

STATE OF NEW YORK
ONONDAGA COUNTY
TOWN OF CICERO

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The Cicero Town Board held a special meeting on Monday, November 19, 2012 at 4:30 pm at the Cicero Town Hall, 8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, NY 13039.

Present: Jim Corl, Supervisor
Jessica Zambrano, Councilor
C. Vernon Conway, Councilor
Lynn Jennings, Councilor
Tim Burtis, Councilor
Tracy Cosilmon, Town Clerk

The meeting was opened at 4:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Corl stated that the Special Town Board Meeting was called for the purposes of awarding the trash contract by the Town of Cicero. Over the course of the last several months we published bids and worked with Onondaga County and since that time we've acquired additional information from the proposed bidders. A letter was sent out on October 19, 2012, via Deputy Supervisor Zambrano since that time we have received information from the bidders on the project, the ones that posted the necessary bonds. On Friday afternoon the last bidder submitted their information as requested. Since the weekend, I made available to all the town board members, a notice that the packets were provided by all the haulers and were available in his office on Friday afternoon. He told them if they would like to review them over the weekend to contact him and he would make arrangements for them to review them at the office. They were also available all day that day for all board members to review. All the board members have had an opportunity to review the packets provided. There was a proposed resolution circulated that afternoon.

Councilor Jennings stated for the record, that he wanted to thank Councilor Zambrano. They went over the proposals briefly. The responses and documents that were submitted had very little surprises to say the least.

Councilor Zambrano – Thank you

Supervisor Corl asked board members if they had any comments.

Councilor Burtis thanked Supervisor Corl and Councilor Zambrano for their good work. He appreciated it and thought that they service the town very well.

Councilor Zambrano stated that she was pleased with the specs that went out to bid because she thought that they were complete and addressed the kind of safety issues that the town has been interested in. She was very pleased with the quality of the proposal that went out.

Supervisor Corl stated that they looked at the safety concerns, and the bid specs did address various safety factors that the town has always had concerns with, along with driving records and safety factors; those were things that were included in the bid specs.

Councilor Zambrano said they had a number of complaints that went on record this year and she is looking forward to the opportunity to have some resolution to whatever complaints that they get in the future.

Whereas the Town of Cicero solicited bids for the Disposal of Refuse, Rubbish, Garbage and Recyclables for the Town of Cicero through the County of Onondaga dated August 14, 2012, and proposals for said services were to be returned to the County of Onondaga's Purchasing Department on September 17, 2012;

Whereas, bids were received from Fehr Rubbish Removal, Syracuse Haulers and Waste Management all of whom posted the necessary bonds with the County of Onondaga;

Whereas, by letter dated October 19, 2012 by Deputy Supervisor Zambrano, additional information was requested per the bid specification namely, specific information regarding vendor requirements set forth in the minimum specifications;

Whereas, such information was solicited in order to determine if the bidders on said contract were in fact 'responsible' under the terms and conditions of the bid requirements;

Whereas, each of the bidders provided information to the Town of Cicero, namely, Fehr Rubbish having submitted information on November 16, 2012, Syracuse Haulers having submitted information on November 5, 2012, and Waste Management having submitted information on November 2, 2012;

Whereas, in determining a lowest responsible bidder, the Town of Cicero included provisions in the bid specifications to ensure safety of the residents of Cicero such as requesting driving records, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration ratings, workers compensation information, registry of vehicles by the party's insurance carrier, references from local municipalities, and safety management programs followed by the bidder;

Whereas, in the previous 24 month period, the lowest bidder in fact had a reported a total of 10 crashes with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration while seven had injuries related to such crashes, the second lowest bidder in fact had only one crash in the same period of time;

Whereas, in the previous 24 month period, the lowest bidder in fact registered a 55.2% for Unsafe Driving Violations per the Federal Carrier Safety Administration ratings while the second lowest bidder received a 0% or 'no violations';

Whereas, the in previous 24 month period the lowest bidder in fact registered a 75.3% vehicle maintenance rating through the Federal Carrier Safety Administration and the minimum bid specifications issued by the Town specifically set forth that a vendor "must not exceed a rating of 70% on the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration – Safety Measurement System", while the second lowest bidder does not exceed said rating;

Whereas, the Town received a list of drivers that would be available to drive vehicles from each of the bidders, the lowest bidder provided said information however, under minimum specifications the Town required that no driver shall have a DWI or DWAI within the last 5 years; the lowest bidder did not meet said requirement as one driver had such conviction on 5/31/11, another driver had same conviction of a DWAI on 3/4/11;

Whereas, the Town received a list of drivers from the lowest bidder which consisted of ten individuals however, only six drivers abstracts were provided and the Town specifically requested "a list of all drivers that currently work for your organization", and the second lowest bidder provided a list of all 41 of their drivers of which only two had points on their license which were minimal in nature;

Whereas, the Town requested references from any municipal clients in Onondaga County and the lowest bidder provided only references (contact names) from two municipalities (namely the Town of Cicero and Town of Salina), and the second lowest bidder actually provided letters of recommendation signed by Mayor Mark S. Atkinson (Village of North Syracuse), Supervisor Edward M. Michalenko, Ph.D. (Town of DeWitt), Mayor Danny J. Liedka (Mayor of East Syracuse), Supervisor Damian M. Ulatowski, (Town of Clay) , and Mayor Mark L. Shepard (Village of Morrisville). – All letters are attached and made part of the record herein;

Whereas, the Town stresses the importance of safety thereby, in the minimum specification portion of the bid specification it states that the “vendor must submit their workers compensation rate and provide any and all safety programs and compliance of same”, the lowest bidder did not provide any such materials to the Town, while the second lowest bidder provided extensive information in this regard; furthermore, the lowest bidder provided information on one said driver, who has two seat belt violations (6/7/11) and (6/8/10), another driver also has an aggravated unlicensed operator 3rd conviction (9/28/11), and speed of 88mph in a 55 mph zone (6/7/11) besides the DWI / DWAI information outlined above;

Whereas, the Town requested a registry of all vehicles, ID numbers, with a listing from the insurance carrier of that organization, and the lowest bidder only provided a sampling of copies of insurance cards and registrations; whereby the second lowest bidder provided a complete list of all registered vehicles with verification that same is the list provided to the insurance company;

Therefore, the Town of Cicero hereby determines that the lowest bidder is not in fact ‘responsible’ under the terms and conditions of the bid specifications passed unanimously by the Town Board.

Councilor Zambrano moved for the adoption of a resolution to Award the Refuse and Garbage contract, per the terms and conditions of the bid specifications, to the lowest responsible bidder, Syracuse Haulers at an annual rate of \$1,652,230.00 per year.

Motion was seconded by Councilor Jennings.

Ayes- 5 and Noes- 0. *Motion carried.*

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Tracy M. Cosilmon
Town Clerk



October 25, 2012

Supervisor Jim Corl
Town of Cicero
8236 Brewerton Road
Cicero, NY 13039

Dear Jim,

Most recently, your township has been revisiting your trash hauler and requesting competitive bids for this service.

As the Mayor of North Syracuse, I wish to express that I, but most importantly the residents, have been more than pleased with the service and attention we have been given from Syracuse Haulers. Quite frankly, the residents have gained a noticeably neat service from them, without any of the complaints of missed debris, or garbage containers being tossed in a haphazardly fashion.

I would also like to mention the conduciveness to change the Main Street pickup to an earlier time (6 AM) so that the "unkept" look of Main Street on Friday mornings was only for a very short, minimal time frame.

Speaking as a taxpayer, the attention and service we receive from Syracuse Haulers has been most positive as we all care about the appearance of our community.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark S. Atkinson (MSA)".

Mark S. Atkinson
Mayor, Village of North Syracuse



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Dear Supervisor Corl,

Syracuse Haulers was a reliable contractor during their 4 ½ year tenure of refuse collection in the Town of DeWitt and recommend them as a supplier. Their service was efficient, which included providing multiple service level options for our residents. We did not receive many complaint calls from the residents and in instances where we had to call them, their response time was quick.

Should you have any questions, concerns or require further information, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Edward M. Michalenko, Ph.D.
Supervisor

Damian M. Ulatowski
Supervisor
Robert L. Edick
Deputy Supervisor



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November 1, 2012

Jim Corl, Supervisor
Town of Cicero
P.O. Box 1517
Cicero, NY 13039-1517

Re: Syracuse Haulers Waste Removal, Inc.

Dear Jim:

I am writing to let you know that the Town of Clay has previously had the pleasure of working with Syracuse Haulers for both the trash and brush removal contracts for the Town. They were awarded the contracts for both services and we were extremely satisfied with their operation.

We found Syracuse Haulers to be a professional, reliable and customer service oriented company. Rocky Grosso and his staff were always available to discuss and resolve any issues or concerns regarding trash and brush removal in the Town of Clay.

Syracuse Haulers are equipped with excellent, well maintained equipment, competent, courteous workers and a very efficient support staff. This is a first class waste removal company that I highly recommend for any size municipality.

The Town of Clay would be happy to resume a working relationship with Syracuse Haulers in the future. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need any further information.

Sincerely,

Damian M. Ulatowski, Supervisor
Town of Clay

DMU/db
cc: R. Grosso, Syracuse Haulers

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Chad Tolhurst

Patricia J. Derby, *Clerk*

October 31, 2012

Town of Cicero
ATTN: Supervisor and Town Council
8236 South Main Street
Cicero, NY 13039

RE: Syracuse Haulers

Dear Supervisor:

Since transferring the collection of garbage and recycling to a private contractor instead of municipal crews we have had four (4) different providers. Where all have done the job adequately and for less than the Village could provide the service, **Syracuse Haulers** was by far the best.

Their organization and management are exceptional. They took the burden off municipal employees not only for providing the service but also handling all complaints and notifications to residents. **Syracuse Haulers** is just a great company to work with – they know their stuff and the people truly care.

Should you have any further questions, comments or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Danny J. Liedka
Mayor

cc: Board of Trustees

VILLAGE OF MORRISVILLE

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November 2, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

Syracuse Haulers Waste Removal, Inc. has provided garbage and recycling services to approximately 300 locations within the Village of Morrisville since June of 1999. Their service has consistently been prompt, dependable and very cost effective. Additionally, the customer service provided by Syracuse Haulers is superior. They have always addressed any issues or concerns promptly and to our satisfaction.

In summary, Syracuse Haulers Waste Removal, Inc. has proven to be an efficient and professional company. It has been a pleasure working with the team at Syracuse Haulers and we offer this recommendation on their behalf.

Sincerely,



Mark L. Shepard
Mayor

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