

**FLEETWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES**

\_\_\_\_\_ BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING        X   BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP

**Date: June 25, 2018**

**Roll Call:**

<u>  </u> Suzanne Pittella Touch	<u>  X  </u> Tammy Gore, Mayor
<u>  X  </u> Pete Merkel	<u>  X  </u> Doreen O’Neil, Secretary
<u>  X  </u> Jim Meals	<u>  X  </u> Andy George, Esq.
<u>  X  </u> Chris Young	
<u>  X  </u> Ralph Touch	
<u>  X  </u> Colin Boyer	
<u>  X  </u> John Rothenberger	

**Also Present:**

  X   Craig Conrad, Public Works Director  
  X   Robert Weidner, Highway Commissioner  
  X   Steve Stinsky, Police Chief  
   John Manmiller, Fleetwood Fire Company Chief  
   Charles Myers, Barry Isett & Associates  
   Reading Eagle \_\_\_\_\_  
   Patriot \_\_\_\_\_

The regular monthly Borough Council workshop meeting held at 110 West Arch Street, Suite 113 was called to order at 6:33pm by Vice President Pete Merkel.

**Guests:** See Attached list.

**Police Department**

Mayor Tammy Gore swore in Officer Angela Arndt. Officer Arndt will work part-time for the Fleetwood Police Department. Mayor Gore and Officer Arndt signed paperwork. Chief Stinsky will give copy of paperwork to the borough office.

Colin brought up discussion of the changes in the firework laws/regulations which now allows larger fireworks to be set off. The action for Council would be to create an ordinance with limitations of what is permitted.

**Water Main Bid – North Richmond Street (between Main and Washington Streets)**

John Hart and Brad Smith from Arro Engineering were present to discuss the bids and questions from Council members. One of the guests was associated with ADM.

Colin Boyer questioned that it was noted the lowest bidder did not provide contact/email information, but Colin saw on sheet there is data. Arro stated that the first page of form does not have contact information for references. Arro noted that lowest bidder did not have web presence. Andy George, Esq. noted that the lowest bidder did not provide sufficient documentation for the minimum 5 years experience and 5 projects requirement. They have 5 years of experience but only had 3 total projects, including only 1 water project listed. Arro representatives felt it was best to not go with the lowest bidder due to the bidder not complying with the bid specifications and requirements, minimal experience and the difficulty of this project to avoid water supply contamination, traffic control and digging in around other utilities. Arro said it is standard to require 5 years experience and 5 projects for this type of bidding project.

The guest from ADM stood up and interjected that he was withdrawing his bid and will contact his attorney. After guest left, Andy George, Esq. mentioned that a bidder was able to withdraw his bid. The Arro representatives stated that a bidder has up to 60 days to withdraw their bid. There was discussion that the bid specifications for this job were written the same as the bid for the water main work on North Richmond Street between Washington and Arch Streets. There were no disqualified bidders for that job.

Colin questioned with the minimal 5 years experience and 5 projects, how does a new company get into the business. John Rothenberger asked if after review of bids, does Arro go back to ask questions to amend bids, no; bids are not amended.

The next bidder is Wexcon and they do meet the minimal 5 year experience, 5 projects and followed all of the bid specifications and requirements.

There was discussion regarding the major gas line that was hit by Wexcon that occurred during the PennDot road construction project on Main Street this past year. How do we ensure that the same thing does not happen on this project? Brad (Arro) mentioned that there is the ‘One Call’ system to get utilities to come out and mark road before digging, however it doesn’t eliminate the risk. The utility companies are at fault if they mismarked something and the contractor dug and issue occurred. Council questioned Arro if they would be supervising this project. Arro will have supervision on site for 4 hours a day. Arro will make sure all markings are visible and will stress to the contractor that if markings are not clear, then no digging is to occur.

Motion to award the bid to Wexcon, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$150,245.00, subject to engineering and legal review.

**Made by: John Rothenberger                      Seconded by: Pete Merkel**

**X   Motion Carried                                             Motion Failed**

**Colin Boyer – Opposed.**

**Drawings from PennDot**

There was discussion that for the PennDot road projects, there will be confusion years down the road, because the drawings will not show the old utility lines that were disabled. Brad (Arro) said when they get the PennDot drawings, they can add a gray shaded line to mark old gas lines/utility lines abandoned in place.



