

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford was held on May 9, 2023 at the Village Hall - 20 LaFayette Park, Oxford, NY 13830. The meeting started at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Mayor Terry Stark, Trustee Dale Leach, Trustee Dustin Hendricks, Trustee Richard Marks, Trustee Richard Rice, Fire Chief Ron Martin, Greg Ross, Kim Nichols, Clerk-Treasurer Shelly Marks.

Mayor Terry Stark called the Regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given.

FIRE STATION ADDITION AND RENOVATION BIDS

Mayor reviewed summary of BIDS received on April 18, 2023. Following discussion, Trustee Marks proposed and Trustee Leach seconded the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 23-5-9.1 A RESOLUTION OF OXFORD VILLAGE BOARD REJECTING THE BIDS TO CONTRACT FOR THE "OXFORD FIRE STATION ADDITION & RENOVATIONS"

WHEREAS, pursuant to authorization by the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Oxford (the "Village"), the Village received bid proposals on April 18th, 2023 for the "Fire station Addition & Renovations Project" (hereinafter, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Village received one (1) bid for General Contracting, four (4) bids for Mechanical, two (2) bids for Plumbing, five (5) bids for electrical which were opened and read aloud; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that competitive bidding contracts be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the lowest responsive, responsible construction bids received were in a total amount of \$3,177,800, which was over the budgeted amount of \$2,225,000 by \$952,800 (+43%), and

WHEREAS, upon review by the Village Consultant, the bids indicated that the pricing of the work varied greatly between bidders, evidenced a lack of competition as to pricing, and that the Village did not budget for such an amount for this particular project, See Bid Review, attached at "Exhibit A;" and

WHEREAS, as all bids exceeded the Village Consultant's estimate for the Project, the Village consultant recommends rejecting all bids, and that the Village of Oxford plan to re-bid the projects after further evaluation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law 104-b, Rejection of bids; reasons, a contracting unit may reject all bids where the lowest bid exceeds the cost estimates for the goods or services, and

WHEREAS the competitive bidding law provides a municipality with the discretion to reject all of the bids that it receives and call for new ones, as this principle is an integral part of the public contract process so long as the municipality's actions were supported by a rational basis and are not arbitrary or capricious. observed in good faith and accorded to all bidders, just consideration. simply not to avoid the requirements of competitive bidding by rejecting all bids. And,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Board have concluded that rejecting the bids submitted is in the best interest of the Village and agree with the Village Consultant's recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Oxford Board of Trustees, in the County of Chenango, and State of New York, as follows:

1. That the bid proposals as opened April 18, 2023 as to the “Fire Station Addition & Renovations Project” all be rejected.
2. That the project be further evaluated, as may be recommended by the Village Engineer.
3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees directs the Village Clerk to send a “Notice of Rejection of All Bids” (attached herein) to all bidders no later than May 19, 2023.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Dale B. Leach	Aye
Richard Rice	Aye
Dustin F. Hendricks	Aye
Richard A. Marks	Aye
Terry M. Stark	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

REVISED COMPONENTS - FIRE STATION ADDITION AND RENOVATION BIDS

The board reviewed with OFD members (Ron Martin & Greg Ross) potential separate repairs and renovations needing immediate attention and prioritization. Following discussion, Trustee Marks proposed and Trustee Leach seconded the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 23-5-9.2

A RESOLUTION OF VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF OXFORD TO SEEK BIDS TO CONTRACT FOR THE “OXFORD FIRE STATION REPAIRS & RENOVATIONS”

WHEREAS the Village of Oxford Board of Trustees, in the County of Chenango, and State of New York, rejected all bid proposals as opened April 18, 2023 as to the “Fire Station Addition & Renovations Project” at a duly called meeting on May 9th, 2023 and

WHEREAS upon the review and evaluation of the project, the Village Board has determined it is in the best interest of village residents and Fire District # 23 residents to seek bids for the repair of the Fire station roof and Clock Tower and

WHEREAS upon further review and evaluation, the Village board has determined it is in the best interest of village residents and Fire District # 23 residents to obtain an analysis of electrical needs to include any phase 3 electrical requirements

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Oxford Board of Trustees, in the County of Chenango, and State of New York, as follows:

1. Fire Chief Ron Martin and Mayor Terry Stark are authorized to take all necessary steps to work with Hueber-Breuer consultant Sean Foran to prepare a bid package to repair/replace the station roof and clock tower
2. that this resolution shall take effect immediately

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

1. Fire Chief Ron Martin and Mayor Terry Stark are authorized to take all necessary steps to work with Hueber-Breuer consultant Sean Foran and Labella engineering to conduct an analysis of current station electrical needs to include any requirements for phase-3 electric and make recommendations.
2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Dale B. Leach	Aye
Richard Rice	Aye
Dustin F. Hendricks	Aye
Richard A. Marks	Aye
Terry M. Stark	Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was brought to our attention that there are trees on the library side of the river that hang on the fire station side that need to be removed.

Karen Randall from Opportunities for Chenango called Mayor Stark regarding the lease with Head Start that expires May 31, 2023. This will be a five (5) year lease.

The Board will increase their lease amount by \$50.00 each year. OFC has merged with Opportunities for Broome. We need to add in the lease that if anything happens, OFC must remove the building that is currently on the Village's property.

Mayor Stark received a call and E-Mail from someone at Power Management. The village is eligible to save money on our electrical bill at no obligation. This will show up as a credit on our NYSEG bill about \$100 a month or \$1,200 a year. Mayor Stark asked the board to look over the information so we know what all the details are.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Stark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly W. Marks
Clerk-Treasurer