

SPECIAL MEETING

MARCH 27, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. In attendance were Caryoln Romesberg, Mike Hutchison, Samantha Bartko, Nancy Sleasman, Attorney Ben Carroll, James Zieglemeir and Keven Yoder. The Mayor, Melissa Cramer was absent from the meeting.

The first item on the agenda was the Streetscape Project that Kevin Yoder had put together. The Borough Council came back with a motion to make a counter proposal to the AEG offer of services associated with the Main Street Streetscape project, consisting of the terms offered, plus the following proposed terms: first, AEG LLC, shall keep the client informed of all material details of the project as soon as reasonably possible, on all material decisions relating to the project shall be approved by Borough Council, prospective decisions shall be presented in a time frame to allow for meaningful review of decisions prior to Council making them at a regular Borough Council meeting. Second, all services on the project by AEG LLC shall be itemized in detail; if requested, in a format requested by the Client. Third, Professional Services under the agreement shall not be subcontracted out without further agreement between the parties. Kevin Yoder came back with the following statements to Council; The cost of his services for this project, are \$117,750.00 and regardless of what he encounters that will be what is paid. He does not plan on subcontracting any of this project out. He has also stated that during the 2023 calendar year that he will not be charging the Borough his retainer fee. He understands that the council wants to kept apprised to what is going on with this project. With everyone coming to an understanding of what the project will be going forward, Samantha Bartko made a motion to accept the proposals made at this meeting. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Kevin Yoder went on to say that he also accepted the new counteroffer and will have these items added to his project proposal. Everyone in the room just wants to make sure they are using the taxpayer's money in appropriate ways.

The next item on the agenda was the Grove Improvement Project. The Borough Council made the same proposal for the grove project as the Streetscape Project with the addition of AEG LLC's bill to the Borough for engineering services was not to exceed \$64,750. Once again, Kevin Yoder stated that this is what the Borough will pay no matter what is encountered. With everyone in agreement, Nancy Sleasman made the motion to except the proposal with the additional terms presented to Kevin Yoder. Mike Hutchison seconded the motion. All were in favor. Kevin Yoder also accepted the terms brought before him for the counter proposal. Kevin Yoder also stated that the Grove Project will be easier for him to breakdown as far as engineering costs are concerned.

Next on the Agenda was Engineering Services for future projects. It was brought to the attention of all Borough Council members and the AEG and the solicitor that the Black Township lines and Pump house needs to be replaced. Samanatha Bartko made a motion to approve the use of Somerset Engineering to work with the Borough Council on getting some preliminary plans and proposals together, and to start looking at grant money to help with the cost of this magnitude of a project. Mike Hutchison seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mike Hutchison made a motion to have Green Clean Janitorial Service to be hired to a monthly cleaning of the Borough office at the rate of \$325.00 per month, and to accept the proposal of the floor being stripped at the rate of \$250.00 for the first time. Samantha Bartko seconded the motion. All were in

favor. The normal rate for the floor stripping is usually between \$400.00 to \$600.00 yearly. The company will come the same day every month to clean. They are bonded and insured.

According to the Sunshine Law Act 65, the agenda was amended to include an issue between two residents on Broadway. Samantha Bartko asked for the amendment, by making a motion to include the alley parking issue on Broadway be added to the agenda. Mike Hutchison seconded the motion. After a lengthy discussion about the feuding neighbors, Samantha Bartko asked Kevin Yoder, the Borough's Engineer to survey the alley so that it could be marked properly. Samantha Bartko then made a motion to put up NO PARKING signs in the alley in question, located between 374 and 382 Broadway. Also, to include signs of NO PARKING on Broadway itself, to block said alley. These signs will also say that anyone who parks there WILL BE TOWED AT OWNERS EXPENSE. Nancy Sleasman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mike Hutchison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Samantha Bartko seconded. All were in favor, meeting adjourned.