

Construction Bids Opened for New Fire Station No. 1

The Mosser Construction Co., has submitted the lowest basic bid for the construction of the new No. 1 fire station in downtown Sylvania.

The company submitted a proposal of \$1.965 million during a bid opening at the Sylvania Township administration building. A total of 7 firms submitted bids.

John Zeitler, township administrator, said he was satisfied with the bids submitted.

He, Fire Chief Jeffrey Kowalski, and Joe Vetter, of the Vetter Design Group, architects for the project, will review all of the bids submitted before making a recommendation to the Sylvania Township trustees.

Mr. Vetter noted that there are certain alternative materials in the construction documents and other details which need to be reviewed before a decision is made.

The next two lowest bids are from the Spieker Co. \$2.044 million and Comte Construction at \$2.068 million.

The decision on which company gets the work is made by the trustees.

The job includes razing the current fire station at 6633 Monroe St. which is scheduled to begin in mid-March.

The firefighters and equipment will operate from a house donated by Lourdes University at the northwest corner of Brint and McCord roads.

The target date to complete construction and move to the new fire station in November.

Funding for the project comes from a 8.5 Million Bond issued to be passed by a levy that Voters approved in 2008.

Funds have been used so far to relocate and construct two fire stations, renovate a third and purchase 4 Fire Trucks.

After an allocation of \$150,000 for architectural fees, Mr. Zeitler said there is slightly more than \$2 million remaining.

He noted that the township had budgeted \$200,000 for land purchase to be used if a different location had been chosen for the new station. He said the money could be used for any contingency in the construction, if necessary.

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