

Berkshire Fire District  
Special Meeting  
April 22, 2010

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

Others Present: D. Callahan, C. Ceurter, D. Connery, D. Foux, R. Jordan, E. Manuel, J. Simmons, R. Sharp, C. Turk, C. Rupert, d. Sullivan, J. Vandenburg, B. & T. Welch, and F. Williams

R. Ceurter called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

Don Varga was introduced. He talked about the drawings he has done up.

He introduced Jim Franklin.

Don will be asking us questions so he can best accommodate us.

Will a general contractor be used? This is the best way to go and only one guy to answer to.

D. Varga wanted to know what the commissioners wanted. R. Ceurter stated that we may have to go with lowest bid. A discussion was held on putting a clause in the specs that states that the district has the right to cancel any bid.

B. Welch stated that USDA will be about 6 weeks after it goes to Albany and the total time frame of 8 to 9 weeks. This would put the project behind a month.

He has also talked to the town board and it is ok to use the town barns but we must stay out of their stuff. It is just storage for our trucks. If there is any trouble they will throw us out.

NYS requires a 45 day bid cycle or is it 30 days? This should be checked into.

A discussion was held on the following for the building:

- Offices
- Bathrooms
- Furniture – no
- Any luxury needs
- Electrical – 110 and 220's were discussed will need a 220 for siren and maybe have one for kitchen, and transfer service for backup
- Water needs 1 1/2 to hook to fill tanks on trucks
- Heating – in floor with dual zones even a separate zone for offices
- Ceiling – no ceiling in truck bay
- Driveway material – bid concrete/blacktop concrete in front of truck bay; parking spaces for 50 cars
- Frost wall – post in ground need to be 100% sure it will stay; it can be placed on a slab.
- Metal frame
- Floor drains oil/water separator 1,000 gal.
- Siren – roof
- Door entrance – key pad (electronic)
- Extractor for washing soiled gear (might need 220 outlet)
- Hallway outlets
- GFI in garage bay
- Stove hood system

D. Varga stated that if anyone has any questions/suggestions to email him at [donvarga61@yahoo.com](mailto:donvarga61@yahoo.com).

Fraser Williams shared the plans that the community building group has with D. Varga

B. Welch stated that he would mow the lawn under last year's contract one time until bids come in next week.

**D. Liddington made the motion to let B. Welch mow the lawn one time under the old contract. P. Davis seconded it. Passed unanimously 4-0.**

A discussion was held on the meter box that needs replacing by NYSEG for the pavilion. D. Liddington will ask Gary Shonebeck if he would be interested in taking care of the box.

Municipal Solutions is company does bond counsel

**P. Davis made the motion to talk with them to see what they have to offer. D. Liddington seconded it. Passed unanimously 4-0.**

The tanker is back and working great. There will be a bill for \$304.44 (\$250 deductible and \$54.55 relay part).

**D. Liddington made the motion to adjourn D. R. Liddington seconded it. Passed unanimously 4-0.**

**Meeting adjourned 9:01 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Melinda Case, Secretary