

**Independence Municipal
Utilities Authority**

A special meeting of the Independence Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Monday, **January 7, 2013**, at 8:00 PM, in the Municipal Building, 286-B Route 46, Great Meadows, New Jersey. Chairman Benjamin Dyer presided. Also present were Kim Best, Angelo Bolcato and Jay Woodruff.

Absent: Neil Stern.

The primary purpose of tonight's meeting was to discuss the bid openings for the Autumn Lane well project. The bid opening was held Friday, January 4, 2013 at 1:00 pm at the Independence Township Municipal Building.

There were a total of 4 bids received on Friday, January 4, 2013. The total bid amount for each bidder was as follow:

1.) CFM Construction, Inc..	\$241,800.00
2.) Coppola Services	\$242,795.00
3.) T.T. Weniger	\$254,900.00
4.) Ferraro Construction Corp	\$331,600.00

Ben stated there were 10 people that picked up the bid packet, but only 4 were received.

Angelo stated it may be possible to reject the bids since this is the second bid process we've done and negotiate with other contractors for a lower price. After some discussion, Ben called the engineer Will Selders, H2M Associates, to inquire if it is legal to reject the bids and negotiate with other contractors since this is the second time we have gone out to bid for this project and they exceed our estimate. Mr. Selders believes it is legal, but we should check with our attorney tomorrow.

Motion by Angelo Bolcato, seconded by Kim Best, to enter executive session at 8:40 PM to discuss the Autumn Lane project bids.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jay Woodruff, seconded by Kim Best, to return to regular session at 8:46 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Angelo Bolcato, seconded by Jay Woodruff, to reject all bids received Friday, January 4, 2013 for the Autumn Lane well project and after checking with our attorney, see is William Selders, H2M Assoiates Engineer, can negotiate on our behalf with other contractors or current/prior bidders to come up with a suitable cost. It was agreed that we would accept a negotiated bid that was no higher than 10% in excess of H2Ms estimated cost (i.e. \$200,000 + \$20,000 = \$220,000). If the negotiations are not to our satisfaction, we will rebid again.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment:

Motion by Angelo Bolcato, seconded by Kim Best, to adjourn at 8:49 PM.

Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernice Billings
Secretary