

A Village Board Special Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 9 Fairlawn Drive, Washingtonville, New York.

PRESENT:

Mayor Thomas DeVinko; Deputy Mayor Donna Jacaruso; Trustee Steve Presser.

ABSENT:

Trustee Susan Walski.

ALSO PRESENT:

Village Police Chief Brian Zaccaro.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor DeVinko led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to open the Village Board November 20, 2024 Special Meeting.

VILLAGE BOARD COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso stated "I have shared my concerns with this Village Board regarding how I am deeply concerned with the company on the Agenda to do the repair and replacement of the Sewer Plant roof project. I am in complete opposition to them completing this project and I have shared my concerns. The Bid received has changed four times at this point and I would like to make the recommendation that we go out for Bid again. The scope of the materials have changed and now there are structural changes to the building. I feel the architectural renderings need to be updated and the project should go out to Bid again. The roof has been securely tarped. For the record I am not comfortable with this."

Village Engineer James Farr (via telephone) stated "I understand your concerns Deputy Mayor Jacaruso, however last Spring there was a slope roof design done that had a Bid for over \$200,000. The Village Board felt this was too much money. The Board next received Bids for a flat roof without any type of specifics. Now the Village is at a point when Winter is coming and there is an open roof. In my opinion there is not enough time to redesign, advertise and solicit Bids before the roof is exposed to adverse weather. All the equipment at this building will be exposed to the elements. If the Village had gone with the original proposition that was designed with all the contingencies the Village would not be in the situation we are in today. I understand the Village financial situation and I appreciate that. The recommendation was to go with a slope roof, not the original flat roof. Whether the Village Board chooses ABC Roofing Company or Precision Roofing Company is up to the Board. There are Warranties for each Bid. I conducted a background check on ABC Roofing Company. The recommendation came back very good for being in service for twenty-five (25) years. The final decision is up to the Village Board. I would recommend deciding tonight because the roofing material has weather conditions for temperature conditions, and previously there were milder temperatures but now we will be into December."

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso stated "I have a few comments. The roof can be tarped for several months if tarped properly. The original Bid that was received was not over

VILLAGE BOARD COMMENTS – (CONTINUED):

\$200,000 but was \$118,000 and the \$200,000 plus Bid was an option. Also, in the second round of Bids ABC Roofing Company was higher, not lower and did not include many other things the other Bid did. ABC Roofing did not meet some of the other requirements that are critical, and I will leave it at that. You know my background also."

Engineer Farr responded "my recommendation is to go with ABC Contractor to get the project done. If you want to choose Precision I am okay with that but I want the project done and the roof secure. I am okay with the warranty and materials used, and with all of it. I have been an Engineer with the Village for thirty (30) years, and would not give you bad advice."

Mayor DeVinko stated "from my point of view the work to be done on the power pit and things that are loose and could potentially break and fall off is not in Precision Roofings estimate. When questions were asked to the company they were not answered. In an e-mail they suggested a recommended way of doing this work, however the area outside is in need of repair, the matter of block being utilized was not addressed and it feels as if they do not want to address the issue. ABC Roofing does address these concerns and it is included in their Bid. The Village does not want to put a band-aid on a gash as was done for years. With the roof continuing to leak and has been leaking for years we are at the point it needs to be taken care of now. We also do not want to risk all the Sewer equipment becoming damaged. What is your alternative Deputy Mayor?"

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso indicated "there are issues still outstanding, and the other roofing company reached out but no one would speak with them. That is concerning to me."

Engineer Farr stated "neither Precision Roofing or ABC Company contacted me."

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso stated, "several e-mails went out since Monday when ABC revisions kept coming back."

Mayor DeVinko indicated "ABC warranty is the same one as Precision and the only difference is one company is doing the block work around the building and the other is not."

The Deputy Mayor responded "the warranty that was submitted by ABC did not exist. They were not licensed and not certified. Now the Village receives the warranty with another company name on it."

Engineer Farr suggested "a telephone call be made to ABC to discuss this issue, and that final payments will not be made until this is settled."

Mayor DeVinko stated "I will reach out to ABC and have these conversations".

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso questioned "if something goes wrong with the roof and the Village is in contract with ABC are you comfortable with the warranty if it's not with the warranty company. Will we be guaranteed to have that warranty in place if this roof leaks?"

Engineer Farr explained "the Village does not submit final payment until the warranty is in place. The Board needs to make a decision so the Village can proceed."

Deputy Mayor Jacaruso stated "it is my feeling that we have a local company with a stellar reputation that is going to cost less money."

Mayor DeVinko replied "the Board has done our due diligence. Precision Roofing did not address the block itself which is important for the building. If there are no other comments the Board will now address the Resolution."

VILLAGE BOARD COMMENTS:

Resident Vincent Lang of 9 Plymouth Rock Court stated “I believe the Board should put out Requests for Proposals with specifications as to the scope of work involved.”

Mayor DeVinko responded “this was previously done.”

RESOLUTION – 24 – 0206 - AWARD BID - WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) OPERATIONS BUILDING ROOF PROJECT:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to award the Bid regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Building Roof Project to ABC Roofing Company in an amount not to exceed \$157,904.00; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 1 Nay, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions. (Deputy Mayor Jacaruso voted Nay).

RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 24 – 0146:

Trustee Coleman made a motion, seconded by Trustee Presser and adopted to rescind Resolution Number 24 - 0146 regarding the flat roof for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Building Roof Project from vendor ABC Roofing Company; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 3 Ayes, 1 Nay, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Village Board and audience members continue to discuss the specifics and cost of the Bids from each of the roofing companies.

RESOLUTION 24 - 0207 — ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Presser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Coleman and adopted to adjourn the November 20, 2024 Village Board Special Meeting; said Resolution passed by a unanimous vote of the Village Board. 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
CHRISTINE SHENKMAN
VILLAGE CLERK**