

The stated meeting of the Public Works Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Rothman presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:11 p.m.

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

Township Manager MANFREDI
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Director of Public Works PONTELANDOLFO/BARRON

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Rothman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Bowman to approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting minutes of December 5, 2018.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

PRESENTATION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item PW-01-021419:

Commissioner Rothman said the following item will be discussed tonight, but will be moved forward for a vote at next week's Board meeting, which is to consider a motion to award Kuharchik Construction as the lowest responsible bidder and to authorize the Township Manager to execute the contract in the amount of \$208,274.90 for construction of roadway and intersection improvements at Mt. Carmel Avenue and North Hills Avenue as set forth in the bid specifications. He called on Manager Manfredi.

Manager Manfredi explained that this item was placed on the agenda this evening for procedural reasons as the bids were scheduled in such a way that we would not have the bids back in time at least one week in advance. So by doing it this way, we would not lose a month of time as well as take advantage of pricing and the committee does not need to act on it this evening. This item will be presented to the full Board next week more accurately.

Mr. Angelo Pontelandolfo added that this is for the North Hills/Mt. Carmel Avenues project and the bid came in at \$346,778 and we adjusted it down to \$208,274.90 and the remaining work will be done by in-kind services. This intersection is in dire need of this work that includes new signalization; new overhead; new street markings and realignment of the road that will alleviate a lot of problems.

Mr. Barron added that the concrete work was removed from bid quote because it will be done in-house.

Commissioner Rothman asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Thompson said this is a very tricky intersection in Ward 6 that has been troublesome for awhile with sight distance issues expressed by residents, and he asked for the Board's support when this comes for a vote next week.

Commissioner Rothman asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, questioned whether it was a "closed" bid.

Mr. Barron replied this was a public bid held online.

Manager Manfredi clarified that it was not an auction bid; it was a public bid in accordance with requirements of the law, so it was an open, public bid.

Commissioner Bowman clarified that the competitors do not get to see each other's bids. Is that correct?

Manager Manfredi replied that is correct.

Item PW-02-021419:

Commissioner Rothman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Brodsky to adopt Resolution No. 19-005 authorizing the execution of a 2017 Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Grant Project Funding Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation and authorizing the Township Manager to execute all documents to this grant. He called on Mr. Pontelandolfo.

Mr. Pontelandolfo said this is for the intersection of Edge Hill and Susquehanna Roads upgrade, but no aligning of the intersection will be done.

Commissioner Rothman asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Bowman asked will this be added to the Red Light Enforcement Program?

Mr. Barron replied no, but because the Township takes part in the Red Light Enforcement Program, we were able to apply for the ARLE grant.

Commissioner Spiegelman thanked the Board in advance for their support as these upgrades are very much needed at this intersection.

Commissioner Gillespie asked who controls the lights at that intersection because those lights are challenging during business hours.

Mr. Pontelandolfo replied PennDOT provides the timing and arrows of those lights at that intersection.

Manager Manfredi clarified that it is grant funds through ARLE (Automatic Red Light Enforcement) program.

Commissioner Rothman asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, questioned the amount of funds the Township gets from the Red Light Enforcement Program.

Manager Manfredi replied the police department has those numbers.

Commissioner Spiegelman added that amount that the Township receives varies and only those who participate in the ARLE program are eligible to apply for certain grants.

Vice President Kline clarified that the ARLE program is open to every municipality in the entire State and not just municipalities that have red light cameras.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – general matters relating to Public Works: None.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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