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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eric Traub, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Edward P. Pluciennik, PE, Township Engineer
Joann Ma, Project Manager 

DATE: September 11, 2018

SUBJECT: Fire Station Exterior Capping & Painting (Various Locations)
Bid Review / Award Recommendation
LMT Contract No. 4405-18-20



As requested, we have reviewed the following bid submitted by Donald E Reisinger, Inc, the only bidder, for the above referenced project and are herewith providing our recommendation for award.

Base Bid	\$ 83,022.78
Contingency	\$ 2,286.00
Total (Base Bid + Contingency)	\$ 85,308.78

We find the total price bid of \$85,308.78 to be unreasonable for the items of work required. This total amount exceeds our cost estimate of \$60,000 by \$25,308.78 or 42%. Our estimate was prepared by using nationally accepted estimating standards and local knowledge of construction costs of similar projects.

Since there was one bid submitted, we have little basis to support a recommendation to award the contract. Therefore, we recommend not awarding this Contract at this time and to rebid the project at later date after we review the scope of work and special conditions for potential modifications to increase bidders' interest and obtain more competitive bids.

We trust that this memorandum adequately addresses this matter. As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or if you wish to discuss any of the above.

cc: Ernie B. McNeely, Township Manager
Chas McGarvey, Chief Fire Officer

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