

A special meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors took place virtually using the Zoom platform. The virtual meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Members of the Board present were:

Adam Selisker  
Eileen Silver  
Dr. Kimberly Rose  
Frank O'Donnell  
Barry Moore

Others present were:

Robert Pellegrino, Township Manager  
Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor  
Dean Carr, McMahon Associates, Inc.  
Joseph DeSantis, McMahon Associates, Inc.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Selisker led the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence in support of military and emergency services personnel.

### **CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Selisker asked anyone wishing to comment since there is such a small group of attendees to raise their hand instead of emailing their comments.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Re-Consider Bids for Sidewalk and ADA Improvements Along Second Street Pike (SR0232) and Newtown Richboro Road (SR0332)**

Mrs. Silver stated bids were opened by McMahon Associates on February 16, 2021, for the Richboro Sidewalk Project. The project consists of installing Richboro 2000 style sidewalks on certain properties along Second Street Pike where none currently exist to improve pedestrian safety and walkability in the downtown area, consistent with recommendations in the Richboro Village Master Plan.

The Township received four bids for the project as follows:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Option Bid</b>	<b>Total</b>
G&B Construction Group, Inc.	\$475,210.00	\$151,182.50	\$626,392.50
Ply-Mar Construction Co, Inc.	\$524,526.00	\$127,518.00	\$652,044.00
T. Schiefer Contractors, Inc.	\$627,781.00	\$181,476.00	\$809,257.00
Road-Con, Inc.	\$808,063.49	\$210,837.50	\$1,018,900.99

Based on the Township Manager's recommendation and that of our Traffic Engineer, McMahon Associates, the Board awarded a contract to the low bidder, G&B Construction Group, Inc. at its meeting on March 28, 2020. The Township was subsequently contacted by Mr. Robert Korn, Esquire, attorney for the second low bidder, Ply-Mar Construction Co, Inc. challenging the bid award because the Township's bid specifications required bidders to be PennDOT Certified Prime Contractors. G&B Construction Group is a PennDOT Certified Sub-Contractor.

While we believe the Township has every right to waive the requirement for a bidder to be a PennDOT Certified Prime Contractor, since it is not a PennDOT requirement or a requirement of the State Grant Program funding \$500,000 of the project cost, the Administration believes it is prudent for the Board to rescind the bid award to G&B Construction Group, reject all bids, and authorize re-bidding of the project. We also believe it is advisable to amend the Township bid specifications to allow both PennDOT Certified Prime Contractors, and PennDOT Certified Sub-Contractors to submit bids for this work.

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Rose) to rescind the bid award to G&B Construction Group, Inc., Willow Grove, PA in the total estimated bid amount of \$626,392.50, based on unit pricing, for installation of sidewalks along certain portions of Second Street Pike and Newtown-Richboro Road, to reject all bids for the sidewalk improvement project, and to authorize the Township Administration to re-bid the project.

Chairman Selisker called for Board comment.

Mrs. Silver asked for clarification on the Board's right to rescind bids. Mr. Pellegrino stated under the Second Class Township Code the Board reserves the right to reject bids if it is believed to be in the best interest of the Township and is stated at a public meeting the reasons for rejection and shall be noted in the minutes.

Chairman Selisker called for public comment. None was heard.

**Motion Passed 5-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Selisker called for public comment. None was heard.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Frank O'Donnell, Secretary