

Special Meeting – Truck Development
April 11, 2013

Chairman Raymond Equils called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Equils then read the Opening Statement, noting this meeting was advertised on Sunday, December 30, 2012 in the Asbury Park Press and posted on two (2) municipal Bulletin Boards and in the firehouse, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, commonly referred to as “The Sunshine Law.”

Roll call was taken with Commissioners Eadicicco, Equils, Kelly, Scarlato, and Stalling being present. Also present were 1st Asst Chief James Bailey and Asst Engineer John Thompson.

Chairman Equils noted as per the public advertisement, the sole purpose of this meeting is to discuss and start to develop a plan and specifications for the purchase of a new fire apparatus; and that public participation is only at the discretion of the chairman or the assembled commissioners.

John Thompson introduced R. Freeman, President of 1st Priority, a fire apparatus sales & service company, headquartered in Manchester, NJ, representing KME Fire Apparatus. He also introduced J. Phillips, a sales representative & consultant for 1st Priority.

Mr. Freeman outlined the process for utilizing the recently enacted state bid list purchasing option for buying fire apparatus from G.S.A. approved vendors.

Mr. Freeman also stated that KME has 44 models of vehicle and apparatus and a book of all their options available for purchase through the state contract list. Mr. Freeman then left the meeting, leaving Mr. Phillips to interact with the board.

Mr. Phillips presented information relative to KME and 1st Priority during the development, purchase, construction, tool/equipment mounting, and delivery phases of a new apparatus.

He presented the board with a copy of a very preliminary and basic Weight Analysis Form Proposal based on several items the board has previously indicated it was interested in including in an apparatus. The proposal included weight and placement of the items and aggregate weights for load on both front & rear axles. This document is available for inspection upon request.

Mr. Phillips stated KME/1st Priority will provide conceptual plans and drawings based on our list of desired/wanted items. And the plans and drawings will be refined during the entire project as needed.

He also noted inspection visits are permitted during both the construction and pre-delivery phases, and that changes are permitted during them. He also noted that all tool/equipment mounting will be done locally at their Manchester facility, which allows multiple visits by board if needed or desired. He further noted the company encourages visits, so all stay engaged in the project.

Lt. Jamey Pallitto arrived at 19:44 hours and reported that there is or should be a \$10,000.00 contingency fund built into the final proposal, in the event of unforeseen changes. Lt. Pallitto summarily left the meeting at 19:50 hours.

This concluded discussions on the new apparatus for tonight and Mr. Phillips left the meeting at 21:52 hours.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 29, at 19:00 hrs.

PUBLIC COMMENT There were three (3) fire personnel and zero (0) members of the public in attendance at the close of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT This concluded the business for the committee, so a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioners Scarlato and Stalling, and passed by the board. The meeting closed at 21:59 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Kelly
Clerk of the Board

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