

**Germantown Hills Fire Protection District  
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**Special Meeting**

**March 9, 2020 6:00 p.m.**

**Germantown Hills Fire Protection District Board:**

**Present:**

Randy Nash, President  
Brian Christensen, Treasurer (electronic)  
Christopher Lee, Secretary

**Absent:**

**Officers also present:**

Chip Wilmot, Fire Chief  
Ed Madden, Asst. Chief

**Absent:**

Lonnie Beckwith, Asst. Chief  
Chad Dawson, Asst. Chief  
Ryan Williamson, Division  
Chief/Administrator

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call-** President Randy Nash called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and roll call was taken. The board agreed to let Brian Christensen attend the meeting by electronic means due to being away for work purposes.
2. **New Business**

**Discussion and awarding of parking lot improvements contract for the Maynard Durst Public Safety Building**

Sean Rennau from Austin Engineering was in attendance to discuss the bids that were received for the parking lot improvements. Aupperle was the low bidder for the 3 phases at \$215,400.75. Sean noted the bid included no exclusions or omissions and the bid met the required specifications.

Randy Nash discussed the bid. The board agreed there needed to be a pre-construction meeting with the contractor.

A motion was made by Randy Nash to award the parking lot concrete bid to Aupperle in the amount of \$215,400.75. The motion was seconded by Christopher Lee. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #1.**

**Discussion and possible action regarding opening sealed bids and review bids for a new ambulance EMT services contract.**

Randy Nash explained that he met with Chip Wilmot, Ryan Williamson and Randy Wolfe to discuss the EMT services bid. Randy Nash noted the current 5-year bid would require the Fire District to do a referendum down the road as the ambulance fund would not be able to support funding the proposed costs that are currently in the bid. Randy Nash noted there are a couple of options. One option would be to rebid with a shorter timeframe such as a one-year contract with a 2- and 3-year option. The other option is to investigate what it would cost to manage our own EMT service. This would also help us to have a good understanding of all of the costs.

Brian Christensen noted the Fire District can't commit to a 5-year contract because of the elevated costs and is concerned that if someone asked him about the administrative costs that he is able to know what those costs are. Brian indicated that no one questions the quality of service but it's the uncertainty of the long-term costs. The only option the Fire District has is to rebid for a shorter time frame.

Randy Nash asked Randy Wolfe to try and get more specific costs that make up the administrative portion of the contract as it's still not clear what the administrative fee is paying for. Randy Nash also questioned the mileage reimbursement as it hasn't been administered correctly and the Fire District needs to be getting their correct portion.

Randy Nash recommended a shorter time from with language to protect both entities for a reasonable amount of notice for an opt out period.

A motion was made by Christopher Lee to reject the current bid. The motion was seconded by Brian Christensen. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #2.**

The board discussed timing for the rebidding and the number of days for an opt out period.

A motion was made by Brian Christensen to rebid the EMT services contract for a 3-year contract with an opt out clause of notice within 120 days of the contract anniversary date each year. The motion was seconded by Christopher Lee. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #3.**

Randy Nash noted the Fire District values the relationship with Eureka-Goodfield but still struggles with an agency making a profit off another government agency.

3. **Meeting Schedule**-The next meeting is on April 7, 2020 at 6:00 pm.
4. **Adjournment**-A motion was made by Brian Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. The motion was seconded by Christopher Lee. All yeas and no nays. **Motion passed #4.**

Ann Sasso, Administrative Clerk