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The Special Council meeting of the Borough of Wind Gap on Monday, July 2, 2012, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President, George Hinton, at which time he reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded. In attendance were Councilmen: John Maher, Kerry Gassler, Tony Curcio, Joe Weaver and Dave Hess. Also in attendance were Mayor James M. Shoemaker, Borough Solicitor Ronold Karasek, Borough Engineer Brian Pysher and Borough Administrator Louise Firestone. Absent was Councilman Jon Faust.

Council President George Hinton informed those present the reason for tonight's meeting is to discuss the bids for the Street Paving on A Street, East First Street and F Alley.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Street Paving Contract. Ron Karasek thanked Council for attending tonight because the special meeting was called at his request. He informed Council that he will not bill the Borough for his attendance at tonight's meeting or any of his time to prepare for tonight's meeting. At the June 19, 2012 Council meeting, Council received bids for A Street, East First Street and F Alley and decided to award the contracts for each street separately. Prior to the meeting, Ron had not reviewed the bid specification document, but did so that evening. Ron was asked if the bids could be awarded separately and at first reading of the document, he agreed with the engineer that three contracts would be acceptable rather than awarding the project as a whole. Council approved the bids awarding Muschlitz, A Street, Eastern Industries, East First Street and Hallett, F Alley. After the meeting Larry Hallett visited Mr. Karasek's office stating that the Borough was trying to mistreat him because he was the low bidder. Mr. Hallett stated that the Robert Collura stated that these three projects would be awarded as a single contract and yet the Borough divided them out as three contracts. Mr. Hallett said that according to the bid specification states "Award of Contract . Bids shall be submitted on the basis of a single contract award to the successful Bidder." Ron explained that he is no longer comfortable awarding the projects individually. Mr. Hallett explained that he based his numbers on a single contract being awarded and did not include mobilization for F Alley.

Brian Pysher stated that he spoke to Muschlitz and they are comfortable with the number they submitted for the A Street project. Eastern Industries will not do the East First Street paving project separate from the other two projects. A Street is already torn up because of the Wind Gap Municipal Authority project. Pennsylvania American Water is scheduled to do their work the week of July 9th through July 16th. If the Borough proceeds with the A Street project, that work could begin as soon as the water company moves out. Brian is trying to obtain three quotes to do some of the necessary improvements on East First Street including Mr. Cortazzo's property repairs. Brian recommends that Council moved ahead with the A Street project, but re-advertise East First Street. He suggested not including F Alley in the re-bid, but just get three bids because it is such a small job and separately the Borough would not be required to pay prevailing wages for the alley project.

On motion by Kerry Gassler to re-advertise the East First Street project and seconded by Dave Hess. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion by John Maher to revoke the prior Council motion to award the street paving contracts separately and seconded by Tony Curcio. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Alex Cortezzo asked if they planned on doing the repairs to the yard prior to doing the sidewalks. George stated that he and Brian planned on meeting with Alex before the work is done on his property. Brian added that he included in the improvement proposal was to re-grade the yard, cut the bank back, re-topsoil and then put the sidewalk in and pour the apron.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss Park Litigation. Council reconvened at 6:39. Council President George Hinton informed those present that no action would be taken by Council regarding pending litigation.

Council will meet next Tuesday, July 10, 2012 for their scheduled monthly meeting.

On motion by Tony Curcio to adjourn the meeting of July 2, 2012. Council agreed unanimously. The meeting of July 2, 2012 adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Louise Firestone, Borough Administrator