

# **East Side Fire Station Building Committee Regular Meeting**

## **Fire Headquarters**

**72 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT**

**Wednesday, May 4, 2011**

### **Amendment**

#### **1. Report of Chairman**

Chairman Healy noted that the tank had to be moved over to the site from Headquarters had been moved again because the concrete slab it was sitting on and the three walls around it needed to be removed. The general contractor has given permission for Mallico Construction to go onto the site and remove the three walls. The Chairman added that Mr. Mallico estimated the cost to be about \$1000, and the job would be done on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Chairman also informed the Committee that the trailer is now set up on the site. Job meeting will be held every other Monday at 9:30 am, beginning May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Healy brought to the attention of the Committee an anonymous letter he had received addressed to him at Fire Headquarters. The letter was communication from Traveler's Insurance to the Stratford City Attorney regarding Salce Construction. The Chairman read the letter to the Committee. The information in the letter makes reference to pending litigation regarding paying subcontractors. Included on the letter was a handwritten note saying "buyer beware: Salce is trouble". The Chairman added he had contacted Milford's Purchasing Agent regarding this communication, and he was assured this litigation would have no effect on the Milford project. The Chairman also said that the bond company in the Stratford project is different than the one being used in the Milford project. The Chairman then said that he was very satisfied with the Purchasing Agent's response.

Committee Member Brennan noted that he verified through DeCarlo & Doll that the bond company being used in the Milford project is licensed in Connecticut. Committee Member Bevan suggested running a current credit check on Salce Construction, to which Committee Member Brennan agreed.

Chairman Healy notified the Committee that the first change order was needed. Six additional trees on the site need to come down at the estimated cost of \$7000. He also

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stated that the slope on the site drains very well, and a retaining wall might not be needed. In addition, the contract states that the general contractor is entitled to profit and overhead monies, although the contract does not state percentages. In this vein, several letters had been exchanged between DeCarlo & Doll and Salce Construction, coming to the conclusion that Salce is entitled to 15 percent profit and overhead in this change order, because of the use of a subcontractor; and Salce will receive 18 percent profit and overhead in future change orders when their own forces are used. The total estimated cost to remove the trees, including the profit and overhead charge, and the bond premium charge of \$121, is \$8171.

Committee Member Vetro suggested Milford Public Works remove the trees because the property is owned by the City. Committee Member Brennan informed him that while the general contractor is in charge of the site, he must give permission for any other company to do work on the site. Committee Member Toohey suggested leaving the trees on the site until the job is finished, and then have Milford Public Works remove them. Committee Member Brennan said the trees are very likely to fall into the construction area and it's best to remove them immediately.

Mr. Machado commented that the estimated costs for the tree removal are reasonable.

Committee Members Jansen and Corvino made and seconded a motion to pay \$8171 to have the six trees removed. Motion carried unanimously.

Amended by C. Birney