

# THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT # 3

Middlesex County, New Jersey

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Monroe Township Fire District # 3, advertised for bids in accordance with the New Jersey Public Contracts Law for the construction of a new Firehouse adjacent to the existing Firehouse at 359 Schoolhouse Rd, and

**Whereas**, a bid opening was held at the Firehouse at 16 Centre Drive on June 5, 2019 at 11 AM, and

**Whereas**, six bids were received ranging from a high bid of \$7,369,616 to a low bid of \$4,970,000, and

**Whereas**, Fire District # 3 had a bond referendum approved by the voters in 2018 for the sum of \$4,460,000 for the construction of the new Firehouse, which also was approved by the Local Finance Board of the Department of Community Affairs, and

**Whereas**, Fire District # 3 received a bond issuance in the sum of \$4,460,000 which it anticipated would be sufficient for the construction of a new Firehouse, and

**Whereas**, the low bid received on June 5, 2019 exceeds the budgeted amount for the construction of the new Firehouse by more than \$500,000, and

**Whereas**, the Board of Fire Commissioners anticipate that there will be cost overruns which it has been advised could range from 5% to 10% of the budgeted cost of the project, and

**Whereas**, the low bid received for the construction of the new Firehouse without any cost overruns is more than 10% more than what has been budgeted for the construction of the new Firehouse, and

**Whereas**, the Board of Fire Commissioners has directed its architect, Michael V. Testa, to revise the construction plans to lower the costs of the project to meet the District's budget for this project, and

**Whereas**, revising the construction plans may affect all of the bids received, and

**Whereas**, with revised plans it is prudent to rebid the project,

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, that the Board of Fire Commissioners directs Michael V. Testa, Architect, to revise the plans to lower the cost of the project, and

*Be It Further* resolved that in as much as the low bid exceeds the budget for the construction of the new Firehouse by more than 10%, that all bids be and are hereby rejected, and

*Be it Further Resolved* that after receipt of the revised plans from Michael V. Testa, Architect, that a bid advertisement will be made to rebid the project in accordance with the New Jersey Public Contracts Law.

Resolution

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Les Barta, Chairman

Date: