"Opinion" on Columbus Budget

It has come to my attention that the Columbus town board has approved the higher of 2 bids - \$15,000 higher - for ambulance service in town and also give the losing service \$23,000 for "various and sundry services" to help ease their pain. So now Columbus taxpayers are coughing up \$38,000 for high-paid ambulance service and who knows what (?) yet cannot afford to budget sufficient money to attract experienced and competent highway workers to staff the Columbus Highway Department. Now I'm not an accountant nor do I have, or claim to have, experience in Town finance, But there is an "overpowering stench" to all this nonsense. Is it time for State auditors to come to Columbus?

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