

March 15, 2017 Sanitary Authority Meeting Minutes

The South Strabane Township Sanitary Authority Meeting was held on 3/15/17 at 5:00 P.M. in the Mae C. Reynolds Meeting Room, 550 Washington Road, Washington, PA 15301.

Present for the meeting were: Joseph Trifaro, Chairman, Members Ellen Wallo, Ron Carrola, Ed Mazur and Cynthia Rossi. Engineer Eric Tissue and Solicitor Josh Carroll. Consultant Ray Dami participated by phone.

VISITORS:

Laynee Zipko, Mike Dufalla, Penny Steggles and Tom Regets were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Trifaro called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES:

Mr. Carrola moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2017 subject to audit. Ms. Wallo seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Wallo moved to approve the bills subject to audit for payment for March 2017 in the amount of \$5,307.62. Mr. Carrola seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

VICE-CHAIR APPOINTMENT

Mr. Trifaro stated that an appointment for Vice-Chairman needed to be made. Mr. Trifaro then made a motion to appoint Mr. Carrola as Vice-Chairman for 2017. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wallo. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chair Trifaro stated there were no comments from the public.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Josh Carroll stated that the residents of Floral Hill Drive affected by the Floral Hill Sewer Project will be sent a Repayment Agreement for signature and execution at the time of completion of the

project. In answer to a question, Mr. Carroll responded that if a homeowner doesn't sign the Agreement, a lien will be filed against their property.

There was some discussion about speaking again to Mr. Moore, the owner of property that is needed for an easement. Mr. Dami had spoken to him earlier but the price he wanted for the easement was very high. Mr. Dami stated he will get in touch with Mr. Moore again.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The sewer line installation contract was bid on Thursday, March 9. A total of 14 bids were received. Attached is a memo summarizing the bids. Also attached is a bid tab. A separate procurement contract for purchase of the grinder pumps has been completed and will be advertised next week with the intent to award at the April meeting. We are still awaiting approval of the NPDES permit.

An initial letter has also been drafted to be sent to the property owners who will be using grinder pumps to provide general information to them about the connection to the system. A separate letter will be sent to the property owners who will be connecting by gravity.

Ms. Rossi pointed out that the Authority had told Justin Krasa and Morgan Stewart of 310 Floral Hill Drive the wrong amount of time to tap in after the sewer line is installed. She suggested that a letter be sent to advise them that the time is actually 60 days.

Mr. Mazur then made a motion to send a letter to Justin Krasa and Morgan Stewart of 310 Floral Hill Drive advising them that the time span to tap into the sewer line after it is completed is 60 days. Ms. Wallo seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

CONSULTANT'S REPORT:

Mr. Dami stated that nothing has changed with Zediker Station Road and the Meadows Landing.

Mr. Dami proposed acceptance of the low bid for the Floral Hill Sewer Project based on KLH's review and recommendation. The grinder pumps will be bid separately.

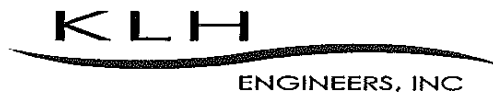
No new taps for the Month of March 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Mazur moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m. Ms. Wallo, seconded the motion. The motion passed on unanimous voice vote.

Submitted by,

Stephanie Humensky
Acting Recording Secretary



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PROJECT MANAGER

REF. NO.: 282

MEMORANDUM

TO: South Strabane Township Sanitary Authority

DATE: March 15, 2017

SUBJECT: Floral Hill Drive Sewer – Bid Review

The Floral Hill Drive Sewer project was bid on March 9, 2017. A total of fourteen bids were received. A copy of the bid tab is attached. The project bid form contained a base bid (Force main sewer with gravity sewer behind the homes at the end of Floral Hill, Alternate Bid No. 1 (Force main sewer with gravity sewer in front of the homes at the end of Floral Hill) and Alternate Bid No. 2 (Directional drilling of the force main with open cut or directional drilling of gravity sewer behind the homes at the end of Floral Hill). The apparent low bidders and the amounts for each of the bid options is shown below:

- Base Bid - W. A. Petrakis Contracting - \$164,462.00
- Alternate No. 1 - W. A. Petrakis Contracting - \$175,030.00
- Alternate No. 2 - Graziani Construction, Inc. - \$169,000.00

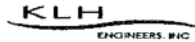
The Authority does not currently have an easement for any proposed gravity sewer on the property behind the homes at the end of Floral Hill Drive. The property owner, to date, has indicated that he wants a significant amount of money for the easement. In lieu of paying for the easement, the Authority can obtain the easement through eminent domain. It is unclear what this cost would be, but it is likely that the authority would be dealing with a board of view.

Construction of the sewers in front of the homes at the end of Floral Hill would appear to require the homes to turn their plumbing around under the assumption that their service currently exits the rear of the house. However, the distance to the sewer line in the front of the homes, if they were to wrap their service around the house, is roughly the same as it is if the gravity sewer is constructed behind the homes.

For the open cut bid options, the difference in the bid amount between constructing the sewer in front of the homes versus construction behind the homes is approximately \$10,500. It is likely that eminent domain proceedings would exceed this amount. For this reason and the potential delay that condemnation could cause, it is recommended that the open cut option of choice is the alignment in front of the homes.

The directional drill option under Alternate No.2 is approximately \$5,500 more than the low base open cut bid. This bid would still require eminent domain for construction behind the homes.

End of Memorandum



South Strabane Township Sanitary Authority
Floral Hill Drive Sewer Extension
Contract No. 2017-01
Bidders Tab
March 9, 2017 -- 2:00 PM

CONTRACTOR	SURETY/ AMOUNT	ADDENDUM NO. 1, 2, 3	BASE BIDAMOUNT	ALT 1 BID AMOUNT	ALT 2 BID AMOUNT
W.A. Petrakis Contracting Co. 1325 Frey Rd. Penn Hills, PA 15235	10%	Yes	\$164,462.00	\$175,030.00	No Bid
Strnisha Excavation, Inc. 109 Veronica Drive Canonsburg, PA 15317	10%	Yes	\$174,486.50	\$199,273.50	No Bid
J5 Construction 730 Woodlawn Drive Houston, PA 15342	10%	Yes	\$178,231.00	\$262,000.00	No Bid
John T. Subrick, Inc. 778 Thomas 84 Road Elghty Four, PA 15330	10%	Yes	\$212,000.00	\$228,205.00	No Bid
Alex E. Paris Contracting Company, Inc. 1595 Smith Township State Road P.O. Box 369 Atlasburg, PA 15004	10%	Yes	\$214,187.00	\$228,615.00	\$216,876.00
RJF Development Corp 1810 St. Rt. 819 Greensburg, PA 15601	10%	Yes	\$215,389.00	\$240,269.00	No Bid
Pollard Land Services, Inc. 8150 Franklin Road Girard, PA 16417	10%	Yes	\$225,753.00	\$266,845.00	\$225,753.00
Graziani Construction, Inc. 1050 Frew Mill Road New Castle, PA 16101	10%	Yes	\$242,523.00	\$265,875.00	\$169,000.00
R & B Contracting & Excavation, Inc. 4821 Buttermilk Hollow Road West Mifflin, PA 15122	10%	Yes	\$260,087.00	\$264,615.00	\$209,408.00
Continental Construction, Inc. PO Box 126 Ridgway, PA 15853	10%	1, 2	\$288,687.00	\$372,435.00	\$271,095.00
D & M Contracting, Inc. 1868 Lions Club Road New Alexandria, PA 15670	10%	Yes	\$293,000.00	\$320,000.00	\$390,524.00
FOGLE CONSTRUCTION LLC 604 DIAMOND STREET BERLIN, PA 15530	10%	Yes	\$320,240.00	\$344,500.00	No Bid
Ligonier Construction POB 277 1350 ROUTE 30 Laughlintown, PA 15655	10%	Yes	\$325,000.00	\$329,000.00	\$336,067.00
Fleeher Contracting, LLC 31 Windcrest Drive Cecil, PA 15321	10%	Yes	\$440,471.00	\$475,289.00	No Bid

Dear Property Owner:

**South Strabane Township Sanitary Authority
Floral Hill Drive Sewer Project
Customer Connection Information**

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information on the connection of your home to the Floral Hill Drive sewer extension. The sewer contract will require the contractor to be completed with the work sometime this summer. Upon completion of the project and acceptance by the Authority, you will receive a letter from the Authority indicated that you can connect to the sewer. The Township ordinance requires you to connect within 60 days after the notice of connection.

Your home will require the use of a grinder pump for sewage disposal. The grinder pump will be provided to you by the Authority. You will be required to have the grinder pump installed by a plumber or contractor at a location of your choosing. You will also be responsible for construction of the service lateral from your house to the grinder pump and the pressure sewer from the grinder pump to the connection point to the public sewer at your property line. The grinder pump manufacturer's representative will be available for assistance in the installation instructions and location of your pump.

The Authority will provide more detailed instructions to you on grinder pump installation and operation as the project is nearing completion. In the interim, if you have questions about the project or the use of the grinder pumps, please contact the Authority engineer, Eric Tissue, at 412-494-0510 or etissue@klhengineers.com. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Joseph Trifaro