

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020**

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Mark Grey, Chair
Danielle A. Duckett, Vice-Chair
Edward J. Brandt
Kathleen Hunsicker
Tessie McNeely

STAFF:

Craig T. McAnally, Township Manager
Jamie Worman, Assistant Township Manager
Carole Culbreth, Assistant Secretary
Chuck Wilson, Finance Director
Neil Stein, Esq., Solicitor
Paul Kenny, Police Chief
Fred Zoller, Public Works Director
Ken Amey, Zoning Officer
Jim Hersh, Township Engineer

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. which was being held virtually in ZOOM and is being recorded. He led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance. He stated the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session tonight on a legal matter.

The Chair explained the Township has a new trash hauler, Republic Services. He stated the last trash contract will expire on October 31, and the Township went to bid. Republic Services was the low bid. He stated residents will continue to have the same schedules. Mr. McAnally stated Waste Management did not share their customer list with the Township saying it is proprietary and did not provide any information. He stated the new hauler was to send a letter and information to the new customers. He stated this is the seventh trash contract, and Waste Management was the low bid on the previous contracts. He stated the new trash hauler information was posted on the Township website and in the Township newsletter. The Chair stated the new trash contract will be \$28.19 per month which is lower than the present monthly cost. Ms. Worman stated Waste Management will continue service until the end of the week and then Republic will start pick-up on Monday. The Chair asked for public comment. A resident thanked the Board for getting the price down.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Receipt of Minutes: October 13, 2020

The Board of Supervisors received the October 13, 2020 meeting minutes. The Chair asked if there were any comments. There were none. Ms. McNeely made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker to approve the October 13, 2020 minutes. The motion passed 5 - 0.

Proposal for Tax Record Audit from Barbacane Thornton and Company

Mr. McAnally stated he reached out to Barbacane Thornton and Company for a proposal to audit the Tax Collector financial statements from January 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020. He stated their estimate for these services is \$6,000. The Chair asked for questions or comments. There were none. Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker to approve the audit of the Tax Collector Financial Statements from January 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020. The motion passed 5 – 0.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Resolution No. 2020 – 20: Sisters of Mercy 2-Lot Subdivision

Mr. Amey stated the Sisters of Mercy own the property at Sumneytown Pike and Evans Road containing 47.02 acres. He stated the property contains a school building with associated driveways, parking lots, multiple athletic fields and a two-story dwelling with a detached garage, located at the southwest corner of the property. He stated they would like to subdivide the property into two lots. Mr. Amey stated the application was heard and granted by the Zoning Hearing Board. He stated it was reviewed by the Township Engineer, Fire Marshal, LGT Planning Commission and the Montgomery Planning Commission. The Chair asked why this subdivision went before the ZHB. Mr. Amey stated the relief was given by the ZHB for impervious coverage. He stated it had unique conditions which needed to be addressed. Ms. Duckett asked if the relief given is because they are not building only subdividing. Mr. Amey stated they must be in strict compliance with the subdivision and land development ordinance. The Chair asked if there were any questions. Mark Schaeffer asked if any consideration was given to put trails on this property. Mr. Amey stated since no development has been proposed the Planning Commission has granted them a waiver. Ms. McNeely made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to adopt Resolution No. 2020 – 20: Sisters of Mercy 2-Lot Subdivision. The motion passed 5 – 0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2020 – 21: 745 Tennis Avenue – Sewer Tie-in

Mr. Hersh stated a family at 745 Tennis Avenue asked to Tie-in to the Bucks County Water & Sewer system in Upper Dublin Township; and in order to make an easy connection they need to go through some neighboring properties. Mr. Hersh stated this was originally approved in 2011, but did not tie-in at that time. Mr. Hersh stated they need the Boards' approval. The Chair asked if there were any questions. There were none. Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker to adopt Resolution No. 2020 – 21: 745 Tennis Avenue – Sewer Tie-In. The motion passed 5 – 0.

Recommendation to Award Low Bid for Welsh Road Pedestrian Bridge Installation

Mr. Hersh stated last September the Board authorized the Township Manager to sign a contract with Contec Bridge Solutions to fabricate the pedestrian bridge. He stated Gilmore & Associates has reviewed twelve bids for the installation of the Welsh Road Pedestrian Bridge. He stated Gilmore is recommending CMR Construction, Inc. as the Base Bid (Pedestrian Bridge Installation) in the amount of \$93,818.50 and James R. Kenney Excavation, Inc. is the low bidder for the Base Bid including the alternate line items (Welsh Road Sidewalk Improvements) in the amount of \$229,114. He stated after discussing the options with the Township Manager and staff it was recommended that the Board award the Welsh Road Pedestrian Bridge project to CMR Construction, Inc. for all items under the Base Bid

(Pedestrian Bridge Installation) for a total of \$93,818.50. Mr. Hersh stated the Township will look into a grant or other options in the future for the sidewalk improvements. Ms. Hunsicker made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brandt to award the Welsh Road Pedestrian Bridge Installation to CMR Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$93,818.50. The motion passed 5 - 0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Authorization to Approve Sale of Excess Equipment Previously Placed on Municibid

Mr. Zollers asked for authorization to approve the sale of the high bids on the below excess equipment previously place on Municibid:

- 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe \$10,100.00
- 2008 GMC Envoy \$ 4,100.00

The Chair asked if there were any questions. There were none. Mr. Brandt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Duckett to authorize the sale of the above high bids for excess equipment as noted above. The motion passed 5 - 0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Chair opened the meeting for public comment for items not on the agenda. There were none.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Report from the Manager - Municipal activities, projects

Mr. McAnally said have a Safe Halloween, set your clocks back for daylight savings and Vote on Tuesday!

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Mr. Brandt said he seconds the Manager's words.

Ms. Hunsicker asked everyone to vote on Tuesday and be prepared for long lines.

Ms. McNeely said she is looking forward to seeing the Communications RFP Report.

Ms. Duckett echoed what Ms. McNeely said regarding better communications. She also gave condolences to Marie Collett.

The Chair also gave condolences to Marie Collett. He asked everyone to Go Vote!

There being no further questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. until the next Workshop Meeting scheduled on November 10, 2020 which will be held virtually on Zoom.

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Respectfully submitted,

Carole Culbreth
Assistant Secretary