

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

HELD JULY 15, 1981

Chairman Taricani called the Special Meeting to receive and open bids for the building to be used for the Lemont Post Office to order at 7:30 p.m. in the College Township Municipal Building.

Members present: Donald E. Bailey, Gale L. Dargitz, J. Carroll Dean, Herbert W. Stewart, and Dolores A. Taricani

Others present: Manager Elwood G. Williams, Sr.

1. Connection of the Cohn Property in Lemont to the Sewer System.

Chairman Taricani explained the Cohns had written Mr. Allison of College-Harris Joint Authority requesting further information on the connection of their property in Lemont to the sewer system -- they had previously questioned whether or not they had to comply with the order to connect to the system. Mr. Allison's response to them indicated the Authority would have an independent appraiser give an appraisal on the assessment and then if there was no agreement it would go to their Board of Review.

Chairman Taricani indicated Council did not have to take any action in this matter because the action had been taken by the original order to connect to the sewer system. Chairman Taricani suggested Council ask the Manager to write the Cohns telling them that in view of the fact they have received the requested information from the Sewer Authority, Council urges them to comply with the Sewer Authority request to connect to the system.

2. Open and Receive Bids for Building to be Used as the Lemont Post Office. Chairman Taricani stated that it has been the policy of the Government of College Township to maintain a low profile providing services required by law but not getting involved in any area of service that can be provided by the private sector. However, in this instance the Postal Service insisted the building be built by the Municipality since they did not want to get involved in the details associated with the construction of a building. She indicated the Township did not want to build a post office, but because the project affects many of the Township residents and the interest in the project has been so high, they felt committed to become involved in exploring the situation. If the Post Office building is built, it will have to be built and leased at no cost to the Township, will have to be self-supporting.

Chairman Taricani outlined the proposed procedure to be followed after the bids are opened: they will be properly recorded at the meeting; Mr. Hoffman, the Architect who has worked on the Post Office Building Plans and Specifications, will review the bids to assure they are accurate and complete; the Post Office Committee will then meet and advise Council of the numbers needed in a lease with the Postal Service; the Postal Service will be contacted to attempt to negotiate a lease.

Upon the advice of Mr. Hoffman, the Township advertised for separate bids in General Construction; Plumbing; Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning; and Electrical.

The bids as opened and read by Chairman Taricani were as follows:

General Construction:

Witmer Construction	\$ 89,179
State College, PA	
Paul R. Spearly & Sons	85,781
Bellefonte, PA	
Haranin Construction Company	93,400
Bellefonte, PA	
Keystone Construction Company	87,997
Williamsport, PA	
RNR Construction Company	126,293
State College, PA	
Redrock Construction Company	91,400
Mexico, PA	
Allensville Planing Mill	112,625
Allensville, PA	
S. E. Baker Engineering and Construction Co. .	98,082
Mifflintown, PA	

All bids had the required bonding.

Plumbing:

A. Dane Derr Plumbing & Heating	8,940
Jersey Shore, PA	
Paul R. Spearly & Sons	4,330
Bellefonte, PA	
L. C. Anderson & Sons	5,744
Huntingdon, PA	

Plumbing: (Cont.)

Joseph C. Hazel, Inc.	\$ 5,956
Bellefonte, PA	
Allensville Planing Mill	5,458
Allensville, PA	

All bids had the required bonding.

Electrical:

Weber's Electrical Service	9,800
Howard, PA	
Paul R. Spearly & Sons	6,666
Bellefonte, PA	
Frazier Electrical Company	9,160
Centre Hall, PA	
Allensville Planing Mill	7,589
Allensville, PA	
RNR Construction	12,266
State College, PA	

All bids had the required bonding.

Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning:

L. C. Anderson	8,239
Huntingdon, PA	
Paul R. Spearly & Sons	5,436
Bellefonte, PA	
Allensville Planing Mill	6,838
Allensville, PA	
Frazier Electrical, Inc.	8,059
Centre Hall, PA	
Joseph C. Hazel, Inc.	7,171
Bellefonte, PA	

All bids had the required bonding.

Chairman Taricani indicated the bids would now go to Mr. Hoffman for his review. She also indicated the Township Office would prepare a schedule of bidders and the amounts of the bids and see that each bidder received a copy immediately. She conveyed the Township's appreciation and thanks to the bidders for their time and effort in the bidding process.

Chairman Taricani suggested to Chris Exarchos, Chairman of the Post Office Committee, that he be in touch with Mr. Hoffman to see that the bids are in order and to get numbers to work with in preparing the figures for the Postal Service.

Mr. Exarchos asked how the Council felt about recovering the cost of the land. Council indicated that all costs -- land, time of Township personnel, fee for Architect, etc. -- be factored into the figures prepared for the Postal Service.

3. Mr. Dean reported that at a recent meeting of the C.O.G. Executive Committee the concept of regionalization of parks (selected parks) was discussed. Council had briefly discussed this at one of their meetings but had tabled further discussion. Mr. Dean explained the concept discussed at the Executive Committee included complete ownership, administration, and maintenance handled by a Park Authority of selected parks into a park system. The authority would be the one currently operating the area swimming pools. Mr. Dean explained the authority would be self-supporting possibly charging fees for the use of park facilities as one means to generate revenues. Mr. Dean asked Council for their comments on this concept so that he could take them back to the Executive Committee.

Council saw little, if any, advantage to regionalization of parks. They felt there would be many problems such as loss of control of how monies were spent, security, funding, residents having to pay fees. They felt more information was needed on this concept and felt a better concept would be for the Region to let the municipalities do more mowing and routine maintenance in the parks.

Mr. Dean summarized the situation that brought about the discussion of parks regionalization -- the Borough wanting more space for parks -- and the piece of property being considered. Council briefly discussed this situation.

4. Chairman Taricani referred to a recent editorial in the Centre Daily Times concerning Industrial Development Authorities. She indicated she was not being critical and did agree with the overall content of the article, but did not agree with the statement that suggested the local municipalities have been slow to pursue the concept of a Regional I.D.A. Chairman Taricani outlined the establishment of IDAs in the area, their exploration of possibly structuring a regional authority, and the reasons the concept had not been pursued at the time.

Messrs. Dean and Dargitz supported Chairman Taricani's comments and added that the College Township IDA did initiate support and continues to support the concept of a Regional IDA.

5. Road Inspection. Wednesday, July 29, 1981, at 1:00 p.m. was set for Council's inspection of the Township roads.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dean moved the meeting be adjourned and that Council reconvene in a work session on the Comprehensive Plan with the Township Planning Commission. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elwood G. Williams, Sr.
Secretary

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