

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
February 22, 2020 @ 3:00pm  
Held Virtually Via Zoom  
(Recording available online at: [https://youtu.be/SXW\\_6ueOPzk](https://youtu.be/SXW_6ueOPzk))

Call to Order:

- A. The meeting was called to order at 8:01am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Establishment of a Quorum:

- A. Board members Amanda Babinec and Steve Blacketer were present.
- B. Also present were Trustee Hodson, Township Counsel Jeff Bellamy, Patrick Davis from construction management firm Meyer Najem, Owners Representative David Rainey, and members of the Washington Township staff.

Public Comment:

- A. There were no public comments made aloud or on the chat section of the virtual meeting.

New Business

- A. Awarding of the Station 144 Bids for the Steel Package and Demolition
  - a. Davis presented the three bids for demolition. Denny Excavating had the low bid at \$18,000 versus a budget of \$35,000. Davis has worked with Denny in the past and spoke to them about their plans for this project and feels comfortable with their work. He recommended the Township move forward with Denny Excavating as the low bid.
  - b. Davis presented the seven bids for the steel package. Stephens Machine from Indianapolis had the low bid at \$78,805 versus a budget of \$86,558. Again, Davis noted that he had worked with Stephens in the past and felt comfortable recommending that the Township move forward with their low bid.
  - c. Blacketer asked if there was a performance bond for either of the subcontractors. Davis responded that they did not require performance bonds for these two components of the project, but added that Meyer Najem has a performance bond for the project as a whole.
  - d. Blacketer asked what would stop the firm from walking away from the project. Davis agreed it was a risk, but argued that requiring a performance bid from smaller companies would limit the number of firms that could bid and make the project less competitive. He also stressed that releasing the firms to move forward now would mitigate that risk.
  - e. Hodson asked Bellamy if he was comfortable with the lack of a performance bond. Bellamy responded that he was comfortable at this point, but argued that the Township should make a plan going forward to identify which subcontractors should be required to have a performance bond or a substantial retainage.

f. Babinec motioned for a consensus to move forward with Denny Excavating for the demolition and Stephens Machine for the steel package. Blacketer seconded the motion. The consensus was established 2-0.

g. Hodson added that the Trustee was in consensus with the Board.

B. Summary of the Station 144 Timeline

a. The Board discussed their role in change orders and agreed that the Trustee would not have to bring change orders to them for amounts under \$15,000. Bellamy agreed that there would be no need for the Board to meet on change order amounts under \$15,000. Rainey agreed to provide the Board with monthly updates of the budget and timeline.

b. Rainey presented the proposed timeline. The goal is to have the bids and the guaranteed maximum price in hand by the time the project goes to final approval with the Town of Avon on April 26, 2021, which will allow the project to move forward quickly after it receives that final approval.

Public Comment:

A. There were no public comments.

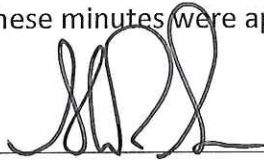
Wishes to be heard:

A. There were no wishes to be heard.

Adjournment:

A. Blacketer motioned to adjourn at 8:35am. Babinec seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn carried 2-0.

These minutes were approved March 9, 2021



Shane Sommers,

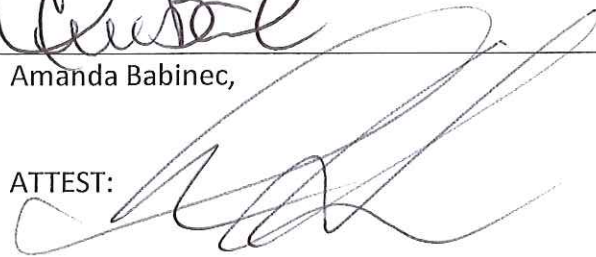


Amanda Babinec,



Steve Blacketer,

ATTEST:



Don Hodson, Trustee

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 9, 2021 at 3:00pm at 311 Production Drive, Avon, Indiana.