like to have some sort of overhang over the downstairs delivery area for some weather protection. It was clarified that they would like it to be structurally built into the building; Mr. Leary noted he would prefer to cantilever it; the Board agreed. Joyce questioned if the chair/table storage needed to be 8' deep as it is 18' long, and making it 6' deep would add more to the meeting room. Brief discussion continued; Mr. Leary noted they may be able to shrink it a foot, which also ties into the 2 doors of the AV storage area. It was also noted that sprinklers in the meeting room are not a factor.
- Contract/change order: Commissioner Spackmann noted there were obviously changes made and the change orders are obviously going to reflect that. Mr. Leary noted that based on the documentation he has been forwarding, the Board can see he has worked with the architect to come to a fair value for both sides.
- Commissioner Atwell thanked Mr. Leary for that, and that now that we have stopped the generator issue it will save more money. Mr. Leary noted that it will definitely be brought up and if nothing else it will go into consideration as we move forward. He

also noted he still has to review the proposed final AIA document that he just received, and will forward to the Board once he does review it.

- Planning Board meeting: Scheduled for 10/30 starting at 7 pm, although Mr. Leary does not know where they are on the schedule. He and Jim Clarke will be there, as well as Commissioners Chandler and Waite.

Commissioner Barss questioned where the water for the new building would be coming from; Mr. Leary noted that he had previously contacted Hawk Drilling, who drilled the original well, got all the technical data and they thought that it is enough to feed both buildings. The engineer currently has all the technical data to work with.

The District's attorney to review the contract when it comes in. Commissioner Atwell confirmed that this is money well spent.

Motion made by Commissioner Chandler with a second from Commissioner Waite to dispense with the reading of the minutes. All in favor.

Motion made by Commissioner Barss with a second from Commissioner Atwell to adjourn the special meeting at 8:15 PM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



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District Secretary