

# UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY

## BOARD WORK SESSION

June 13, 2016

**PRESENT:** W. Miga, B. Dieffenbacher, K. Miga, K. Battaglini, B. Bealo

**NOT PRESENT:** C. Hoyt,

A conference call was held with Don Carpenter from UP State Tower regarding the cell tower project:

- It will be a self-supported, self-contained, three-legged, triangular tower with no guidewires. Height is subject to the zoning process, but the goal is to have a 160-foot tower. It will be 14 feet at the base, tapering to 4 feet at the top.
- There will be a leased 50 ft. x 50 ft. fenced compound. The first tenant company to use the tower uses outdoor cabinets on a concrete pad. Each subsequent tenant will have a sublease area and will build its own pad.
- UP State Tower will install master power (600 amp) and multimedia backboard. Power is usually below-ground, but this also can depend on the power company. Preference can be put in the lease (we would prefer below-ground power and told Don this). Below-ground power is actually easier for UP State. Future tenants would run 200 amp service from the master board in the compound. Once the tower is up, we will not have to worry about any future overhead lines being installed.
- Don has not spoken to the zoning people yet. The company usually has attorneys make the actual zoning application and there is an attorney in Binghamton who will probably handle the application.
- Tenants usually say that they service their equipment about once a month, but Don says it is most likely not that frequent. UP State goes once a month to check the equipment as the tower owner. Once the tower is completely full of tenants, there is not a lot of reason to visit the site. All the equipment is automated and very low-maintenance. Someone will be hired to plow the site in the winter who works for UP State.
- In response to the question as to whether the County would be able to install a transmitter and microwave on the UP State tower, the answer is YES. They would be happy to work with Broome County and Don is sure they could find room on the tower for anything the County needs. The design for loading the towers is pretty conservative and Don is sure that there is some reserve. The proposal mentions five tenants and Don was asked if the County would be one counted as one of these tenants. He said that

they could design it for five tenants plus the County, depending on how much equipment the County wants to put on the tower.

- He was asked if we would be involved in the zoning process; he said NO, UP State would be responsible for getting all of the necessary things completed. They always welcome any help, but it is not mandatory. It also couldn't hurt if we were to attend the zoning meeting.
- We asked for \$500 per month/tenant with a 3% annual escalation and \$2000 sign-on bonus. Don will take this proposal back to UP State and see what they say. He will let Wes know what UP State has to say about this.
- If anything else comes up, we can e-mail Don or call him.

Because of the state class that is scheduled for July 11th at Station 1, we decided that we will have to move the monthly meeting to Station 2. Ken will provide chairs and Chinese food.

Karen will send a thank-you note to the Little League team and will ask for a schedule for next year so that we might be able to attend a game or two.

No, at this point we have no plans to sell the EMS to Maine EMS; there has been no discussion about this whatsoever.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen S. Miga*

