

November 30th, 2010

The Special Town Board meeting of the Town of Stony Creek was held on November 30th, 2010. Supervisor Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM with members present:

Councilman Dale Aldrich

Councilman Stanley Ross

Councilman Harry Paul Gill

Absent: Councilman William Liebl

Attorney James Cooper (who was not required to attend)

The purpose of the meeting to discuss the purchase of a highway truck, to award the bid for the plow and box equipment and also there are a couple contracts with the county.

Supervisor Thomas stated the first thing is to award the bid for the plow and box.

We set it up for the Highway Supt to look them over. Supt. Bradley stated that Arrowhead nowhere meets the specs. It is not as heavy, they claim their steel is stronger, the box is 24% less capacity than what we're asking for. The pump, the gallons per minute on the pump we asked for detailed specs Arrowhead didn't give us anything, it could be 2 gallons per minute or 24 gallons a minute. That's why we asked for specs she didn't give them to us, he is thinking she was hoping it would float though. Another reason we like Viking is we have everything, we have the parts on hand. Councilman Aldrich is always complaining about having parts we have to buy and keep in storage, so we'll have to buy a whole new set of parts. There is no comparison as far as he is concerned, for the money there isn't even. Supervisor Thomas stated he isn't arguing with him he just doesn't want to get sued by Arrowhead. Supt. Bradley stated Arrowhead loves to sue, but they did not meet the specs that were put out.

Councilman Aldrich stated in the bidding form there was probably the last sentence in there that the Town board has as the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Supt. Bradley stated absolutely. But that doesn't mean anything they can still sue you.

Supervisor Thomas stated if they are low bid then they feel they have met the specs, they could very much sue us, but if they haven't that's fine. Supt. Bradley stated they didn't meet them and they didn't give them to us.

The play bar in the bottom of the box we were discussing that chain that drives, we asked for a double link bar every link and she didn't specify what they were giving us so they are cheaping it up. There is a lot of stuff they didn't even he asked for detailed specs. That should void what they did. Supt. Bradley stated they did not give detailed specs. Supervisor Thomas stated yes. Supt. Bradley stated if you want to know why they are better they are a score 10, rust resistant. Hard ox carbon steel. Arrowhead is claiming their steel is stronger, the plows and wings are lighter, we need the weight, we aren't plowing the Northway. We need the weight for the plow to go in and out of the bumps. Supervisor Thomas stated we can award it to a higher bid as long as we have good reason. Supt. Bradley stated Viking has been sued by them so they know the process and will go for bat with us on anything. Arrowhead did not meet the specs. He thinks she did list the things that were asked for because she knew she didn't meet them.

Councilman Ross asked what the difference was. Supervisor Thomas stated T&T was \$62,813.00, Arrowhead was \$60,986.00, which is a difference of \$1,827.00.

Councilman Ross asked if all the wings he has now interchanged. Supt. Bradley stated yes. Councilman Ross stated if it goes to Arrowhead it wouldn't? Supt. Bradley stated right if it goes to Arrowhead nothing would. Councilman Ross stated there is something about an inch and quarter wing bolt and everything else you have is inch and a half. Supt. Bradley stated if you go with Arrowhead nothing will interchange we will have to buy all new. Councilman Aldrich stated everything you have is a Viking. Supt. Bradley stated exactly, nothing is going to line up, nothing is the same.

116-10. A resolution was made by Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Gill to award the bid for a new multi-purpose dump body and plow equipment for a new tandem heavy-duty truck to T&T Body King Inc. in the amount of \$62,813.00, due to Arrowheads bid did not meet the specifications. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Supervisor Thomas stated he has a bond resolution to make application. We need to pass a resolution. He consulted with Larry Paltrowitz who is with Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart and Rhodes. They drew up this resolution. The way he has the financing worked out here, is what was discussed before, the cost of the truck, Western Star, cab and chaises, is \$129,343.00. That is all State Contract he figured on taking \$10,434.00 from the highway balance, and also another \$25,000.00 from DA5130.2 Equipment from the 2010 budget. That makes \$129,343.00. As far as the plow and box if we pass this resolution to execute this bond it will be for \$37,813.00 as long as we wait until after the first of the year. That way the price is \$62,813.00 and there is another \$25,000.00 in the 2011 budget in the DA5130.2 equipment that would leave us borrowing \$37,813.00 as long as we don't execute the bond until after the first of the year the note won't become due until this same time in 2012. So we will have the \$25,000.00 in the budget to pay the note to pay \$19,000.00 or \$20,000.00 principal plus the interest. So we can do that for 2012-2013. Supt. Bradley asked what the interest was. Supervisor Thomas stated we wouldn't know that until he does the application and procure the financing. But back in July the interest was for a two-year note on \$50,000.00 was 2½%.

Councilman Aldrich stated the total was \$62,813.00 and \$25,000.00 was. Supervisor Thomas stated it would come out of the 2011 budget out of equipment. Councilman Aldrich stated the bond would be for \$37,813.00. Supervisor Thomas stated correct. Councilman Aldrich stated is there anywhere in the foreseeable future of before this transpires, is there any other way to do it with the \$37,000.00 CHIPS or whatever. Supervisor Thomas stated we could take it out of CHIPS. Councilman Aldrich stated or somewhere, he knows \$30,000.00 is a lot, it's not lying there. Supervisor Thomas stated he doesn't think it's in his budget. If we take it out of CHIPS that is less paving. Councilman Aldrich asked when the CHIPS money is awarded to the town? And about how much money is it? Supt. Bradley stated it is \$90,000.00. Supervisor Thomas stated it is \$75,000.00. Supt. Bradley stated it is \$90,000.00 total budget and we should be getting it anytime. Supervisor Thomas stated they have a cut-off date in November. Supt. Bradley stated he could find \$10,000.00 out of his budget to lower that without touching CHIPS, we will do less stuff. Supt. Bradley stated the price of the truck was going to go up as of last week because of new prices. So we are still in the guideline of the truck and they ordered it today and if we take it we take it, we just saved \$2000.00 to \$3500.00.

Supt. Bradley stated the State Comptroller said we should be bonding right or wrong?

Supervisor Thomas stated no there not telling him, he thinks we should.

Supt. Bradley stated they said it was better to be bonded then to use our money to short fall ourselves. He knows you like to cash for everything, he thinks so too but he doesn't know.

Councilman Gill stated if you use cash and something comes up and we're short. Supt. Bradley stated it could easily be done just take it out of CHIPS, it's just that much less paving we do.

Supervisor Thomas stated right. Supt. Bradley stated so you want to pay less interest or do less paving, He guesses that would be the big thing.

Supervisor Thomas stated that's what it comes down to.

Councilman Aldrich stated the jest of the thing is we need the truck because everything is worn, everything hasn't been going in a uniform thing until the last four or five years and we brought a lot of stuff in the last four or five years a lot of equipment, new trucks, backhoe, pickups and updated the situation and we have worked around and that is what he would like to see with this particular deal. If we have to lose a little bit on the paving for one year to pay for the truck plow and all that stuff that would be the way he is leaning. That is his opinion, he doesn't like to borrow money, and he knows it will cut something short. Supt. Bradley stated the biggest thing when you start letting that stuff go, your going to fall behind on that too and that is your biggest asset. Lanfear Rd. is not bad that is our next road then we are back to square one again from where he started. They are looking into a crack sealer, which he thinks will help out a lot. The county has one that will help a lot. Supervisor Thomas stated that is something we should do.

He asked Fred Lamy from the County before he left and he never got back to him, and he called again they said they had one and we could borrow it. Supt. Bradley stated he is making a small one that will save a heck of a lot. They have one for sale at Adirondack Highway.

Supt. Bradley stated he is sure there is \$10,000.00 in the budget that he can weed out to not pay the interest. You would still have \$27,000.00.

Councilman Aldrich stated the truck is ordered, how long is that out. Supt. Bradley stated it is going to take three months to get it. It will take six to eight weeks after they get the order to manufacturer the equipment then T & T will be installing it, it will be about three weeks after the truck gets there.

Supervisor Thomas stated you will be getting the CHIPS money next fall. It's not this year's CHIPS money you have to worry about, it's next years, unless we spend the money and buy the truck and you put in for reimbursement. Supt. Bradley stated you can do that quarterly.

Supervisor Thomas stated that is probably one thing we do want to do. Supt. Bradley stated right we can do that quarterly, get a portion of it, that isn't your final payment.

Supervisor Thomas stated because you're talking about next years and the way we have done it, it's this time of year before you get reimbursement.

Councilman Aldrich asked what the amount of reimbursement is. Supt. Bradley stated the amount he puts in for. Supervisor Thomas and Supt. Bradley stated when he does his paving he puts in for the rest of it. Councilman Ross stated that is how CHIPS works you pay up ahead of time and then they reimburse you for it. Supervisor Thomas and Supt. Bradley agreed.

Councilman Aldrich stated Chips money is for this type of equipment, you can use this money for this, there is not a question there. Supt. Bradley stated if you want to pay cash he will come up with the money somewhere unless some foreseeable huge accident, he thinks he can free up \$10,000.00 or so.

This won't take effect until next year but on the next employee too. Is that going to help? Supervisor Thomas stated yes. Supt. Bradley stated he will hold off hiring somebody full time at least until next year. We'll use him, as we need him. Supervisor Thomas stated anytime your not paying anybody that's money in your pocket.

Councilman Aldrich asked when Al. Williams. Supt. Bradley stated he has 152 days he has been counting them down. Supt. Bradley stated there is no problem with hiring somebody for a year. Supervisor Thomas stated if you go a year and don't hire somebody we are talking \$50,000.00. Salary, health insurance. Councilman Ross stated that should be enough to take care of that right there. Councilman Aldrich stated he would just like to be able to pay for it instead of bonding it.

117-10. A resolution was made by Councilman Aldrich seconded by Councilman Ross authorizing the purchase and to order the 2011 Western Star 4900FA Cab and chassis highway truck from Tracey Road Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$129,343.00. Roll call vote, all in favor.

118-10. A resolution was made by Councilman Aldrich seconded by Supervisor Thomas declaring the 1986 Ford L9000 single axle highway truck with plow, wing and two used sanders as surplus materials and to put the truck, plow, wing and one sander out to bid with a minimum bid of \$7000.00 and sell the other used sander out right. Roll call vote, all in favor.

119-10. A resolution was made by Supervisor Thomas seconded by Councilman Aldrich to encumber the funds to purchase the box and plow equipment as follows:
DA5130.2 Machinery Capital Outlay in the amount of \$25,000.00 to be taken out of the 2011 town budget,
DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual Expense in the amount of \$10,000.00
DA5112.2 Permanent Improvements Capital Outlay in the amount of \$27,813.00.
Roll call vote, all in favor.

120.10. A resolution was made by Councilman Aldrich seconded by Councilman Ross authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Snow and Ice Removal Contract with Warren County for the fiscal year 2011 in the amount of \$135,081.00. Roll call vote, all in favor.

121-10. A resolution was made by Supervisor Thomas seconded by Councilman Gill to enter into a contract with Warren County for GIS Services for the year 2011. Roll call vote, all in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Aldrich seconded by Councilman Gill to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harrington
Town Clerk