

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS HOPEWELL BOROUGH DISTRICT NO.1**

**RESOLUTION 16-40**

**AWARD OF CONTRCT TO ROSENBAUER MINNESOTA, LLC FOR PURCHASE OF  
RESCUE/PUMPER APPARATUS**

**WHEREAS**, the Hopewell Borough Fire District No. 1 is authorized pursuant to NJSA 52:34-6.2(b)(3) to use a nationally recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit within any state when available; and

**WHEREAS**, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (“HGAC”) is a nationally recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing contracting unit within the State of Texas that utilizes a competitive bid or competitive proposal process in awarding contracts for fire apparatus, among other goods and services, and is authorized by Texas law to extend its contracts to local government units nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution dated October 14, 2015 the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 (“Board”) approved the fire district’s participation in the HGAC cooperative purchasing program and thereafter entered into an Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing with HGAC for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, through the HGAC cooperative purchasing contract FS-12-15 the Board received information and pricing on a rescue/pumper fire apparatus manufactured by Rosenbauer Minnesota, LLC, 5181 260<sup>th</sup> Street, Wyoming, Minnesota 55092; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board also sought pricing for the same apparatus manufactured by the same vendor pursuant to State Contract awarded by the New Jersey Division of Purchase and Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the price of the apparatus through HGAC is roughly 3% less than that available through NJ State Purchasing contract and HGAC; and

**WHEREAS**, there are significant time and cost savings to be realized by not having to pursue independent procurement through the preparation and dissemination of specifications, proposal review and comparison, and contracting process, as well as savings through HGAC’s administrative services and streamlined payment process; and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase and financing of the apparatus was approved by the Hopewell Borough voters at the fire district’s budget referendum held in February, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1 has agreed to participate in the purchase of the apparatus pursuant to a Shared Services Agreement between the Hopewell Borough and Hopewell Township Fire Districts and has obtained approval of the Hopewell Township fire district voters to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Fire District has certified that sufficient funds are included in the Capital Appropriations section of the Fire District’s 2017 Budget, scheduled for voter approval in February, 2017, for a \$90,000.00 down payment on the apparatus; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 9, 2016, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey granted its approval of the down payment and a lease-purchase finance plan for the balance of the purchase price of the apparatus, contingent on voter approval of the fire district’s 2017 budget.

**IT IS RESOLVED**, that:

1. The Board shall publish and post on its website a Notice of Intent to Award a Contract under a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for the manufacture and purchase of an aerial fire apparatus.
2. The Board shall consider and address any reasonable comment presented within the time period set forth for public comment in the aforementioned Notice of Intent.
3. If no comment is received within the stated time, or if the Board determines and documents that a comment does not call for reconsideration of its intent to award a contract through the HGAC national purchasing cooperative, then
  - a. Pursuant to NJSA 52:34-6.2(b)(3), the Board hereby authorizes an award of contract for the manufacture and purchase of a rescue/pumper fire apparatus to Rosenbauer Minnesota, LLC (Blaze Emergency Equipment Company, sales representative), in the amount of \$648,598.00, provided that the contract, if executed prior to voter approval of the fire district's 2017 fire district budget, shall be contingent on the receipt of that approval.
  - b. Pending voter approval, the Board authorizes the payment of a \$90,000.00 down payment on the purchase of the apparatus should it deem it advisable to do so;
  - c. The Chairman is authorized to execute and the Clerk to attest to the proposed contract, which contract shall be available upon request for public examination at the office of the fire commissioners.
4. If the Board determines that a public comment received within the time set forth in the Notice of Intent merits reconsideration of the award of contract contemplated in this Resolution, the contract shall not be awarded until such time as the matter is addressed by the Board and a new Resolution passed.

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chairperson Morehouse	X			
Commissioner Bovenizer				X
Commissioner Davies	X			
Commissioner Evans	X			
Commissioner Myers	X			

Gregory Davies  
Secretary  
November 9, 2016

