

The stated meeting of the Public Works Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Hecker presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners HECKER, ROTHMAN, ZAPPONE, BOWMAN, BRODSKY

Township Manager MANFREDI
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE

Also Present: Commissioners LUKER, KLINE, SANCHEZ, DiPLACIDO, GILLESPIE, SCHREIBER, SPIEGELMAN, MYERS, VAHEY, THOMPSON

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Rothman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Bowman to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2018 Public Works Committee Meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

PRESENTATION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item PW-01-051018:

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Zappone to approve contract with McMahon Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$25,500.00 for Traffic Engineering Design Services at Fitzwatertown Road and Woodland Road/North Hills Avenue intersection improvement project for the 2016 cycle award of the Green Light Go Grant; and authorizing Township Manager to execute the contract and related documents.

Commissioner Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Kline said there is a County Transportation Program (CTP) in which Montgomery County is looking to partner with municipalities who are receiving PennDOT Green Light Go Grants and he suggested that the Township apply.

Commissioner Hecker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Item PW-02-051018:

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Rothman to establish a possible Mill Road Sewer District project and to authorize the Solicitor to prepare the necessary documents and the Township Manager to execute the appropriate documents.

Commissioner Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Hecker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Item PW-03-051018:

Commissioner Hecker said this is to consider a motion to appoint:
McMahon Associates as the Primary Traffic Engineer and;
Traffic Planning and Design as the conflict traffic engineer and;
Pennoni Associates as reviewing traffic engineer for Traffic Safety matters and;
BCM Engineers for stormwater management and;
Boucher and James Consulting Engineers as general consulting engineer and conflict
stormwater management engineer.

All firms' rates are to be no greater than the rates provided in Exhibit 1: Approved
consulting engineer's firms' rates.

Commissioner Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Zappone questioned whether he needs to recuse himself from voting on
this matter as he is currently working with Pennoni Associates on a large project.

Solicitor Clarke replied if any compensation is being received from Pennoni or the vote
will in any way result in financial benefit or if a family member will receive financial
benefit, then Commissioner Zappone should recuse himself, but if not, he can vote on it.

Manager Manfredi said this is to affirm how this has been done in the past with the
exception of adding Boucher and James as general consulting and adding that BCM
would also provide general consulting.

Commissioner Myers said in regards to Pennoni's engineer covered by a grant, when Township staff needs to consult with that engineer, the Township is not being charged for it. Is that correct?

Manager Manfredi replied initially, that will be the process, but if something more is needed such as someone else from Pennoni coming out to the site, then they will need to be paid for that service.

Commissioner Myers clarified that the process is to first consult with the engineer at Pennoni covered by the grant, but if another engineer from Pennoni needs to be consulted with, then payment will be needed for that service. Is that correct?

Manager Manfredi replied that is correct.

Commissioner Hecker clarified that as noted in Exhibit 1 Pennoni was the only firm requesting a standardized rate increase. Is that correct?

Manager Manfredi said yes, and if this proposal is successful, Pennoni will either accept it or not.

Commissioner Hecker asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern that she feels "we will lose the option to bid."

Commissioner Hecker said this is setting rates for professional services that the Township pays for as listed in Exhibit 1 as opposed to going through a bid process.

Manager Manfredi replied there is no requirement to go out for bid for professional services. These rates are being capped, but there is no indication that the Township would not seek competitive proposals.

Commissioner Kline said in a fair amount of cases fees being charged by engineers will be paid by developers of the project under the land development agreement.

Commissioner Rothman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Bowman to appoint McMahon Associates as the Primary Traffic Engineer and; Traffic Planning and Design as the conflict traffic engineer and; Pennoni Associates as reviewing traffic engineer for Traffic Safety matters and; BCM Engineers for both stormwater management and general consulting and; Boucher and James Consulting Engineers as general consulting engineer and conflict stormwater management engineer.

All firms' rates are to be no greater than the rates provided in Exhibit 1: Approved consulting engineer's firms' rates.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Hecker asked for any general comments relating to Public Works. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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