

JAMESTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

February 7, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Invocation was given by Jim Miedema.

Members present: Scott Brouwer, Jim Miedema, Dan Jensen, Ruth Pruis, Norma Shaarda and Tim Tacoma. Gary Boverhof arrived at 7:06 p.m. Absent: None. Also present: Fire Chief Tom Saladino and several members of the fire department.

Discussion was held regarding the addition to the Forest Grove Fire Station with Saladino sharing information on the necessity and the advantages of the project. He stated that equipment is stored in five different locations at present and the addition would make it possible to use two or three. There would be a reduction in heating and electric costs because of fewer locations and better insulation. Also it would be possible to convert one truck into another medical so there would be a medical truck in both the North and South stations. Response time would be reduced and the safety of the community would be enhanced.

Cal Becksvoort of Latitude Engineering briefly went over the plans and responded to any questions regarding the addition. He said he was at the bidding process and available to answer any question during the process.

Jim Miedema stated that the addition was like "putting a band aid on an open scar" and that it would be better to demolish the present building and put up a pole building. "It would not cost any more and would look much better. It is absolutely untrue that I am trying to kill this project, but the people of Forest Grove deserve something better than this." Miedema questioned the integrity of the old part of the building and said it could crumble and cause problems. Saladino stated that it had been inspected and was in sound condition.

The bids for the addition came to approximately \$50,000 more than the fire department has in the fund so requested that the board allocate \$25,000 from the Township general fund for the project and \$25,000 from the fire department operations fund.

Motion by Tacoma seconded by Pruis to designate \$25,000 from the Township general fund as a show of support for the project, and the remaining \$25,000 coming from the Fire Department operations fund. Roll call vote: **Carried. Yes: Boverhof, Pruis, Shaarda and Tacoma. No: Brouwer, Jensen and Miedema.**

Motion by Tacoma seconded by Prais to award the contract to Kamps Construction in the amount of \$190,633 because it was the lowest bid, Kamps is a Jamestown company and he uses local employees and subcontractors. Any overage (up to \$200,000) incurred would be paid out of the fire department operating fund. After discussion regarding overages, Tacoma changed his motion to remove the overage clause with the understanding that if more money is needed, the department come to the board with a change request. Prais agreed to the change. **Carried, with Miedema voting no.**

Motion by Tacoma seconded by Shaarda to have Bob Nyenhuis volunteer to oversee and supervise the project. Cal Becksvoort, engineer, volunteered his services also and said he could be called anytime without charge. **Carried.**

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Ruth Prais

Jamestown Township Clerk