

March 17, 2020

## Borough Council

The Workshop Meeting of the Bedford Borough Council was held on the above date with the following Council Members present, Sharon Turkovich, Bill Blackburn, Patrick Neff and John Cessna. Mayor William Leibfreid, Borough Manager Barbara Diehl, Borough Secretary Beverly Geller, Public Services Director Brad Foor, Police Chief Craig Bowman and Timothy Cooper, P.E., of Stiffler, McGraw & Associates, Inc. were also present.

Council Members Tim Weaverling, Jeff Rinscheid and Kenny Fetterman along with Solicitor Dean Crabtree were absent.

Russ Greaser of Stiffler McGraw & Associates, Inc. and Will Deshong of the Bedford Gazette were also in attendance.

Councilwoman Turkovich called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

Councilman Blackburn updated Council on the Fire Department Build Project noting that the majority of the interior of the new building is expected to be finished by March 31, 2020, but there will be a few items that will need completed including the front apron. Mr. Blackburn noted that fire department members approved the completion of the basement. Mid-State Construction will complete the basement portion of the project in two to three months. Councilman Blackburn noted that as soon as an Occupancy Permit is received for the first floor of the new building, items will be removed from the Wastewater Treatment Plant where they are currently stored.

Discussion on the Borough Building Renovation was entered. Mayor Leibfreid noted that he would prefer a local company to complete the project. Mr. Cooper shared that the project must be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Mr. Neff asked Council to consider removing the storage upgrade to metal cabinetry for the police department and ceramic tile in the restrooms. Mr. Blackburn noted that he prefers the project proceed as bid without removal of any of the components. Chief Bowman noted that he was fine without the upgrade in cabinetry after Mr. Greaser explained that the cabinetry was similar to what would be proposed for a Physician's Office or a school. Councilwoman Turkovich noted that tile walls in restrooms would be easier to clean than painted drywall. Councilman Cessna inquired about what vehicles would be parked in the carport. Manager Diehl shared that the space could be used to park a truck loaded with salt preparing for a snow storm or a truck with a trailer. Manager Diehl shared that the carport would have electricity, be well lit and have camera surveillance.

Motion was made by Councilman Neff, seconded by Councilman Blackburn, to award the General Construction contract to the lowest bidder, Mid-State Construction - \$1,956,232.00, deducting the metal storage shelving (\$21,966.00) for a total of \$1,934,266.00. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (4-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Neff, seconded by Councilman Cessna, to award the HVAC Construction contract to the lowest bidder; DARR Construction, Inc in the amount of \$286,000.00. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (4-0).

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Motion was made by Councilman Blackburn, seconded by Councilman Neff, to award the Plumbing Construction contract to the lowest bidder, K & K Plumbing in the amount of \$168,000.00. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (4-0).

Motion was made by Councilman Cessna, seconded by Councilman Blackburn, to approve the Electrical Construction contract to the lowest bidder, Darr Construction, Inc in the amount of \$260,000.00. Motion was carried by unanimous vote (4-0).

Mr. Copper and Manager Diehl met with John Pecze, Municipal Services Supervisor, with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and shared information in regards to taking over a portion of Penn Street. A Highway Occupancy Permit would need approved by PennDOT to change the current apron in front of the Borough Building from blacktop to concrete. The two parking spaces in front of the borough building will be lost at that time of the borough building renovation. If the Borough assumes responsibility for a section of Penn Street the parking spaces would remain, slope issues could be addressed, and streetscape projects could be implemented. The one disadvantage would be the maintenance of that section of Penn Street. Mr. Cooper will prepare an estimate to bring Penn Street to current standards. If the Borough does take over Penn Street, the engineering fees along with the cost to bring the street to current standards will be reimbursed by PennDOT. In addition, PennDOT will pay to pave another street within the Borough equivalent in length. Council members would like to continue the discussion at the April 6, 2020 Council Meeting.

Mr. Cooper noted that the PA Department of Community & Economic Development has opened a new Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant with applications due by July 31, 2020. Stiffler McGraw has the completed application from 2019. Council asked that a reminder be added to the April 6, 2020 Council agenda.

Mr. Foor, Chief Bowman and Mr. Cooper exited the meeting as Council entered Executive Session to discuss a legal issue at 4:03 p.m.

Council exited Executive session at 4:35 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried at 4:35 p.m.

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Borough Secretary