

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MADISON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL SESSION**

**09-29-21**

**CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00 pm**

**ROLL CALL:**

x Mr. Adams	- Mr. Lee	x Chief Baker
x Mr. Anderson	x Mr. Vest	x Joanne Clapp
x Mr. Gauntner	x Mr. Wayman	x Stacy Dame

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - The pledge was recited by all.

**SPECIAL SESSION**

**Station #2 Renovation and Addition Project - 1743 Hubbard Road**

Mr. Anderson stated the purpose of the meeting was to consider resolution for Acceptance of Bid and Award of Contract. A Special Meeting Notice was sent on September 24th to the News-Herald and the Star Beacon and published today (September 29, 2021).

A contractor selection recommendation has been received from CT Consultants. Their recommendation is to award the contract to Metis Construction Services. CT has worked with them on previous projects.

Chief Baker stated that a copy of the CT recommendation letter was forwarded to all Board members for review prior to today's meeting.

Mr. Vest asked what the plan is for funding - will it be financed or paid for out of the general fund (cash). Chief Baker responded that financing has not yet been discussed. No capital has been assigned the last few years however there is \$5M in unencumbered so either option is viable however has concern with current outstanding balance for the Station #3 building. Chief Baker's recommendation is to finance the project at least until the Station #3 project is paid off (2025). Chief Baker also recommends that Alternate #1 option (Laundry Room Improvements) not be chosen because the current laundry is sufficient and space could be repurposed to improve functionality.

Chief Baker stated another option would be to pay one (1) year on the bond for Station #3 to save interest charges. He and Joanne will look into interest rates and Chief Baker will put together a spreadsheet with all options to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Mr. Vest suggests that the Station #2 project is financed until the current Station #3 loan is paid and then could potentially put a large sum towards the Station #2 loan if finances at that time support it. He also recommends that the resolution be to accept the base and both alternates 1 and 2.

Mr. Gauntner agreed with Mr. Vest's suggestion that all payment options need to be reviewed at the next regular meeting. He stated that his recommendation for the best interest of the district would be to go with the base bid and both alternates 1 and 2. He stated there is no reason to not make the additional improvements while already investing money and having the resources already on-site as costs will only increase in the future. He also expressed the importance that all must steer away from the volunteer mentality. His recommendation would be to explore a loan option.

Chief Baker stated that he had previous discussion with Mr. Hammercheck regarding the County possibly contributing \$250,000 towards the project (utilizing monies from the American Recovery Plan Monies). He recommended that Board members reach out to Mr. Hammercheck regarding the suggested funding.

Mr. Gauntner shared that Madison Township is sending one of the commissioners to a conference next week which is focused on what the American Recovery Plan funding can be utilized for. It is thought that the township will receive \$1.6M. He suggested that the group consider asking Madison Township for assistance with funding pending the information received at the conference.

Mr. Adams stated the quotes were all below what he had expected. He is in agreement that all options should be reviewed at the next regular meeting. He recommends that the base along with alternates 1 & 2 be accepted.

Mr. Wayman agrees with the suggested review at the next regular meeting. He recommends that the base along with alternates 1 & 2 be accepted.

Mr. Anderson agrees with the review of all financial options at the next regular meeting. He recommends that the base along with alternates 1 & 2 be accepted.

Ms. Dame read aloud proposed resolution #21-25; A resolution for Acceptance of Bid and Award of Contract to Metis Construction Services for station two of the Madison Fire District, located at 1743 Hubbard Road, Madison, Ohio, accepting Base and Alternates 1 & 2.

Motion to approve Resolution #21-25 by: Mr. Gauntner

Seconded by: Mr. Vest

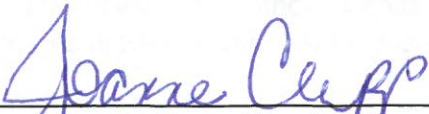
ROLL CALL: All ayes


**CLOSING BOARD COMMENTS**

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session @ 7:17 pm by: Mr. Wayman

Seconded by: Mr. Adams

ROLL CALL: All ayes

  
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Joanne Clapp, Fiscal Officer

  
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Max Anderson, Chairman