

East Side Fire Station Building Committee Regular Meeting

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980 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Call to Order: Chairman Healy called the meeting to order at 1830 hours. A quorum was present.

1. **Roll Call**

Committee Members John Healy, Carmen Corvino, William Brennan, Bill Bevan, Judith Toohey, and Jack Jansen.

2. **Consideration of Minutes**

Regular Meeting - April 17, 2013

Committee Members Corvino and Jansen made and seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2013, regular meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Members Corvino and Jansen made and seconded a motion to amend the agenda to include discussion regarding an invoice from Huntington Power. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Report of Chairman**

Chairman Healy reported there remains an invoice to Huntington Power regarding the power outage in January and requisite fix of the generator. He noted the Department was not occupying the station at the time of the outage. Committee Member Jansen inquired who owns the work associated with the fix if the Department was not occupying the building at the time of the event. Committee Member Brennan stated the City is insured, but the deductible is around \$500,000; he suggested obtaining an itemized bill from Huntington Power prior to issuing payment. Committee Member Jansen noted the provided invoice does include a breakdown of services; the Chairman said he will ask Ret. Battalion Chief Healey to obtain a second invoice from Huntington Power with a clear breakdown of services rendered.

Committee Members Jansen and Brennan made and seconded a motion to approve and pay the invoice to Huntington Power in the amount of \$7,344.80, contingent upon receipt of an itemized invoice highlighting material and labor. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Members Brennan and Bevan made and seconded a motion to pay the invoice in the amount of \$100 to Recording Secretary Colleen Birney from account 0040-4320-5527-4168-0000 (secretary). Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Healy confirmed with the Committee Members they were in receipt of copies of the letter Attorney Donofrio sent to Salce Contracting regarding outstanding change orders and open

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punch list items. Attorney Donofrio inquired in the letter when Salce Contracting estimates they will achieve Final Completion on the station and notifies Salce Contracting that the City of Milford, for which he was hired as outside counsel, intends to use all available legal remedies, including utilizing the contract balance and retainage to complete the project. Chairman Healy noted no response has been received yet from Salce Contracting regarding this letter. The Chairman said the building is still working under a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy and at some point this will need to be addressed.

The Chairman went over the list of outstanding items provided by Ret. Battalion Chief Healey. He explained the crack in the hallway over a door has reappeared after being fixed previously. He said this issue is indicative of possible movement in the building frame and needs to be addressed.

The men's room toilet does not flush correctly and a plumber will have to assess what needs to be done to fix the issue. Overhead Door #2 is not operating properly and will not close unless the power button is depressed until completely closed. The bottom rubber gasket on the door has also come loose and slid over to one side. Overhead Door #3 cannot be stopped in a partially open position. This issue needs to be checked by the installer.

The plumbing for the west side of the building is still not working properly. Chairman Healy stated Joe Gargiulo of CES visited the station and compiled a list of items that remained outstanding and provided the list to Salce Contracting. The Chairman said the plumber fixed some but not all of the listed work. Committee Member Brennan commented the wrong sized pipe was used during installation and the problems are not the fault of the design. Committee Member Corvino inquired if the plumber was properly and fully paid by Salce Contracting; Chairman Healy said he was not sure, but that is Salce Contracting's responsibility.

The Chairman said he was advised by Ret. Battalion Chief Healey that door sweeps can be obtained from Lowe's by someone from the Maintenance Department. Also, the drain in the decon room may also be done in-house.

Chairman Healy said the bracing for the counter in the watch office needs to be addressed. Salce Contracting has stated they will not fix the bracing. The Fire Department will look into fixing this item themselves.

Chairman Healy said the as-builts have not been delivered. Committee Member Jansen noted receiving the as-builts may not be possible as it is clear some of the subcontractors hired by Salce Contracting have not kept proper records. Committee Member Brennan commented the

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access panels will not be properly installed if the as-builts are not provided. Chairman Healy said nothing has moved forward on this issue since it was discussed at the last meeting.

The Chairman explained the call-for-aids are an outstanding issue. He said he discussed this with the Milford Building Inspector, who confirmed the required number of call-for-aids is three. Committee Member Corvino stated she believes Salce Contracting should have known the call-for-aids would be a code requirement. Chairman Healy said the Building Inspector saw the call-for-aids on several drawings.

Chairman Healy said Salce Contracting has requested additional money for the building signage installation.

Chairman Healy summarized by saying the City is waiting on a response from Salce Contracting to Attorney Donofrio's letter. He said the goal is not to owe Salce Contracting anything and to be able to backcharge on open items. He added the City will also explore if DeCarlo & Doll is responsible for any of the open items.

4. Altura Telephone Invoice

Chairman Healy explained to the Committee an email from Attorney Donofrio explaining the Altura Telephone issue. It states because the City of Milford holds the contract with Altura, Altura will not accept payment on the outstanding invoice from Salce Contracting. Chairman Healy said the payment to Altura Telephone will come out of the retainage fund. The total due is \$10,215.56.

Committee Member Brennan commented that because Altura is a city vendor, there is no way to compare pricing. Committee Member Bevan added the telephone system for the station needed to be compatible with the other systems around the city.

Committee Member Jansen inquired as to why Altura Telephone would not accept payment from Salce Contracting. The Chairman explained it is not in their practice to operate in that fashion. He reiterated the payment would either come out of the retainage or the City will backcharge Salce Contracting for the payment, as per advice by Attorney Donofrio.

Committee Member Toohey said as long as the payment is backcharged to Salce Contracting, she will have no problem approving the payment.

Committee Members Corvino and Bevan made and seconded a motion to approve and pay Altura Telephone the balance of \$10,215.56. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Adjournment

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Committee Members Corvino and Jansen made and seconded a motion to adjourn at 1855 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

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