

Continued Meeting of California Borough Council, July 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Vice President Alfano called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Alfano, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Glab, Mrs. Gutosky, and Mayor Stetar

ABSENCE: Mr. Bittner, Mr. Encapera, and Mr. Mariscotti

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MR. ALFANO

AWARD BIDS FOR MISC PROJECTS

Mr. Eby stated there was an error on their bid of a \$1.20 original bid was \$460,236.20.

BASE BID

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to A Folino at a cost of \$460,237.46 contingent on review and approval of paperwork by the Solicitor duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

The base bid is sewer on Union, Storm water on Liberty from First to Second and two manholes on Wood Street. Mr. Eby then explained the alternate bids Alternate #1: Mr. Eby stated this is doing the sewer line past Second Street and up to Third Street on Union and Liberty Streets. Alternate #2: Mr. Eby stated his is picking up sewage for three houses off of Highland Drive and bringing them down to the line on Route 88. Mr. Difilippo stated these three houses are included in PA Small water grant. Mr. Eby stated that is correct. Mrs. Gutosky asked if all the right of ways have been obtained. Mr. Eby stated he gave them to Tom to have them prepared. Mr. Eby stated it is all staked and flagged and he has spoken with all homeowners involved. Mr. Difilippo asked if we waited on voting on Alternate 1 and 2 until all of council is here would that be okay? Mr. Eby stated yes. Mr. Eby stated the biggest thing with Alternate #2 is we applied for the PA Small Water Grant which they were supposed to award in July however they are now not awarding until mid-September. He stated if we get the grant and move a shovel full of dirt prior to being awarded the grant we cannot be reimbursed. Mr. Eby stated the bidder is aware that he cannot begin alternate #2 until after the awards of the grants are announced and is okay with that as long as he is awarded it. Mr. Eby stated one of the homeowners was skeptical of getting sewage. Mr. Glab stated if it runs within 150 feet of his house his mandated to take it. Mr. Eby stated that is correct. Mr. Glab asked when they would start construction on the base bid. Mr. Eby stated they have to get the bonds, order the materials so mid-August then probably a week and a half on each road. Mr. Glab stated so even if we don't award Alternate 1 and 2 it's not a big deal. Mr. Eby stated Alternate #2 isn't a big deal but Alternate #1 he's going to want to know if he's doing one block or two blocks of each roadway so he can get the pipe ordered accordingly. Mr. Glab stated he's going to be here until the beginning of September anyhow. Mr. Eby stated probably with the paving and everything till mid-September. Mr. Glab stated so we can award #2 in September. Mr. Eby stated he doesn't think the contractor would appreciate or hold his numbers if we say we're going to give it to you then may take it back. Mr. Eby stated if you award everything now then he can get all the materials ordered and pay for one mobilization. Mr. Alfano asked when are we expecting to hear about the grant. Mr. Eby stated they are telling him mid-September but if you reward it the contractor may start all the projects a week later so he's still here to pick this one up. Mr. Alfano stated we sure don't want these guys here in mid-August working on sewer lines and things. Mr. Eby stated they're going to be here anyway it's already the third week in July. Mr. Glab stated it has to be done one way or another so is there a way we can do it contingent on hearing from the grant.

ALTERNATE #1

Mr. Eby stated it is bringing Union sewer line up to third instead of stopping at Second St. and Storm water on Liberty Street up to Third instead of stopping at Second St.

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to award Alternate #1 to A Folino at a cost of \$272,086.43 contingent on review and approval of paperwork by the Solicitor duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

ALTERNATE #2

Mr. Eby stated you are doing the project either way so we can award it but hold off starting until after the PA Small Water grant has been awarded.

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to award Alternate #2 to A Folino at a cost of \$88,893.47 contingent on review and approval of paperwork by the Solicitor and the contractor not starting until the awards of the PA Small Water grant are announced duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

APPROVE SWIF AS WORKER COMP CARRIER - \$136,150.00

Mr. Alfano stated we have a received a quote from SWIF in the amount of \$136,150.00 for Worker's compensation insurance.

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to pay \$136,150.00 to SWIF for worker's compensation insurance policy duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mrs. Gutosky asked if the accident at the school is what caused the loss ratio to rise and why don't we ask for half from them if they always want half from us.

BOROUGH ENGINEER – STEVE EBY

Mr. Eby passed out a report and a proposal from State Pipe Services with the results of them running a camera through the line on First Street. He reviewed the report with council and the proposed cost to slip line the storm line from the manhole all the way to the outfall at the river is \$832,000.00. He stated theoretically it is the borough's responsibility whether the railroad wants to get involved due to their tracks over it he's not sure. Mr. Agrafiotis stated this is over the bidding threshold. Mr. Eby stated he'd need to put it out for bid but this is just a proposal to show you what they camera'd and what the results are. He only knows two companies in this are that could do it. Mr. Eby stated the railroad can get notified and see if they want to contribute something toward it. Mr. Difilippo asked him to see what he could find out. Mr. Eby stated we can wait on this until the next meeting and he'll talk to the railroad and show them the tape and see if they want to be involved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – MR. AGRAFIOTIS

Mr. Agrafiotis stated he revised the zoning ordinance and gave it to Mr. Petro. He stated the borough had three stale cases in Washington County that would be terminated the end of this month and he reviewed all three and there is no need to renew those at this time. He stated there is a zoning hearing board meeting this Thursday at 6:00 for the Cal U scoreboard and electronic sign. He's not planning on attending.

NO OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE GIVEN

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Difilippo asked Ms. Evans who is working with the insurance company on Mrs. Miller's claim. Ms. Evans stated Dr. Martin has been following that. Mr. Difilippo stated well this needs to be resolved and what Dr. Martin has been telling him our insurance people are saying is not what her people are telling him. Her people have been telling him that our insurance company has had the adjusters report for over six weeks. He wants a letter from our carrier explain why they are not going forth with this and taking care of this one way or another. This woman hasn't heard anything in 4 or 5 months. Ms. Evans stated our insurance company keeps giving us the same answer that he's still waiting on the numbers from Mrs. Miller. Ms. Evans stated she will email and call him requesting a letter tomorrow. Mr. Difilippo stated she said she's moving back in. Her and her son went in and cleaned again after the restoration company and she's purchased a new washer and dryer and a new furnace.

NEW BUSINESS

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

MR. MADDIEX

Mr. Maddiex announced the next Planning Commission date.

MR. VITCHOFF

Mr. Vitchoff asked what alleys are in the paving project. Ms. Evans stated the list is on her desk and he can get a copy after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to adjourn the meeting passed with all members present stating aye.