

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes of Board Meeting held May 11, 2010

A special business meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman William B. Hawk, on the above date in the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Supervisors present in addition to Mr. Hawk were: William C. Seeds, Sr., William L. Hornung, Gary A. Crissman, and David B. Blain.

Also in attendance were George Wolfe, Township Manager; Steven Stine, Township Solicitor; and Watson Fisher and Ted Robertson, SWAN.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Seeds led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

NEW BUSINESS

Change Order #2 for the PC 4B/6C sanitary sewer mini-basin project

Mr. Wolfe requested the Board to take action on a change order for improvements to Raspberry Alley for sanitary sewer purposes. He noted that the change order is with Michael F. Ronca & Sons, Inc., as part of the PC-4B/6C sanitary sewer replacement project. He noted that the project costs for the entire project are approximately \$7.25 million, however, the change order for this part of the contract in the amount of \$626,954. He explained that he previously reported that the estimate for the change order would be approximately \$300,000 for the sanitary sewer main line in Raspberry Alley. He explained that Ronca also provided a quote to complete

the building sewers and lateral as well, and the change order price includes the main line in Raspberry Alley as well as the building sewers and laterals for roughly 29 properties.

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Authority is attempting to advance this work as soon as possible in order to provide for the paving of Raspberry Alley should the Board accept Raspberry Alley as part of the public transportation system. He noted that Ronca is well equipped to move forward with this work as soon as possible, noting if the change order is approved, Ronca would start the work immediately.

Mr. Wolfe explained that Ronca's pricing is attached to the change order on a per-item basis, as well as a review memorandum from Melissa Smith of CET. He noted that the memorandum contains a very detailed explanation of the work to be performed, as well as a review of the proposed change order. He noted that CET found the change order to be acceptable, and below the engineer's estimate by roughly \$18,000. He noted that the items of work, with the exception of a few items, are in accordance with the per-unit price for the PC-4B/6C contract. He noted that there are a few items that will be required to be performed in Raspberry Alley that are not included in the contract, and the pricing that Ronca provided has been determined to be acceptable.

Mr. Wolfe explained that he requested a price for the same work from Leon Wintermyer, Inc. and they chose not to provide a price. He noted that the Authority also contacted Rogele for a price for the work, but their estimate was much more. He noted that Ronca could do the work and do it quickly. He noted that this change order is less than 10% of the total contract price which now totals \$7,859,899. He noted that it is staff's recommendation that the Board authorize the change order to Michael F. Ronca and Sons, Inc, in the amount of \$626,945 for sanitary sewer improvements in Raspberry Alley.

Mr. Crissman noted that the price on his change order is different from the price that Mr. Wolfe quoted. Mr. Wolfe noted that the correct price for the change order is \$623,645. Mr. Hawk noted that the change order form states that the price is \$623,645. Mr. Wolfe noted that the price provided in the weekend packets was a preliminary cost received from CET on Friday. He noted since then, CET was able to negotiate a lower price. He noted that the total cost of the contract would be \$7,856,589.

Mr. Seeds questioned if the sewer work is completed on Elmer Avenue. Mr. Wolfe answered that he did not know if it was. Mr. Seeds noted with the construction issues along Linglestown Road, many people are using the area of Elmer Avenue and he hoped that that work would be completed as soon as possible. He noted that it looks like all the work has been completed with the exception of the restoration work to the road. He explained that he wished the sewer work could have been completed prior to the start of the Linglestown Square project. Mr. Wolfe explained that the Township did not know if it was going to receive the funding to pave Blackberry and Raspberry Alleys until two months ago. He noted that the grant funds will now enable the Township to move forward with the paving projects.

Mr. Seeds noted that Wintermyer must lower a manhole as part of the project on Mountain Road. Mr. Wolfe noted, as a result of this change order, Ronca will be doing that work, and they will be in and out in advance of Wintermyer.

Mr. Seeds noted that he spoke with Mr. Weaver and was told that new laterals will be installed for all the property owners that abut Raspberry Alley. He questioned why the lines were not videoed. He explained that Mr. Weaver told him that the Authority Board authorized the replacement of the lines and not to video the lines. He noted that he recalls the conversation that it was cheaper to replace the laterals than to televise or reline the old lines. Mr. Wolfe explained

that the Authority will conduct an air test and if the line fails the air test, the Authority will replace the entire pipe. He noted that they do not televise the lines anymore.

Mr. Seeds noted that part of his sewer line is located under his garage and deck, and a tree is also located in the area of the sewer lateral. He questioned why the laterals could not be lined instead of tearing up people yards. Mr. Wolfe noted in most cases lining is more expensive, but not if a garage is built over it. He explained that it is cheaper to plant trees and shrubs and install a new line than to do the lining process. He explained that some of the past lining projects have not always been successful. Mr. Seeds suggested that it was cheaper to line than to replace. He noted that he was concerned about this project. He noted that the pipe under his garage was replaced with PVC pipe and it should be okay. Mr. Wolfe noted if his sewer lateral passes the air test then it would not be replaced. Mr. Wolfe noted that new work would only be done if the pipe fails the air test. Mr. Seeds questioned what would happen to residents that have a pipe installed under a garage. Mr. Wolfe answered that the Authority would look at lining the pipe or letting it alone. He noted that there were 13 or 14 properties that had very deep laterals on the north side of Linglestown Road and they were lined. He noted if the Authority can see flow in a line, they will let it go. Mr. Seeds noted that he did not recall, as an Authority Board, making a decision to replace the lines rather than doing something else. Mr. Wolfe noted that the residents are getting a brand new facility for their property at no cost to them. He noted that although it is a major inconvenience, it is also a major improvement.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve Change Order #2 for the PC 4B/6C sanitary sewer mini-basin project at a cost of \$623,645 for the replacement of sanitary sewer in Raspberry Alley. Mr. Blain seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and the motion unanimously passed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Crissman made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Blain seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

Gary A. Crissman
Township Secretary