



FIRING RANGE BUILDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, January 14th, 2025

Members Present: **Councilman Vinnie Loffredo, Chairman**
Chief David Albert – Fire Dept.
Councilman Darnell Ford
Chief Erik M. Costa – Police Dept.
Maryann Serra
Barbara McAuliffe

Members Absent: **Councilman Jonathan Pulino**
Joe Bibisi

Staff Present: **Howard Weisberg, Acting Director – Public Works**

Guests Present: **None**

1. Meeting Called to Order

- Chairman Vinnie Loffredo called Meeting to Order at 4:00.

1. Approval of Minutes

- November 12 minutes approved.

3. Public Comment Opens

None

4. Old Business

- SIM building certificate of occupancy on hold awaiting fence completion, survey, zoning sign off and building final inspection.
- Turning target system is fully functional
- Future meeting with Water to discuss future relationships and site enhancements.
- Noise issue – Police will schedule a noise study this coming week to investigate to determine if sound exceeds 55 decibels. Field meeting notes were included from January 2023 field meeting. As per prior discussions, there are many factors involved in the noise measurements. Locations were identified for noise studies to be consistent with prior reports. 90 Pashley, 487 and 241 Higby, which were ones that were in excess of 55 decibels, with an anticipated reduction of 11-15 decibels through implementation of the noise control measures. Need to determine if there are specific pieces of equipment and/or procedures that are resulting in louder than average noise.

- “2.3 Backstop and Containment
- The effectiveness of the sound containment will be measured at fixed distances from the range and must measure 55 decibels or below at residences near the range.” was deleted to state that “TRS will construct sound mitigation as designed. No specific sound levels are guaranteed.”

5. FBI Reimbursement Status

Nothing to report. All submitted reimbursements have been received, including Invoice Application 14.

6. New Business

Noise reduction discussion ensued. TRS built to design recommendations. All reasonable care was taken to ensure that design criteria could be met. Building an outdoor noise containment facility higher than what was built would be extremely difficult.

CONTRACT CLOSEOUT AND RETAINAGE RELEASE

TRS requesting partial retainage release due to survey not being completed. Requested partial release. Purchasing verified that contract closeout documents were included. Full retainage release on phase 1 and 75% on phase 2. \$121,084.97 release requested.

Councilman Loffredo was concerned that sound testing had not been done, so he was not comfortable with any retainage release. After some discussion, the retainage release was not brought forth.

Additional mitigation as needed if the noise studies indicate that the decibel levels are outside of the specified range, as the project was built to recommendations from prior studies.

7. Meeting Adjourned

Councilman Loffredo made a motion, seconded by Chief Costa. All were in favor and there being no discussion or objection, motion passed.

Next Firing Range Building Committee Meeting is a Special Meeting Tuesday, December 10th, 4:00 P.M at Police Department 2nd Floor Conference Room, and Webex.

**TO LISTEN TO THIS MEETING IN ITS ENTIRETY, PLEASE VISIT THE
FOLLOWING WEBSITE:
www.cityofmiddletown.com**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica DiPasquale
Recording Secretary