

From: Bill & Sue
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 3:55 PM
To: LDF Town Clerk
Subject: LDF Fire/Ambulance building bid

LDF Town Board members Matt Gaulke, Chris Meyer and Gloria Cobb
I ask that this be read first under item 8 on the agenda dated January 29, 2020

There is no doubt in anybody's mind that something needs to be done to increase size, efficiency and safety of operations for the fire department and the ambulance department. After 7 to 10 years of mulling over what different avenues may be addressed and taken, you have received bids that are showing extreme overrun costs above what has been proposed and approved by the electors in April amounting to something in the range of 35% or more over the budgeted amount. You will hear suggestions from people to remove THIS and THAT to reduce the costs but all you're doing is building a cheaper building that may fail to meet your future needs. What I am asking is that you table all bids and take no action - form a 4 person committee to look at this again. This committee would consist of a ranking resident LDF Fire Department person, a ranking resident LDF Ambulance person chosen by each department and 2 two resident LDF citizens chosen by the Town Board. This would be a voluntary committee that would report back to the town board at a monthly regular town board meeting on its progress, unless needed otherwise, and shall suggest to the town as how to move forward before or no later than the last scheduled town board meeting in June of 2020. After waiting 7 to 10 years to get this far, I find no reason to believe that a small delay will but only enhance a better future for the fire department, ambulance department and the town of LDF and continue to see money well spent and not squandered.

advance, Bill McCutchin

Thanking you in