

SPECIAL MEETING OF MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes - August 1, 2023

7:00pm – PUBLIC SESSION

Statement of Open Public Meetings Act Compliance read by Mayor

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by mailing, emailing and/or faxing notice to the Daily Record and the Citizen newspapers, posting notice on the Township website and posting notice on the bulletin boards of the Municipal Building, 195 Changebridge Road, Montville, NJ 07045, and sending notice to those individuals requesting same.

We would like to remind residents that the Governor signed into law P.L. 2021, c. 317 which established various COVID-19 relief measures for residential customers of local government water, sewer and electric service. To comply with the law, Montville Township provides installment plans for a minimum 12-month duration for arrearages accruing between March 9, 2020 and March 15, 2022. Residents are encouraged to contact the Water and Sewer Department at (973) 331-3330 for more information about these COVID-19 Ratepayer Relief Payment Agreements.

The State Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) can help you pay arrears for your water and sewer bills. The program may also be able to help address tax liens due to water and sewer arrears. To get more information and apply, go to waterassistance.nj.gov, or call NJ211, or visit the Township website at www.montvillenj.org.

The Winter Termination Program helps to prevent service discontinuation for eligible residential customers receiving residential electric, sewer and water service from a local government from November 15th through March 15th. Service cannot be disconnected during this period to those residential customers who meet certain criteria. For more information on this program, please refer to the notice on the Township website at www.montvillenj.org.

Roll Call Township Committee

Present: June Witty, Committeewoman
Rich Cook, Committeeman
Richard D. Conklin, Committeeman
Matthew S. Kayne, Chairman

Also present: June E. Hercek, Township Administrator
Fred Semrau, Esq., Township Attorney
Stacy Sullivan-Gruca, Township Clerk
Margaret Shepard, Deputy Clerk

Absent: Frank W. Cooney, Deputy Mayor

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance by Committeewoman Witty

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PUBLIC PORTION

Reminder to the public to state your name and address for the record, and there is a 3-minute time limit on all public comments

Motion by Cook second by Witty to open public portion

All in favor – Motion Carried

No Public Comments

Motion by Conklin second by Cook to close public portion

All in favor – Motion Carried

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2023-255 Resolution of the Township of Montville, County of Morris, State of New Jersey authorizing rejection of all bids received for the Two Bridges Road and Barney Lane Improvement Project

WHEREAS, pursuant to authorization by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Montville, the Township received sealed competitive bids for the Two Brides Road and barney Lane improvement project; and

WHEREAS, six (6) sealed bids were received and opened on July 27, 2023, in accordance with the bid specifications:

1) D&L Paving Contractors	\$1,032,618.90
2) American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC	\$1,106,979.60
3) Crossroads Paving	\$1,116,103.50
4) Cifelli & Son General Contracting, Inc.	\$1,191,519.00
5) Salmon Bros., Inc.	\$1,293,750.00
6) PM Construction	\$1,295,418.67

; and

WHEREAS, said bids have been duly reviewed and analyzed by the Montville Township Attorney and Township Administrator; and

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WHEREAS, the apparent low bid, submitted by D&L Paving Contractors, was found to be incomplete and not responsive or in compliance with the bid specifications as written due to a discrepancy regarding the Statement of Ownership Disclosure, a statutorily mandated document; and

WHEREAS, the second lowest bid, submitted by American Asphalt & Trucking, LLC, was found to substantially exceed the cost estimates and appropriations for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2, authorizes a municipality to reject all bids; and

WHEREAS, Township Administrator has recommended rejection of all bids received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montville, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby rejects all bids received for the Two Bridges Road and Barney Lane improvement project pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2.
2. The Township Committee hereby authorizes the inclusion of possible use of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") funds in the specifications for the project upon rebid.
3. The Township Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to rebid the contract for the Two Bridges Road and Barney Lane improvement project.

This Resolution will take effect immediately.

Administrator explains that the Township received 6 bids. The lowest bidder had issues with paperwork submitted and the second lowest bidder was significantly over the budgeted amount. Township to put project immediately back out to bid and anticipates awarding the project at regular meeting on August 22, 2023.

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Motion by Cook second by Conklin to adopt Resolution 2023-255

Point of Order (an objection that the pending matter is in violation of a rule of the House - Robert's Rules of Order): Hugh Merritt, 37 Barney Road, Towaco

Attorney states that the Point of Order is not recognized

(Mayor invites Mr. Merritt to ask any questions he has after the meeting because Public Portion has already been closed)

Roll Call: Yes - Witty, Cook, Conklin, Kayne No – 0 Absent - Cooney

REVIEW OF MEETING ACTION ITEMS

Re-bidding of project to be overseen by Administration

Motion by Cook second by Witty to adjourn

All in favor – Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT at 7:07pm

Approved:
Montville Township Committee

Stacy Sullivan-Gruca, Township Clerk

Matthew S. Kayne, Mayor

Next Regular Meeting: August 22, 2023 at 7pm