

Village of Tannersville

Date June 14, 2017
Time 1:30 PM
Location Tannersville Village Hall

Present: Lee McGunnigle, Mayor
Gregory Landers, Trustee Via
FaceTime
Leigh McGunnigle, Trustee
Brian Walsh, Trustee, Via FaceTime

Type of meeting: Emergency Meeting

Robin Dumont, Village Clerk-
Treasurer
Kathy VanValkenburg, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: David Kashman, Trustee

Also Present: Jason Preisner from Lamont
Engineers

Minutes:

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor turned the floor over to Jason Preisner to give an update on concerns received from competitive bidder regarding Mueller Meters that came in as low bidder.

Mr. Preisner stated that the specs were open for competition - or else the specs would be sole sourcing the meters - which is not exactly legal.

Mueller Meters are mechanical and does not require a battery. It is a MVR vertical rotor meter and has only 2 moving parts. The proposed radio system has an excellent transmission range and can be on license free frequencies. This proposal offered both a simple handheld device and a full complete drive by meter reading system, which included mapping software. Many of the reads could probably be picked up from the Village Office. The competitor's meter, require a battery and may need to be replaced in 20 years, and were much more expensive.

Trustee Landers asked if we can buy repair kits and Ts through the grant. Mr. Preisner stated yes and there will be some equipment left over as the bids were based on the old specs when the meters were purchased and numbers have probably changed.

Mr. Preisner stated that the Village is getting the same if not more with the Mueller system. He has been told by EJ Prescott that they have some meters in stock to get started and can deliver right to shop.

The Mayor asked about Billing and conversions. The Clerk stated that she received an email with references from EJ Prescott and was able to make a few calls before this meeting. The City of Amsterdam stated that they were happy with the Mueller meters and had no issues, and did not indicate any problems from his clerk regarding billing and they use the Williamson Water Billing software – which is what we have for all of our other municipal softwares. Cooperstown also indicated the same, left messages with 2 other Villages and did not have calls back prior to this meeting. One town indicated that they were happy with Mueller meters, however still used QuickBooks for billing since they only had about 100 accounts.

The Mayor stated that we need to streamline billing and it would be nice to offer quarterly once it got up and running.

Mayor asked if anyone had anyone had any other questions. No comments or questions were made.

Trustee Landers made a motion to approve Contract 5 awarding bid to EJ Prescott to Furnish Water Meters and Meter Reading Equipment. Trustee Walsh seconded. Four in favor, motion carried.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Preisner for the clarification and thanked the board for coming.

Trustee McGunnigle made a motion to close the meeting. Trustee Landers seconded. Four in favor, motion carried.