

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MAY 23, 2019**

The special meeting of the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building, 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, PA 18064.

Chairman, Randy Heard, called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

ROLL CALL:

The following Supervisors answered roll call: Chairman, Randy Heard, Vice Chairman, Glenn Borger, Joyce Lambert, Jane Mellert, and Stephen Hurni.

Also present were Administrative Assistant, Paige Stefanelli and Township Manager, Tom Petrucci.

I. TOWNSHIP MANAGER–THOMAS PETRUCCI:

1. Review/Consideration of Bids Received: Grand Central Road Bridge Replacement (Bid Opening Date – May 17, 2019 via PennBid Program):

Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, stated that the bids were opened/unsealed on May 17, 2019 at approximately 3:15 P.M. via the PennBid system. The bids were read aloud at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building. The Township received three bids from CMR Construction, E.F. Possinger & Sons, Inc., and Bi State Construction Co., Inc. All necessary documents to complete the bid package were provided. Mr. Petrucci added that the Township has received total grant funding for this project in the amount of \$253,000.00. The following is a bid tabulation report regarding the three bids that were received:

Plainfield Township- Grand Central Road Bridge Replacement- PemBid Pricing Form Tabulation
 Letting of May 17, 2019 at 3:15 PM

eBid eXchange Export
 Solicitation: Northampton County Grand Central Road Bridge Replacement - REBID
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Number	Internal Ref. Number	Type	Description	Unit Of Measure	Quantity	E.F. Possinger and Sons, Inc.	CMR Construction	Bi State Construction Co., Inc.
1	ES-1	BASE	Compost Filter Sock (18")	LF	65	\$1,411.80	\$559.00	\$695.50
2	ES-2	BASE	Compost Filter Sock (24")	LF	135	\$2,188.35	\$1,451.25	\$1,957.50
3	ES-3	BASE	Compost Sock Washout	EA	1	\$852.00	\$750.00	\$1,550.00
4	ES-4	BASE	Stream Diversion - Cofferdam	LS	1	\$37,032.00	\$29,350.00	\$21,100.00
5	ES-5	BASE	Turbidity Barrier	LF	170	\$6,230.50	\$2,550.00	\$2,550.00
6	ES-6	BASE	Pumped Water Filter Bag	EA	1	\$598.00	\$350.00	\$1,550.00
7	ES-7	BASE	Protective Fence - Wetlands	LF	80	\$464.80	\$300.00	\$1,020.00
8	ES-8	BASE	Wood Matting - Wetland Crossings	LF	40	\$1,899.20	\$800.00	\$6,000.00
9	ES-9	BASE	Rip-Rap Apron (R-6)	SY	60	\$6,618.00	\$3,600.00	\$5,520.00
10	ES-10	BASE	Erosion Control Matting (NAG S-75)	SY	20	\$425.00	\$280.00	\$100.00
11	ES-11	BASE	Seeding Mulching	SY	520	\$691.60	\$650.00	\$1,560.00
12	SS-1	BASE	Precast Concrete Arch Bridge and Wingwalls, 5'x24', 30' long	LF	30	\$118,238.10	\$129,000.00	\$144,600.00
13	EW-1	BASE	Selective Tree Removal	EA	3	\$4,880.01	\$2,460.00	\$4,800.00
14	EW-2	BASE	Clearing and Grubbing	LS	1	\$5,679.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,200.00
15	EW-3	BASE	Saw Cut, Pavement Removal Excavation	CY	285	\$3,394.35	\$7,980.00	\$11,400.00
16	EW-4	BASE	Rock Removal Excavation - Class 4	CY	40	\$10,660.00	\$14,000.00	\$10,400.00
17	EW-5	BASE	Excmg Bridge Demolition	LS	1	\$9,763.00	\$41,000.00	\$15,500.00
18	EW-6	BASE	Fill and Compact Road and Embankment	CY	240	\$15,535.20	\$3,840.00	\$20,640.00
19	EW-7	BASE	Common Borrow Excavation, Source Fill Material	CY	180	\$6,359.40	\$4,050.00	\$11,160.00
20	EW-8	BASE	Stockpile Place Streambed Material (6" depth)	CY	7	\$4,020.03	\$1,498.00	\$1,750.00
21	EW-9	BASE	Furnish and Place Topsoil (4" depth)	CY	56	\$3,973.76	\$1,904.00	\$3,920.00
22	EW-10	BASE	Unsuitable Subgrade	CY	5	\$1,153.00	\$425.00	\$1,225.00
23	EW-11	BASE	Geotextile (for Unsuitable Subgrade)	SY	10	\$1,246.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
24	RC-1	BASE	Milling Bituminous Pavement, 1.5" Depth	SY	312	\$5,959.20	\$4,296.24	\$4,992.00
25	RC-2	BASE	Fine Grade Road Subgrade	SY	355	\$1,576.20	\$1,065.00	\$3,017.50
26	RC-3	BASE	5"-2A Stone Sub-base	SY	334	\$3,633.92	\$1,670.00	\$5,845.00
27	RC-4	BASE	4"-Superpave AMD, 25mm Base Course, PG 64-22, 0-0.3 mESALS	SY	311	\$8,440.54	\$9,858.70	\$10,729.50
28	RC-5	BASE	2"-Superpave AMD, 19mm Binder Course, PG 64-22, 0-0.3 mESALS	SY	288	\$6,168.96	\$6,900.48	\$7,257.60
29	RC-6	BASE	1-1/2"-Superpave AMD, 9.5mm Wearing Course, PG 64-22, 0-0.3 mESALS, SRL M	SY	591	\$7,523.43	\$10,277.49	\$10,933.50
30	RC-7	BASE	Line Striping	LS	1	\$825.00	\$850.00	\$2,550.00
31	RC-8	BASE	Guiderail	LF	194	\$30,795.56	\$26,190.00	\$28,130.00
32	MDM-1	BASE	Mobilization / Demobilization	LS	1	\$16,256.00	\$21,450.00	\$16,400.00
33	MC-1	BASE	Remove Replace Stream Gauge	LS	1	\$176.00	\$300.00	\$1,100.00
34	MC-2	BASE	Reset Post Mounted Signs, Type E	EA	8	\$360.00	\$480.00	\$1,600.00
35	MC-3	BASE	Bulk Cement Concrete, Class A	CY	10	\$2,311.00	\$2,650.00	\$4,500.00
101	ALT-1	ADD	Architectural Surface Treatment Staining	LS	1	\$17,985.00	\$12,985.00	\$26,000.00
102	ALT-2	ADD	Powder Coated Guiderail	LF	194	\$16,443.44	\$40,740.00	\$46,948.00

Total-Base Bid	\$327,338.91	\$338,385.16	\$371,453.10
Total-Base Bid with Alt 1	\$345,323.91	\$351,370.16	\$397,453.10
Total-Base Bid with Alt 2	\$343,782.35	\$379,125.16	\$418,401.10
Total-Base Bid with Alt 1 and Alt 2	\$361,767.35	\$392,110.16	\$444,401.10

A full page size of the Bid tabulation report is attached hereto and is incorporated herein as though more fully set forth at length as "Exhibit A".

Township Manager Petrucci indicated that the Board of Supervisors must decide whether to award the Total Base Bid, the Total Base Bid with Alt 1 (for an architectural surface treatment staining) the Total Based Bid with Alt 2, or the Total Base Bid with Alt 1 and Alt 2.

Township Engineer, Mike Kukles, noted that both of alternative options provided do not hold much significance from a longevity and structural standpoint. The remaining items are more visual in nature as far as aesthetics go. Mr. Petrucci noted that his only concern with the powder coated guiderail is the corresponding maintenance cost. Having the powder coat would add to the overall cost of the structure over time, and this maintenance product would not be readily available for use by local Township personnel

forces. Additionally, he has personally witnessed powder coating issues where oils are on the metal prior to the surface having powder coating applied. This can cause defects over time. Supervisor, Jane Mellert, noted that she is in agreement with the stone aesthetics of the bridge but does not believe a powder coat would be the best option for the future.

ACTION: Motion was made by Stephen Hurni and seconded by Jane Mellert to award the Grand Central Road Bridge Replacement Project bid to E.F. Possinger & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$345,323.91 which includes the Base Bid (Bid Items 1-35) and ALT-1 (Bid Item 101). Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public. Motion approved. Vote 4-1 with Chairman, Randy Heard, Jane Mellert, Joyce Lambert, and Stephen Hurni in favor and Vice Chairman, Glenn Borger opposed.

2. Review/Consideration of Proposals Received/Awarding of Contract: Request for Proposals (RFP) for Plainfield Township Act 537 Official Plan Update:

In response to the Act 537 RFP, the Township has received four proposals via the PennBid system. Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, Supervisor, Jane Mellert, and Supervisor, Joyce Lambert, conducted interviews with the firms who submitted proposals. After scoring those proposals and conducting interviews, it is recommended that Plainfield Township award the contract to Entech Engineering, Inc. (Ott Consulting is a subcontractor). Mr. Petrucci added that this process will take approximately 1 to 1.5 years to complete. The final product would then be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) and the PA DEP would approve the plan if the Township's Act 537 was deemed in compliance and financially feasible.

Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, noted that the Belfast and Sullivan Trail Corridor is the known area of the Township where there have been sewage system malfunctions. The other goal of the plan is to preserve the Township of its rural character. Mr. Hurni questioned the reasoning for the surveys included on the bid. Mr. Petrucci noted that this is a requirement of the PA DEP. Door to door surveys or mailers will be conducted.

ACTION: Motion was made by Chairman, Randy Heard, and seconded by Joyce Lambert to award the Plainfield Township Act 537 Official Plan Update professional engineering/planning services consulting contract to Entech Engineering, Inc.. (time and materials cost of \$102,750.00) with Ott Consulting, Inc. as a subcontractor), subject to Entech Engineering, Inc. executing a Professional Services Agreement with the Township in a form that is acceptable to the Township Manager and the Township Solicitor. Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public. Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

3. Consideration of Conditional Approval: Grand Central Sanitary Landfill, Inc. pH Adjustment 900 square feet Land Development Application:

Township Engineer, Mike Kukles, stated that Grand Central Sanitary Landfill, Inc. has submitted a Land Development Application for a pH adjustment building which will be 900 square feet. The applicant presented their application to the Planning Commission in March. There was an issue identified in the landowner notification process. Mailers were sent out again and the Planning Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the plan with a Conditional Preliminary/Final Approval. Representative, Tom Pullar P.E. of EarthRes Engineering, provided a short presentation for the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the applicant. He noted that this application was an internal recommendation and they are attempting to make the area better and have a more efficient process. This was not requested by the PA DEP. The plans for this project show grading, location, etc. The building will be comparable to the other buildings on site. Individuals on site have already met and spoke with Emergency Management Services.

This building is meant to even out the pH of the leachate before the treatment process especially during changes of weather and temperature. This building will also allow for a quicker turn-around time. Currently, Grand Central Sanitary Landfill, Inc. has 40,000 gallons of leachate a day. If they exceed the permitted about allowed on site, the remaining leachate will be hauled off site. With this new proposed building, the applicant will still work within the limits of what is currently permitted by the DEP.

Mr. Kukles stated that one of the waiver requests was regarding improvements of the road. He added that being that this is an active site, he did not feel that the slope delineation was necessary for this proposal. Resident, Mr. Mark Ambrose questioned if there have been any recent DEP permit violations with respect to discharge. Mr. Pullar noted that there were no violations, however, there was a minor situation last summer with respect to the second leachate area. This situation was addressed immediately and rectified. Resident, Millie Beahn questioned if the discharge into the stream will change/increase based on the proposed building. Mr. Pullar noted that there will be no changes. Township Engineer, Mike Kukles, reviewed the waiver requests with the Board as follows:

- §22-503.2.A – The Overall Site Plan (C-02) is presented at a scale of 1"=200', which requires a waiver for plan scale. We have no engineering objection to a waiver of this section provided the entire boundary of the subject property is clearly shown and dimensioned and the Applicant requests the waiver in accordance with §22-107.2.

ACTION: Motion was made by Joyce Lambert and seconded by Jane Mellert to approve the waiver request from §22-503.2.A. Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public. Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

- §22-503.6.B(1) – Slope ranges shall be delineated on the plans by shadings or markings. The Applicant may wish to request a waiver of this requirement as a large portion of the site is not natural grade due to the existing use. Due to the minor nature of this proposal and being a re-development, we have no engineering objection to a waiver of this section.

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ACTION: Motion was made by Joyce Lambert and seconded by Chairman, Randy Heard, to approve the waiver request from §22-503.6.B(1). *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public. Motion approved. Vote 5-0.*

Numbers 33 and 34 were redacted by Mr. Kukles from the review letter.

- §22-602.2.A – The plans are labeled as ‘Preliminary & Final Land Development Plan’. A waiver is required to permit the plan to be processed as both a Preliminary Plan and a Final Plan. As long as the information required for both Preliminary and Final are shown clearly on the plans and the Applicant requests the waiver in accordance with §22-107.2, we have no engineering objection to the granting of this waiver.

ACTION: Motion was made by Jane Mellert and seconded by Chairman, Randy Heard, to approve the waiver request from §22-602.2.A. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public. Motion approved. Vote 5-0.*

- §22-1004.3.B – Where a subdivision or land development abuts or contains an existing street of inadequate right-of-way width, additional right-of-way width and widening of the cartway shall be required in conformance with Table 22-1004.1, ‘Plainfield Township Standard Roadway Dimensions,’ and §27-405 of the Zoning Ordinance. This provision shall not apply to state highways, unless the dedication or widening of the cartway is required by PennDOT. Since the proposed building is internal to the existing landfill and access will be provided by existing routes, the Planning Commission may wish to discuss roadway improvements to provide a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

ACTION: Motion was made by Chairman, Randy Heard, and seconded by Joyce Lambert to approve the waiver request from §22-1004.3.B. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public. Motion approved. Vote 5-0.*

Number 48(c) was also redacted from the review letter by Mr. Mike Kukles. Additionally, Mr. Kukles pointed out under Zoning §27-319.4.A, he improperly stated the Zoning Hearing Board and he has changed the name to the Board of Supervisors.

ACTION: Motion was made by Joyce Lambert and seconded by Stephen Hurni to approve the Grand Central Sanitary Landfill, Inc. pH Adjustment Building Land Development Application conditional upon compliance with all conditions as set forth in Ott Consulting, Inc.'s Review Letter dated April 11, 2019 with noted redactions and corrections, Owner Signature, Notarization, and Fire Department and Emergency Management Coordinator Approval. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

CITIZEN'S AGENDA/NON-AGENDA:

1. Mark Ambrose- Mr. Ambrose stated that over the course of a few years, they had stray bullets impact his home three times. He noted the most recent situation was this past Sunday. He met with police on Monday and the police found there was a bullet that went into the side of the home. The bullet was a higher caliber bullet and if there wasn't enough layers, it would have been able to go through drywall. Mr. Ambrose noted that the situation is now becoming very unsafe. He added that he does not have an issue with individuals shooting and doing target practice, but regulations need to be implemented to protect nearby property owners. Chairman, Randy Heard, questioned if Mr. Ambrose knew the locations of where the bullets were coming from. Mr. Ambrose is unsure of where the bullets specifically came from, but all instances were from a different direction.

Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, noted that there are no local Township regulations currently in place regarding this matter. He added that the Township reviewed this matter thoroughly several years ago, and it was clear that Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regulations preempted the Township. Solicitor Backenstoe studied this issue thoroughly in the past, but since then, laws may have changed. Laws previously in place specifically prohibiting the Township from adopting any ordinances regulating firearms and the use of such at the local level. Further, the statutes provided a mechanism where any individual or organization aggrieved by an adopted local firearms ordinance would have the ability to recover all damages and associated legal costs of filing an appeal. Mr. Petrucci will research the matter to see if any of the laws have changed.

2. Alice Friend- Ms. Friend resides at 5866 Sullivan Trail. Her neighbors are the Daumer's and the Curry's. She noted that she currently has an application that has

been submitted for the Planning Commission's review. She is in the process of altering lot lines in order to fix the deeds that are currently existing. Ms. Friend added that the current deeds do not match the property boundaries.

Ms. Friend stated that there is a regulation within the Zoning Ordinance that requires the installation of a buffer because the driveway would be less than 10 feet from the side yard property line. She is not interested in placing a buffer as she appreciates the open space. The adjoining owners agree that they do not want the buffer. She questioned whether the Board has any authority on waiving this requirement from Zoning. Township Engineer, Mike Kukles, stated that there is a reason this provision has been put in place. Chairman, Randy Heard, stated that the Board does not have authority to overturn Zoning Regulations. Township Manager, Tom Petrucci, will contact the Township Solicitor in order to determine whether this would be considered grandfathered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board of Supervisors held an executive session from 8:30 P.M. 8:40 P.M to discuss matters relating to personnel.

ACTION: Motion was made by Joyce Lambert and seconded by Stephen Hurni to extend conditional offers of seasonal employment to three (3) individuals (Tyler Keifer, Garry Shafer and Alex Borger) for the summer of 2019 only (May to September, 2019) and to not exceed 30 hours per week- subject to a favorable background check and pre-employment drug screen. *Prior to the vote, Chairman, Randy Heard, asked if there were any comments from the governing body or the public.* Motion approved. Vote 4-0-1 with Chairman, Randy Heard, Jane Mellert, Joyce Lambert, and Stephen Hurni in favor and Vice Chairman, Glenn Borger abstaining.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

1. *Glenn Borger, Vice Chairman-* No Report
2. *Joyce Lambert-* No Report
3. *Jane Mellert-* No Report
4. *Stephen Hurni-* No Report
5. *Randy Heard, Chairman-* No Report

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Joyce Lambert to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. Vote 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci, Township Manager/Secretary
Plainfield Township
Board of Supervisors

These minutes were prepared with the assistance of the Administrative Assistant of the Township, Paige Stefanelli, under the direction of the Township Manager/Secretary.