

**POCONO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28th, 2010 10:00 A.M.**

A Special Sewage meeting of Pocono Township Supervisors was held on September 28th, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in the Pocono Twp. Municipal Building, Tannersville, Pa. Jane Cilurso, Chairwoman, opened the meeting, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMMENTS RE RESIDENTS: Chairwoman J. Cilurso noted that each visitor has the right to comment at this time or before any action is taken on the matter.

ROLL CALL: Jane Cilurso, present; Harold Werkheiser, present, and Frank Hess, present.

Timothy McManus, Twp. Solicitor; Pamela Finkbeiner, recording secretary, and Russ Scott, RKR Hess Associates, Inc. were present.

BUSINESS OF MEETING:

- A) Snow Plow Bid - J. Cilurso opened and read aloud the 2010-11 Snowplow bid from 11/01/10 through 04/15/11 on an on-call basis and acceptance of the bid.

BIDDER	TRUCK# 1 Per Hour Rate	TRUCK #2 Per Hour Rate	BID BOND
H & W Tree Service	\$115.00	\$100.00	Yes
Arthur Silfee	\$150.00	\$150.00	Yes

H. Werkheiser made a motion, seconded by F. Hess, to award the 2010-11 Snowplow bid from 11/01/10 through 04/15/11 on an on-call basis to H & W Tree Service at a cost of \$115.00 Per hour rate- Truck #1, \$100.00 Per hour rate - Truck #2; with condition the non-collision affidavit is notarized. Roll call vote: J. Cilurso, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

- B) 2010 Skid Loader - Purchase of a 2010 Skid Loader in the amount of \$53,568.50 from Medico Industries, Inc.

H. Werkheiser a motion, seconded by F. Hess, to purchase the 2010 Skid Loader in the amount of \$53,568.50 from Medico Industries, Inc., with financing through FNB Commercial Leasing, with payment to begin in January, 2011. Roll call vote: J. Cilurso, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

- C) Traffic Signal Maintenance Proposal - Two - year contract for Traffic Signal Maintenance with Signal Service, Inc. at a cost of \$3,825.00 per year. H. Werkheiser made a motion, seconded by F. Hess, to authorize the appropriate Township officers to enter into a Two - year contract for Traffic Signal Maintenance with Signal Service, Inc. at a cost of \$3,825.00. Roll call vote: J. Cilurso, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING CONT:

- D) Contract #5 - PACT Construction - Payment Request # 1 - Hamilton - Pocono Sewage Project for a total of \$451,695.51, is in order for action by the Township. H. Werkheiser made a motion, seconded by F. Hess, to approve Payment Request #1, Contract #5, PACT Construction for a total of \$451,695.51. Roll call vote: J. Cilurso, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.
- E) Leeward Construction - Cummello Property - The Sign Plaza in front of Star Plaza was removed by the contractor during construction of the Sewage line. The property owner is requesting the signs to be reinstalled. R. Scott will contact the Contractor concerning the reinstallation of the signs.

PHASE II SEWER LINE CONSTRUCTION

- Contract No. 3 - Leeward Construction has completed the boring across Rt. 611 near the upper parking lot of The Crossings Outlets. The sewer installation is progressing slowly in this area due to rock.
- Contract No. 4 - Pioneer Construction has completed Stream Crossing #14, behind PNC Bank. They have installed sewerline along the back of the properties from Werkheiser Garden Center to Dr. Wert's office, and they are currently working on the boring near Hart's Barn.
- Contract No. 5 - PACT Construction has completed the boring across Rt. 611 near Peechatka Chiropractic. The contractor is setting up the boring behind Fountain Court Mall. Christopher Peechatka contacted the Twp. concerning a smell of oil in the well water. R. Scott will contact him.
- Contract No. 5 - Frank Ruggiero, Rt. 611, Tannersville has contacted the Township with concerns about the blasting occurring near his home. R. Scott will contact F. Ruggiero.
- Contract No. 6 - Linde Construction has installed the guide boring from Chester's Barber Shop to the north side of Bulger's Run. RKR Hess is currently looking at options for a casing pipe in the stream to allow for the widening of the borehole.
- Contract No. 6 - During the boring operation, the existing sewage disposal system at Brosky Insurance was damaged and made inoperable. Linde Construction and its subcontractors cleaned up the mess and are currently pumping out the existing septic tank as a holding tank. Linde will need to maintain this holding tank (or provide an alternate method of disposal) until central sewer is available. D. Kessler, Twp. SEO, will issue a holding tank permit, and request the property owner to install an Alarm, visible on the outside. D. Kessler complimented the Contractor, Linde Construction, Inc., on their quick response and professional handling of the situation.

PHASE II SEWER LINE CONT:

- Contract No. 6 - Linde Construction is approximately 1/3 distance across Rt. 611 with the boring from Peddler's Village to Chester's Barber Shop.
- Contract No. 7 - PACT Construction - Notice to Proceed has been issued on Contract No. 7 (Rt. 715 Gravity Sewer) and RKR Hess is waiting for a schedule from the Contractor. The Contractor has indicated that they will begin work around the end of October.
- Contract No. 8 - Pioneer Construction - RKR Hess is in receipt of the Agreements, Bonds, and Insurance Certifications for Contract No. 8, and will forward them to the Twp. Solicitor for review.
- Contract No. 9 - Pioneer Construction - RKR Hess is in receipt of the Agreements, Bonds and Insurance Certifications from the Contractor for Contract No. 9 - Pump Station No. 2, and will forward them to the Twp. Solicitor for review.

PAVING OVERLAY OF TOWNSHIP ROADS

- Hanson Aggregates PA LLC, is working on the overlay of Learn Road.
- Jim Ertle left a message with Russ Scott that he had signed all of the sewer easements, but that he still needs to obtain Gene Percudani's signature with respect to the Percudani Property.
- The Hamilton Township Planning Commission has recommended approval of the Pump Station No. 4 Land Development Plan for the Ertle site near Comfort Inn in Bartonsville.
- Bids were opened and read aloud for the S. Pocono and Hamilton Township sewerlines, Contract No. 10, on September 21st, 2010. The apparent low bidder is Doli Construction, Inc., at \$3,547,016. RKR Hess has forwarded all of the required DBE documentation to PADEP for review.

SEWER FORCEMAIN ROUTE TO STROUDSBURG

- All required Environmental Permits have been issued.
- All Road Opening Permits have been issued with the exception of Stroud Township.
- RKR Hess is preparing bid documents for three forcemain contracts.

PUMP STATION NO. 5

- RKR Hess expects to resubmit Land Development plans for final approval for this site in the next few weeks.

FINANCING OPTIONS

- The PennVEST closing on the \$11.7 Million Grant for Phase II has been rescheduled to December 21st, 2010.
- The PennVEST Application for Phase III was submitted on August 30th, 2010, and reflects a request for financing of Phase III of construction plus capital contribution to the Regional WWTP. The requested amount for financing is \$38,400,000.00.
- RKR Hess is working on revisions to the USDA Rural Utility Service Financing Application.
- RKR Hess recommends preparation of an H2O PA Grant Draw to reimburse the line of credit for costs related to Phase I of the project.
- 4.5 Million Economic Recovery Zone Bond Package. F. Hess noted a part of the documentation from the County included in the package is out of date and needs to be reviewed. R. Scott will check into it.

COMMENTS:

Mark Vultaggio, property owner, Rt. 611, Scotrun, addressed the board with his concerns over the sewer project's impact on business owners.

M. Vultaggio asked the board to create a simple flow chart showing the construction schedule, funding schedule, and hookup costs for the project; and make it public for viewing. R. Scott will look into it.

F. Hess commented that he feared local businesses could be forced out because the cost.

J. Cilurso noted the sewage meetings have been ongoing and opened to the public. All information concerning the project is available to the general public.

M. Vultaggio commented on recent inspections done by PennDOT. He asked if the Township could do anything to make working with PennDOT easier. J. Cilurso will contact State Representative Mario Scavello's office to set up a public meeting with him, and PennDOT representatives.

Jason Snyder, Twp. Resident and RT. 611 Business owner, addressed the board concerning his well which went dry on Rt. 611. The well has been used to water nursery plants and would not be required to hook up to central water. R. Scott noted the contractor is still actively pumping in the area and the well should return once the pumping has stopped. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

H. Werkheiser made a motion, seconded by F. Hess, to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m., until 10/12/2010, at 10:00 a.m., at the Pocono Township Municipal Building. Roll call vote: J. Cilurso, yes; H. Werkheiser, yes; and F. Hess, yes. Motion carried.