

Town Board Special Meeting
February 7, 2016
1:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Lanning, Councilor Brace, Councilor Howard, Councilor Badami, Councilor Coville.

Also Present: Sue Murphy, Gene LaForte, Courtney Alexander, Kerry Porter.

Resolution #16-37

C & S Proposal: Supervisor Lanning reported to the Board that he had met with Architect Andy Ramsgard on Friday at the Allyn Arena to discuss his generous offer to provide a planning proposal for the improvements to the arena's warming room and locker room areas. He stated that Andy Ramsgard would do this at no charge. Supervisor Lanning stated that this would be a \$5000 savings for the Town, since the cost of the C&S was \$5000, and Andy was willing to provide the Town with the same type of proposal.

Supervisor Lanning stated that Mr. Ramsgard assessed the walls in between the locker rooms at their meeting. Councilor Brace asked if he thought these walls were load bearing? Andy said that they were not load bearing, therefore they could be removed to enlarge the classroom space that the nursery school wanted. He also stated that he discussed bumping out the front office into the hallway rather than the front entrance area, with Mr. Ramsgard.

Councilor Brace asked if he would provide a code review and evaluation of the building that would be apples to apples to the C&S proposal. Supervisor Lanning stated that Andy would provide a plan and a sketch for the improvements.

Councilor Brace stated that this proposal needs to be in writing. It doesn't need to be an official contract but a signed letter of intent from Andy with what he is providing.

Courtney Alexander (Skaneateles Nursery School representative) stated she had a spoken with Andy Ramsgard and received an email. She read the following from his email:

"We can provide a plan with the preliminary measurements, initial floor plan, code analysis of upgrades and meet with the village.

My team also has the capability of writing the structural evaluation of the modifications, report and outline specifications of the schematic design that could be used to be incorporated as part of the package for review.

These are customary steps that we often perform in the schematic design to our clients for building evaluation, leasing or purchase.

If we met on Monday, to review your program the tasks can easily be completed by Friday the 12th.

As I expressed to you and our conversations I am a strong supporter of the SNS, and as such I am willing to donate my services to complete all these tasks in support of the program and a school in which my kids benefited greatly."

She stated she was comfortable with his proposal, but agreed it should be in writing.

Supervisor Lanning stated that he was going to meet at the Arena with Andy Ramsgard Monday morning. He stated that Andy would be able to provide the proposal by Friday to accommodate our time constraints.

Councilor Howard reviewed the C&S proposal. She stated that it sounds like Andy Ramsgard has covered what C & S has listed on their proposal.

Courtney Alexander asked the Board if they felt Andy Ramsgard's involvement would be a conflict of interest if he is elected to the Village Board in March. Councilor Brace stated that he should put the proposal in writing stating that he is working with the Town not the Village. And, if he does get elected then he would recuse himself from any votes or actions that the Village Board would take concerning the Nursery School at the Arena.

Supervisor Lanning stated that this would be more of a zoning issue for the Village and the Village Board would not be involved with zoning board issues.

Courtney asked if he did leave the project would he have to turn over the plans. She assumed that he would turn the plans over to the Nursery School or the Town.

The Board was in agreement that if there was any conflict, Andy would have to recuse himself.

The Board agreed that a more formal proposal was needed from Andy Ramsgard and they were thankful for his generous offer.

Supervisor Lanning said that he would contact Attorney Smith about a more formal agreement with Architect Andy Ramsgard.

On a motion of Councilor Brace, seconded by Councilor Howard and with unanimous (5-0) affirmation of the Town Board, the Town Board agreed to reject the proposal from C & S Engineering for improvements to the Austin Pavilion in the amount of \$5000 and accept Architect Andy Ramsgard's offer to review and produce a plan and sketches for the Austin Pavilion and the Skaneateles Nursery School at no charge, contingent on a written proposal from Mr. Ramsgard.

Resolution #16-38

Bid Proposal for Zamboni: Supervisor Lanning said that only one bid was received from the YMCA in the amount of \$525 for the Zamboni. He believes that the Town should advertise on multiple auction sites such as, EBay, Municibid and if Onondaga County has any program, for 45 days


On the motion of Councilor Coville, seconded by Councilor Badami and with unanimous affirmation (5-0) of the Town Board, it was agreed to advertise the Zamboni sale on multiple auction websites for up to 45 days.

Discussion about Civility and Decorum: Supervisor Lanning addressed the Board on the role of the Town Board and the audience at Town Board meetings. He stated that he would not tolerate any outbursts at any Town Board meeting.

Public Comments: Supervisor Lanning asked if anyone had any thoughts or comments. No one spoke.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Julie A. Stenger
Deputy Town Clerk