

Myerstown, PA
Thursday, August 13, 2015

President Bryan L. Rittle called the advertised special meeting of the Myerstown Borough Council to order at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, August 13, 2015. The meeting was held in Borough Council Chambers in the Myerstown Municipal Center, 101 East Washington Avenue, Myerstown, PA 17067.

Present were: President Bryan L. Rittle, Vice President Michael D. Behm, Vince Podolski, Jeffrey L. Thomas, Dana Reich, Keith Fox, Mayor Gloria R. Ebling, Wastewater Department Supervisor Barry A. Ludwig, Deputy Secretary Lisa A. Brubaker and Manager Christopher J. Moonis. Absent was: Councilmember Park W. Haverstick, II

The special meeting is being held to review with the intent to award the bid for the ADA Ramps, Concrete Sidewalk and Curbing for the Broad and Cherry Street Road Project.

The Manager requested an executive session be held later in the meeting.

The bids were received and opened today, August 13, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. A bid tabulation sheet has been prepared for review. The Manager has reviewed the bids, and so will the Engineer. The Manager asked if there is any action on this bid that it is subject to any review or discrepancies from the Engineer.

The bidders were as follows:

Heim Construction Company, Inc.
Pottsville, Pennsylvania

Doug Lamb Construction, Inc.
Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

The bid tabulation sheet was reviewed. The lowest bidder is Doug Lamb Construction with a bid of \$290,350.00. The Engineer expressed to the Manager that the bid is within the expected total.

The Manager stated we were expecting to use funds from Lebanon County CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) however the problem is none of the ADA Ramps are compliant. The State has denied the request for the funds to be used on this project.

Downside is, the Borough will now have to appropriate the funds for the repair project. Upside is, the CDBG funds can be re-appropriated towards another project within the Boroughs Low Mod District. The Lebanon County Commissioners would have to review and approve the project being requested for the re-appropriation of funds.

The CDGB funds can be used on any project that benefits a certain census track within the Borough. There are two census tracks in the Borough. The East side of town, North to South, is classified as low to moderate income by the census tracks. The West side of town, North to South, is not a low to moderate section. So the CDGB funds could be used in the low to moderate designated area to benefit the residents that live within that area and no income surveys may be required because of the census track low to moderate designation. Anytime a roadway is upgraded the law requires the ADA Ramps be made compliant with the ADA standards at that time.

The Council President asked if the funds could be redirected to the Broad and Cherry Street paving project. The Manager stated he was not sure but timing could be the issue. He will make a call to ask the question and find out.

The Manager is recommending the Council approve the bid from Doug Lamb Construction but not accept the Alternative Bid for item number A and B. The Manager would like to contact the local contractors to complete the sidewalks and curbs to the properties that the owners have ignored their completion letter from the Borough. The Manager believes the borough will get a much more competitive price per linear foot and square prices than if we use Doug Lamb Construction for that work.

The Manager does not feel there are many property owners who have not complied. We just cannot exceed the State bidding threshold total of \$19,400.00 so we do not have to get another bid.

The Manager provided a chart outlining all of the costs for the whole project. The chart shows the Managers recommendation as to what fund accounts to use to pay for the project. The Council agrees with the recommendation of payment as presented by the Manager.

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A motion was made by Jeffrey L. Thomas, seconded by Vince Podolski, to award the bid to Doug Lamb Construction, Inc. for the bid of \$290,350.00 and eliminate the Alternative Bid for item number A – concrete curbing and B – concrete sidewalks from the contract. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.

Ronald Ream was present to ask how soon the contractor would start the ADA Ramps. He was holding off on doing the repairs at 130 S. Cherry Street because of the ADA Ramp slope. The Manager stated as soon as the contractor documents are in place they will be starting. The contractor is in between jobs and is ready to go, so it will happen quickly.

The Borough Council recessed the regular meeting and entered into Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The Borough Council returned from Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. reconvening the regular session and resumed consideration of and action on the regular meeting agenda.

The Council President asked if there were any additional comments for the good of the borough. Seeing none, a motion was made by Keith Fox, seconded by Jeffrey L. Thomas, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Without objection, meeting adjourned.

Lisa A. Brubaker
Deputy Secretary

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