

The stated meeting of the Public Works Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Rothman presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 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,
THOMPSON, GILLESPIE, WINEGRAD, SCHREIBER,
DiPLACIDO, VAHEY, SPIEGELMAN, MYERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Rothman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Bowman to approve the Public Works Committee Meeting of May 1, 2019 subject to review by the Manager regarding possible discrepancy at the end of the meeting minutes.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

PRESENTATION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item PW-01-061319 – Reject the 2019 Landscape Maintenance bid proposal, amend the bid document to be re-bid through December 31, 2021:

Commissioner Rothman called on Manager Manfredi.

Manager Manfredi explained that bids were sent out and one was received. Bid spec was not up to Township standards, so instead of a one-year bid, we included additional items within that bid spec through 2021.

Commissioner Rothman asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Myers asked when will the Board see the new bid spec?

Manager Manfredi replied if not at the July Board meeting, then in August.

Commissioner Myers questioned whether the re-bid will be sent out to more contractors.

Manager Manfredi replied the re-bid will be advertised to anyone interested and we will notify the contractor who provided the bid that it was rejected and that it is being re-advertised.

Commissioner Gillespie clarified that the bid was sent out to more than one contractor. Is that correct?

Manager Manfredi replied it was advertised in one newspaper.

Mr. Angelo Pontelandolfo added that we had a pre-bid meeting where more than one contractor attended, but they did not submit an actual bid.

Mr. Barron noted that it was mailed out to six local companies in this area prior to the pre-bid meeting.

Vice President Kline questioned what was done differently with this bid spec than in the past.

Manager Manfredi replied there was a procedural defect in the bid process and it would not be appropriate to award the bid.

Vice President Kline clarified that Biase was awarded the project in the past. Is that correct?

Mr. Pontelandolfo replied yes.

Solicitor Clarke agreed that there was a defect and this bid cannot be awarded and needs to be re-bid.

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Brodsky to reject the 2019 Landscape Maintenance bid proposal, amend the bid document to be re-bid through December 31, 2021.

Commissioner Rothman asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern that she feels “there have been bid irregularities in the past.” What was the bid defect?

Solicitor Clarke replied it was not advertised in a proper newspaper of general circulation.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – general matters relating to Public Works:

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked if the “incorrect minutes” were addressed.

Commissioner Rothman replied we did not determine them as correct or incorrect. We passed them subject to Manager Manfredi’s review of the resident’s comments.

Ms. Lehmann expressed concern that she feels there was “testimony overtly eliminated from the Public Works meeting minutes.”

Commissioner Rothman replied he did not ‘overtly eliminate’ anything and that will be appropriately addressed in accordance with the laws that the Township abides by.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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