

Berkshire Fire District
Special Meeting
April 15, 2010

Members Present: R. Ceurter, P. Davis, D. Liddington, and D.R. Liddington

Others Present: D & D Connery, R. Jordan, E. Manuel, J. Simmons, R. Sharp, C. Rupert, J. Vandenburg, B. Welch, and F. Williams

R. Ceurter called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Robert Ranger from RWR Funding was introduced. He has 40 years of experience.

He's done numerous financing for volunteer and municipal agencies.

He works with a tax exempt leasing for Fire Districts and works with local attorneys.

He uses a bond counsel out of Syracuse, they sell bonds to open market and they put them out to bid to get the best price.

4.5% for approximately 30 years.

He will send us references.

His fee would be 2-2.5% of total cost of the bond.

No money is due up front.

They do have someone that could assist with the USDA grant. The question came up can we just get a grant from USDA and not have to take out a loan with them?

A discussion was held on cabinets in the kitchen and countertops having to be stainless steel.

A discussion was held on the loan through NYS Dept. of Office of Prevention & Control.

D. Liddington made the motion to go for a 30 year loan with NYS Dept. of Office of Prevention & Control.

D.R. Liddington seconded it. Passed unanimously 4-0.

A discussion was held on the cell phones that were purchased there should have only been one purchased, when there were actually two purchased. This was tabled until the next meeting.

D. Liddington made the motion to adjourn P. Davis seconded it. Passed unanimously 4-0.

Meeting adjourned 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Case, Secretary