

Transcription of Town Board Meeting May 13, 2020

Attended by Supervisor Dewart, Councilwoman Jansen, Councilman Hotaling, Councilwoman Damon, Councilman Leuer, Clerk Carmer, Attorney Haylett, Highway Superintendent Flint, Water/Sewer/Grounds Superintendent Dewart, Supervisor's Assistant Austin

All recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Dewart: Dear Lord we come together to meet and seek your wisdom, guidance, courage and strength to be with us in our deliberations. Help us to be wise in the decisions that we make for the good of the Town of Somerset. We also ask that you keep a watchful eye over all of our citizens during this pandemic and pray that everybody gets well. Also please keep a watchful eye over our military, first responders, nurses, doctors, surg. Techs, everybody. In your name Amen.

All respond Amen.

Supervisor Dewart: First one, everyone has seen the minutes. Can I get an approval of minutes from our last meeting?

Councilman Leuer: So moved

Supervisor Dewart: motion

Councilwoman Jansen: Second

Supervisor Dewart: motion by Councilman Leuer, second by Councilwoman Jansen. All those in favor say aye.

All respond aye.

Supervisor Dewart: opposed? (no response) Carried.

Supervisor Dewart: Next is the Supervisor's Report that you all got and you got the police report. We haven't gotten any other reports in yet. Hopefully next month we will have them. If I can get a motion to accept the Supervisor's Report?

Councilman Hotaling: so moved

Councilwoman Damon: second

Supervisor Dewart: motion by Councilman Hotaling, seconded by Councilwoman Damon. All those in favor say aye

All respond aye

Supervisor Dewart: opposed? (no response) Carried.

Supervisor Dewart: Clerk Carmer is there any communications.

Clerk Carmer: no

Supervisor Dewart: We'll go down to new business. We've got three resolutions. The first one being for the new pickup truck, a tool truck, for the highway garage.

Supervisor Dewart: WHEREAS, General Municipal Law Section 103(16) permits any board of a political subdivision to "piggyback" off another political subdivision for purchases of goods and equipment if such

contract was let to the lowest responsible bidder; and WHEREAS, Delaware Chenango Madison Otsego BOCES, by bid reference number 2019-150, put out for sealed bids the furnishing of Vehicles and Trucks and said bid allowed all municipal entities authorized under the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York to purchase goods under this Bid Contract; and WHEREAS, Van Bortel Ford was the awarded this bid Contract by the DCMO BOCES; and WHEREAS, the Town of Somerset finds it is in the best interest of the Town to "piggyback" off of the DCMO BOCES Bid No. 2019-150 as permitted by General Municipal Law Section 103(16); now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Town of Somerset Highway Superintendent is hereby authorized to purchase a 2020 Ford F-250 XL SuperCab 4x4, as provided for under the DCMO BOCES Bid No. 2019-150, Lot 13A from Van Bortel Ford at a cost not to exceed \$54,206.80 and said expenditure shall be taken from the 2020 budget. If I can get a motion on that.

Councilman Hotaling: so moved

Councilwoman Damon: second

Supervisor Dewart: Motion by Councilman Hotaling, second by Councilwoman Damon. On the question?

Councilman Hotaling: on the question. If we don't do it now, the county sales tax is down 31%. If we can't wait, it's a budgeted item so I feel that we should definitely pass it.

Supervisor Dewart: it is definitely a budgeted item. Another question I got was the undercoating on it type deal and

Superintendent Flint: we are going to have it rust proofed by a company called Rust Kote out of Lockport, not Lockport, out of Buffalo. Jon and I use them every year. They come down they do everything. They do his equipment, we have done 2 Macs, F450 or 550, um, the pickup I'm driving now. And this past Spring we decided to do the 2 Peterbilts even though they are 95s and 98s figuring, not expecting this anticipating this Covid deal but or that the money was going to be tight or realizing that the money was going to be tight so we probably wouldn't be budgeting for another 10 wheeler like we had planned on our 2 year program to upgrade. So, yeah, it will be rustproofed.

Councilman Leuer: do they use the oil based type?

Superintendent Flint: yeah

Councilman Hotaling: they do it annually, don't they Mike?

Superintendent Flint: yes. They come and do it right at the shop, rain or shine and they do everything. Jon's equipment, our equipment. It's proof in the pudding is the pickup that I am driving is a 16, it's 4 years old we bought it used, we bought that off an auction with 15,000 miles on it but no sign of rust. And the 10 wheelers are not rusting, so yeah it will be rustproofed.

Councilman Leuer: it sounds like

Supervisor Dewart: any other questions? All those in favor say aye.

All respond Aye.

Supervisor Dewart: opposed? (no response) Carried. Thank you.

Supervisor Dewart: The next one is the influent pump repair. WHEREAS, Wendel solicited written proposals to complete the influent pump station wetwell rehabilitation project; and WHEREAS, the Town received four (4) written proposals; and WHEREAS, the lowest written proposal was received from Pipe Eye Services Inc. in the amount of \$19,660.00; and WHEREAS, the proposal by Pipe Eye Services Inc. has been deemed to be a responsible proposal. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Somerset hereby retains Pipe Eye Services Inc. to provide materials and labor for

the rehabilitation of the influent pump station wetwell per the Quote Request specifications prepared by Wendel, project number 2966-18 at a cost not to exceed \$19,660.00; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to execute any and all documents in such form as is satisfactory to the Town Supervisor and the Town Attorney, and take whatever other actions may be necessary to give effect to this resolution. Can I get a motion on this?

Councilwoman Jansen: so moved

Councilwoman Damon: second

Supervisor Dewart: motion by Councilwoman Jansen, second by Councilwoman Damon. On the question?

Attorney Haylett: I'll just state just so the board knows. There were 4 proposals received by the Town. Pipe Eye is the lowest at \$19,660.00. United Survey came in second lowest at \$31,250.00. Arlo Construction came in at \$35,000.00 and Kandey Company came in at \$60,135.00. I did check with Wendel and they have worked with Pipe Eye in the past and they did talk to them about the project and the they are confident they can handle it. So I just asked them that because when you see somebody come in that much lower than the highest bid.

Superintendent Dewart: there arose some concern with that but they have worked with them before and they have done a good job.

Councilman Leuer: it's a new pump, not remanufactured?

Superintendent Dewart: it is they are going to line the inside of the actual concrete tank. It is starting to deteriorate. This is the one on Quaker Road right at the dip where everything dumps into that and then it is pumped through the woods. And the concrete is starting to break down so they are going to pull the pumps out and line the whole inside of it.

Supervisor Dewart: if there's nothing else can I have a motion to approve?

Councilman Leuer: I make a motion

Supervisor Dewart: I'm sorry, we already made that motion. All in favor say aye.

All respond aye

Supervisor Dewart: opposed? (no response) Carried. Thank you.

Supervisor Dewart: the next one is police surplus equipment to get rid of the excess equipment that we have. It's sitting in Mike's barn over there.

Superintendent Dewart: no it's actually sitting in my locked building.

Supervisor Dewart: and at the Water Department. WHEREAS, the Town of Somerset has acquired certain personal property for the purpose of carrying out services in the public interest; and WHEREAS, the Town Board has deemed it unnecessary to maintain ownership of personal property of the Town which has become worn out, obsolete or no longer needed; and WHEREAS, the Town Board, desires to dispose of the following surplus property:

1. 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Package
2. Federal Pacific Emergency Light Bar with Wiring
3. KR10 Radar Unit with Single Antenna
4. Mountain Bicycles, Color Black with Multiple Speeds (Quantity 2)
5. 1000' Roll of Barbed Wire/Fencing

6. Miscellaneous Vehicle Hardware, Mounts and Stands

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Somerset, New York that the Town Board finds and declares that the Town no longer has a use for the surplus property listed above; and be it further RESOLVED, the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to arrange a bid auction for the purposes of selling the surplus property to the highest bidder; and be it further RESOLVED, the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute any documents to the highest bidder; and be it further RESOLVED, the Town Supervisor is authorized to donate or otherwise dispose of the above listed surplus property if no bids are received. Can I get a motion on that?

Councilman Hotaling: so moved

Councilwoman Jansen: second

Supervisor Dewart: motion by Councilman Hotaling, second by Councilwoman Jansen. On the question?

Attorney Haylett: I'll talk again about this one. In the past we have had different pieces of personal property here. In the past we have conducted an auction for an old police car by basically putting a notice in the paper and receiving in offers which I think would be the smartest way to do it for the car. The remaining property it would probably be better to list them on Craig's List or an auction site to sell it that way. So I'll work with Tracy to get the police car bid out there.

Supervisor Dewart: Alright, sounds good David.

Supervisor Dewart: all those in favor say aye

All respond aye

Supervisor Dewart: opposed? (no response) Carried.

Supervisor Dewart: last one is the audit of claims. Pay the bills.

Councilwoman Jansen: I move that we pay the bills

Councilwoman Damon: I second

Supervisor Dewart: motion by Councilwoman Jansen, second by Councilwoman Damon to pay the bills. All those in favor say aye.

All respond aye

Supervisor Dewart: opposed? (no response) Carried. Now with that, that's all the business we have for tonight. I'd like to go into exec session and discuss a personnel problem and contract problem. (looks at attorney) That's correct?

Attorney Haylett: yes

Supervisor Dewart: If I can get a motion to go into exec session? When we come out of exec session there will be no other business conducted

Councilman Hotaling: so moved

Councilwoman Jansen: second

Supervisor Dewart: motion by Councilman Hotaling, second by Councilwoman Jansen. All those in favor say aye.

All respond aye

Supervisor Dewart: opposed? (no response) Carried.

Executive session held from 6:13pm – 7:05pm

Supervisor Dewart: now we are out of exec session, can I get a motion to adjourn the regular meeting?

Councilwoman Jansen: so moved

Councilman Hotaling: second

Supervisor Dewart: motion by Councilwoman Jansen, second by Councilman Hotaling. All in favor say aye.

All respond aye

Supervisor Dewart: opposed? (no response) Carried. Thank you.