

BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
Mayor & Council
Special Meeting
June 25, 2015

Meeting Location: Highlands Fire House, 17-1 Shore Drive, Highlands, NJ 07732

Mayor Nolan called the meeting to order at 7:04 a.m.

Mrs. Cummins read through the following statement: As per requirement of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231. Notice is hereby given that this is a Work Shop/Regular Meeting of the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Highlands and all requirements have been met. Notice has been transmitted to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times. Notice has been posted on the public bulletin board.

Mayor Nolan asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Card, Mr. Redmond, Ms. Ryan, Mrs. Kane-Wells, Mayor Nolan

Absent: None

Also Present: Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk
Tim Hill, Borough Administrator
Bruce Padula, Borough Attorney

Other Resolutions Agenda:

R-15-137 – Resolution Awarding Contract for the Community Center Rehab Project:

Mrs. Cummins read the title of R-15-137.

Mr. Padula reviewed the winning bid and all is satisfactory.

Mr. Card stated that he is concerned about the impact this will have on our bonding ability for future bonding and FEMA's slow payback process.

Mrs. Cummins said that we already have the bond.

Mr. Hill explained that we are also working with FEMA and they spoke about helping us with potential advances. FEMA wants to get projects closed out.

Table had a brief discussion.

Mr. Hill will speak with Mr. DeBlasio about FEMA's payback process and report back to the council.

Mr. Card inquired about the fast track pay back of the 90%.

Mr. Hill explained that he spoke with FEMA directly about our overall projects. The final payment could be 90 days.

Mrs. Cummins explained to Mr. Card that if he has question to not hesitate to call before a meeting.

Ms. Ryan explained that once the contract is awarded, we will automatically of a payment option set up by our FEMA team.

Mr. Hill will not start the payback process until the vendor is paid and they see a good start to the project. He further explained.

R-15-137
RESOLUTION
AWARDING A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE
ROBERT D. WILSON COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands has advertised for bids for the Rehabilitation of the Robert D. Wilson Community Center in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law; and

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WHEREAS, the following four (4) bids were received and reviewed by the Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Bid Amount</u> |
|--|---------------------|
| Santorini Construction, Inc. | \$706,000.00 |
| Structure Concepts | \$823,000.00 |
| TCI Construction & Management Co. | \$824,000.00 |
| Brennan Brothers Contracting | \$879,000.00 |

; and

WHEREAS, the Santorini Construction, Inc., appears to be the lowest responsible bid ; and

WHEREAS, certification of funds is hereby made by the Chief Financial Officer that funds are available in the municipal bond ordinance adopted for said purpose:

Bond Ord. O-13-29 \$706,000.00

Patrick DeBlasio, CFO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands that the contract for the Rehabilitation of the Robert D. Wilson Community Center Project is hereby awarded to Santorini Construction, Inc., in the sum of \$706,000.00.

| | INTRODUCED | SECONDED | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-------------------|------------|----------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| CARD | | | x | | | |
| KANE | | | x | | | |
| REDMOND | | x | x | | | |
| RYAN | | | x | | | |
| NOLAN | x | | x | | | |
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| ON CONSENT AGENDA | | | YES | x | NO | |

R-15-138 – Resolution Awarding Contract for the Shore Drive Phase II Project:

Mrs. Cummins read the title of R-15-138.

Mayor Nolan asked if anyone had any questions.

Mr. Padula stated that they are certified.

R-15-138
RESOLUTION
AWARDING A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT THE IMPROVEMENTS TO SHORE DRIVE – PHASE 2 PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands has advertised for bids for the Rehabilitation of the Improvements to Shore Drive Phase 2 Project in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the following two (2) bids were received and reviewed by the Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Bid Amount</u> |
|--|---------------------|
| Fiore Paving Co., Inc. | \$233,000.07 |
| Jads Construction Company, Inc. | \$235,886.50 |

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; and

WHEREAS, the Fiore Paving Co., Inc., appears to be the lowest responsible bid; and

WHEREAS, certification of funds is hereby made by the Chief Financial Officer that funds are available in the municipal bond ordinance adopted for said purpose:

Bond Ord. _____ \$233,000.07

Patrick DeBlasio, CFO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands that the contract for the Shore Drive Phase 2, Project is hereby awarded to Fiore Paving Co., Inc., in the sum of \$233,000.07.

| | INTRODUCED | SECONDED | AYE | NAY | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|-------------------|------------|----------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| CARD | | | x | | | |
| KANE | | x | x | | | |
| REDMOND | | | x | | | |
| RYAN | | | x | | | |
| NOLAN | x | | x | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| ON CONSENT AGENDA | | | YES | x | NO | |

Public Portion:

Barbara Ianucci of 28 Shrewsbury Avenue questioned the fiducial due diligence for the Community Center repairs. She spoke of using local contractors would be less costly. She questioned the flood insurance premiums for this building.

Mr. Padula stated that we can't just pick a local contractor. We still have to bid, no matter what. The pay rate the contractor pays is set by statute. They have to pay prevailing wage. They have to pay union labor.

Barbara Ianucci spoke about volunteers doing the work instead of involving FEMA and T&M doing the process for us.

Mr. Hill added that any local contractor could have submitted a bid.

Barbara Ianucci questioned flood insurance rates.

Mr. Hill explained stated that we continually look at the flood insurance programs. He further explained.

Barbara Ianucci continued to question lifting the building in the future and to reduce the flood insurance.

Barbara Ianucci continued to discuss various ways to lessen the cost of insurance in the long term with the council regarding the Community Center and other projects in town.

Mayor Nolan added that he is glad that we have professionals for the project.

Mayor Nolan offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Kane- Wells and all were in favor.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:19 a.m.

Debby Dailey, Deputy Clerk