

WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WORK SESSION

Thursday, March 2, 2017 - 7 p.m.

Chairman Hartlaub called the Work Session to Order at 7:10 p.m., followed by the Pledge to the Flag and Invocation by Supervisor Ault.

ROLL CALL: Present were Supervisors Ault, Blettner, DeGannaro, Hartlaub, Staaf, Solicitor Walter Tilley, III, Township Engineers Chis Toms, Cory McCoy and Township Manager, Marc Woerner.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Chairman Hartlaub announced that an executive session was held before tonight's meeting to discuss labor negotiations and that an executive session was held on February 23, 2017 to discuss labor negotiations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairman Hartlaub asked if anyone from the audience wanted to address the Board and received no comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Supervisor Staaf made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting of Tuesday, February 21, 2017, seconded by Supervisor Blettner. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Hartlaub noted that the Township did not receive any correspondences.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:

The Disbursements from all Funds were approved, as listed, in a motion by Supervisor DeGennaro seconded by Supervisor Ault. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Front End Loader for Public Works purchase

Township Manager Marc Woerner presented the need to purchase a new front end loader for the Road Department along with a list from Jeff Rummel, Township Roadmaster of what a front-end loader could do and reasons for purchasing the loader. The cost for the front-end loader for the Township \$150,000 with the trade-in of the 1998 case backhoe, if the Township were to purchase it from Plasterers Equipment.

The Board members expressed the need for a front-end loader, is it the right time to purchase the loader and where would the funds come from. After further discussion, the Board asked the Township Manager to explore what other companies offer. Tabled until further information is obtained.

B. Paving Specifications

Township Engineer Chris Toms pointed out that he gave each supervisor two packets to review. The thicker of the two packets is a draft of the bid specifications themselves and the other was a memo comparing the Township's and PennDOT's construction and material specifications.

Township Engineer Chris Toms felt that the bid specifications did not need to be addressed because the bid specifications were for the reclamation and paving that had previously been discussed. He did feel that the Board needed to discuss how the Board wanted to address the testing requirements and how those testing requirements would be incorporated into the specifications document.

Township Engineer Chris Toms continued to go over what was in the bid specifications packet, and Township Engineer Cory McCoy went over only the highlighted sections of the Paving Specifications memo. Both engineers answered questions that the Board of Supervisors asked.

After discussing the specifications, Township Engineer had four items that needed to be clarified before advertising the bid specifications. The issues and their resolutions are as follows:

1. Density - Nuclear gauge compaction testing or cutting cores. It was determined that nuclear gauge compaction testing by a third party (not C.S. Davidson) would be preferred.
2. Pavement Depth - Testing for depth on site along with calculation of depth based on material placed or cutting cores to get an actual sample. It was determined that testing for depth on site with backup calculations would be preferred.
3. Full Depth Reclamation - The special specifications for reclamation that are in the 408 indicate that a test section must be done. The Township Engineer recommends substituting the test section with compaction testing on the base. The substitution was determined to be acceptable.
4. Inspection - It was decided that the Township Engineer Chris Toms and Jeff Rummel would do the inspections for the Township.

Township Engineer will have the final packet for the March 21, 2017, meeting for review by the Board of Supervisors to approve for advertising.

SUPERVISORS AND/OR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carl Grubb, 590 Impounding Dam Road, came before the Board to express his objection to the recent tax increase and the necessity of purchasing a front-end loader for \$150,000.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS: Supervisors Regular Meeting - Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. with the Supervisors Caucus will at 6:00 p.m. Work Session Meeting – Tuesday, April 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. with Supervisors Caucus at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor DeGennaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Blettner. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Clapper
Secretary