

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
TOWN OF LA GRANGE**

**Special Town Board Meeting
December 31, 2014**

Present: Supervisor Alan Bell
Councilman Joseph Luna
Councilman Gary Polhemus
Councilman Andrew P. Dyal

Absent: Councilman Edward P. Jessup

Recording Secretary: Christine O'Reilly-Rao, Town Clerk

Others Present: Wanda Livigni, Planning & Public Works

A special meeting of the Town Board was held on Wednesday, December 31, 2014, at 120 Stringham Road, Town of LaGrange. The meeting commenced at 10 am.

Supervisor Bell stated that the Board had previously authorized to go out to bid for front and rear vestibules for the building with an estimated cost not to exceed \$100,000.

Part of the bid process was a mandatory contractor meeting to discuss the proposed design of the vestibules. Ms. Livigni stated for the record that the firm from Yonkers came for the pre-bid meeting; however their bid, which was delivered by FEDEX, did not arrive until after the 11 am bid deadline. She added that she called the contractor and told him that the bid arrived late and was therefore not valid. In addition, she told the contractor that the estimated cost exceeded the Town's limit for the project. She subsequently discussed going out to bid again with the Supervisor, but not with the Town Board. The advertised re-bid did not change the scope of the project. She notified the contractor from Yonkers as well as Standard Glass electronically that the re-bid would be scheduled for December 22, 2014. Ms. Livigni stated that Standard Glass submitted a bid on December 22nd, adding that it was the only valid bid.

Supervisor Bell stated that he would prefer not to go out to bid again to avoid any additional expense. He added that the Board could vote to accept the second bid as valid. He added that the Board could also accept the first bid since it was received before the deadline for the re-bid.

Councilman Dyal asked if the estimates reflected prevailing wage. Mr. Bell replied that it did. Mr. Dyal asked about the potential savings related to the project over the course of three years. Mr. Bell stated that there is no way to anticipate the amount of savings, but the pay back would probably be more like 15 years rather than three years.

Councilman Luna stated that the new HVAC system is efficient, but it can't compensate for the lobbies. He added that it is not as simple as using a cost benefit basis for the project since the lobbies are too cold in the winter. Some offices have to keep their doors closed due to this problem.

Councilman Polhemus added that the vestibules would benefit the comfort of people in the building.

Councilman Luna stated that he was disappointed with proposed designs. He was not in favor of mullions (joints where windows are mullied or joined together) and would prefer a full sheet of glass.

Councilman Polhemus asked about the necessity of one inch glass in an unheated space. He suggested using less than one inch glass in order to save money.

Councilman Luna stated that he could contact American Heating & Cooling to get their professional opinion.

Councilman Polhemus stated that one of his concerns was that the Board did not receive copies of the proposed designs in order to review and discuss them. A discussion regarding various modifications to the designs followed. Ms. Livigni suggested awarding the bid and then doing a change order for any modifications. Supervisor Bell was not in favor of that idea.

Ms. Livigni asked the Board to vote to accept the second round of bidding. Councilman Luna moved to do so, seconded by Councilman Bell. The motion was carried by all.

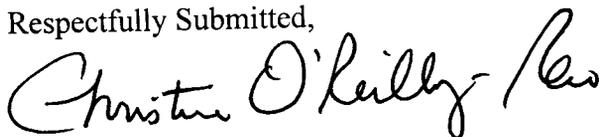
Ms. Livigni stated for the record that the Building Inspector had told her and that there were footings in the front of the building, so footing would only be necessary at the rear entrance.

Supervisor Bell asked how the Board could get information on the cost of the various design modifications which were discussed. Councilman Luna offered to sketch the ideas and provide them to Ms. Livigni. Ms. Livigni asked the Board to email her with any suggestions or questions regarding the project.

Councilman Polhemus stated that he agreed with Mr. Luna about the mullions since the building in which he works is plagued by leaks at these junctures. He asked about the necessity of providing an automated door at the rear entrance in order to comply with the Americans with disabilities Act. A discussion followed.

Councilman Polhemus, seconded by Councilman Dyal moved to adjourn at 10:40 am. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christine O'Reilly-Rao
Town Clerk