

**CONWAY VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
Thursday February 4, 2016
Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 3:28

Commissioners present: Janine Bean, Michael Digregorio via phone, Joseph Quirk

Others present: Gregg Quint- Superintendent, Chief Solomon, and Amy Snow-Municipal Bookkeeper, Stacy Bolduc Receptionist, Paul Degliangeli, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Masters

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Mr. Digregorio made a motion to ratify items A through D, motion seconded by Joe Quirk; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mrs. Bean signed the Superintendent's and Fire Chief's time sheets for week ending 2/5/16
Mr. Digregorio made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes dated 1/28/2016, Mr. Quirk seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0-0.

Paul Degliangeli stated he was there to see the outcome of West Main St. Mrs. Bean went on to the Award recommendation from Underwood for discussion.

Mr. Quirk made a motion to award the contract to Cross Excavation out of Bethel Maine.

Mr. Digregorio seconded it; discussion ensued. The award is for West Main St. and North Road in the amount of \$1,342,712.50. Paul D wanted to discuss if we would award both base and alternate or just base. The letter stated we could afford the North Road, but he went on to express concern over not having enough contingency, two reasons 1. It's not a big enough percentage 3% is not enough. (2) The bid is low by 10% of DeFelice thinking we would discuss whether not doing North Road to leave us a little bit more contingency. When we get down the road and we are not looking at any extras then we might say o.k. to the rest, discussion ensued. David Mercier was consulted via phone about awarding the bid for West Main. David weighed in with his thoughts discussion ensued. Mr. Mercier suggested if we have concerns we do have options he went on to state we have the ability to not award North Road initially and wait till we are 75% through the job and see how things have gone and recess at that point. We can always try to award the base bid later in the contract when we feel more confident how things have gone and where monies stand. Generally contractors will take the added alternate at the price they originally bid they don't have to but felt generally they honor their bid. Paul D and David Mercier came to the same conclusion regarding awarding the bid. **Mr. Quirk and Mr. Digregorio took back their motion and a new motion was made to award the base contract at \$1,293, 392.50 and reserve the right to award addendum B for 49,320.00 at a later date to Cross Excavation. Mr. Quirk made the motion Mr. Digregorio seconded it. Motion passed 2-1-0.**

Hiring Attorney Crean the contract will suffice, still unclear on the levy if we can impose it. **Mr. Digregorio made a motion to Hire Attorney Daniel Crean according to the contract sent to us. Mr. Quirk seconded Motion passed 3-0-0.** Commissioner Bean signed the letter.

Budget Hearing Booklet

The biggest change came in Article 5 the Fire Budget. Chief Solomon confirmed via phone with the Conway Town Hall that there has been a change with the non-precinct fire contact number due to an error in North Conway's operating budget number which reduces the total, and then they (The Town of Conway) recalculated the value of the non-precinct land so instead of 56% of the non-precinct area we now cover 52% by value ends up being a net loss of \$15,000.00 or a net reduction in revenue. Instead of getting \$180,349.00 for non-precinct we will get 165,053.00

Mike asked for clarification and Chief Solomon explained that North Conway's operating budget was reduced by \$4,000 and then when they were looking at the properties values in the non-precinct land changed and they did not adjust for that, and when they adjusted the property values our percentage of the non-precinct land dropped from 56% to 52%. When they recalculated the whole number North Conway Fire will get more than they expected and we will get \$15,000 less. Discussion ensued

Amy made necessary changes to the booklet discussion ensued around articles and various changes that needed to be done to each one.

BOC INFORMATION

Mrs. Bean reviewed DOT letter approving Underwood to spend up to \$10,000.00 for the Main St. Project and to anticipate additional funding at the end of February, and not to put the job out to bid till November not January.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nick from Tuckerman's spoke briefly asked if we have reached out to the NH Municipal Association in regards to getting a third party involved to arbitrate where both the Town Of Conway and the District are lawyering up. Commissioner Bean said yes, and they did give us good advice about hiring a third party lawyer.

Mr. Master's inquired if we knew what our rates are going to be this coming year Amy responded we should know tomorrow. Commissioner Bean responded water is staying the same and all the things we were playing with regarding sewer hopefully the lawyer can help us. We will also ask the lawyer about dissolving. More discussion ensued around concerns Mr. Masters had around dissolving and asking the district to do a warrant article to see if the district wanted us to pursue dissolving.

FIRE CHIEF'S BUSINESS

Chief Solomon reported Car 2 is back in service and he has tendered his resignation as EMD with the Town of Conway. Nick from Tuckerman's brought in a gentleman to the Fire Station who works for Dred (Department of Resources and Economic Development) who will get us in contact with the Federal Economic Development Authority who actually may have money for us. To see if they have money for any projects we have not done yet.

FUTURE DATES

Budget Hearing February 9, 2016

Commissioners Meeting after the Budget Hearing
Annual Meeting March 8, 2016

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:25
Respectfully submitted Stacy Bolduc Receptionist