

MIDDLETOWN

Supervisors seek bids on fire, rescue building

Construction could start in November.

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Fire and ambulance service in the northern part of Middletown should soon get a boost with the planned construction of substations for the Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company and Penn-del-Middletown Emergency Squad.

The township supervisors voted to go out to bid on the estimated \$2.7 million project at their Tuesday night meeting after a presentation from architects Joe Phillips and Jim Linske of George J. Donovan & Associates of Bedminster.

The new building, to be constructed on a 3-acre piece of the township-owned Styer property on Langhorne-Yardley Road, would house both the fire and emergency squad substations.

Phillips said a bid could be awarded as soon as Nov. 13. If that happens, construction could start in November or December and take about 12 months to complete, he estimated. The pace of construction would depend on the severity of the winter, Phillips added.

Environmentally friendly construction techniques and materials will be used whenever possible on the project, he said.

Going out to bid was approved by the supervisors in a 3-0 vote with one abstention. Robert McMonagle, Jasper Caro and Diane Marseglia voted yes. John J. Kelly III abstained because he owns a landscaping company and has done work for the emergency squad. Chairwoman Lisa Pflaumer was absent from the meeting.

Money for the fire-rescue substations is coming from a \$10 million bond issue approved by the supervisors last year.

There are also plans to eventually build a salt storage building and garage for the township public works department on the Styer land.