

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 5, 2014

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Merion Township met for a Special Meeting on Thursday, June 5, 2014, in Freedom Hall, in the Township Building in King of Prussia. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m., followed by a pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisors present were: Greg Philips, Greg Waks, Bill Jenaway and Carole Kenney. Also present were: David G. Kraynik, Township Manager; Joseph McGrory, Township Solicitor. Supervisor Erika Spott was absent.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS:

Chairperson Waks stated there was an Executive Session held prior to this meeting to discuss legal matters and the Executive Session will resume after this meeting. He indicated this special meeting is being held to discuss matters associated with the construction of the Upper Merion Community Center and modifications to the Board of Community Assistance scholarship volunteer requirements.

DISCUSSIONS:

AWARDING OF FOUR (4) CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS RE: UPPER MERION COMMUNITY CENTER

**1. General Construction Contract**

Mr. Waks stated there is a recommendation to award the General Construction Contract for the Community Center to **Caldwell, Heckles & Egan** of Lancaster, Pennsylvania in the amount of **\$6,478,000**.

Board Comment:

Mr. Philips commented because Upper Merion is a Second Class Township the Code requires the award of four prime contracts. He said the architects and engineers have done a great job with the bid documents in getting them on the street to the point where the bids have come in several hundred thousand dollars under budget.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to award the General Construction to Caldwell, Heckles & Egan in the amount stated. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

**2. Electrical Construction Contract**

Mr. Waks stated there is a recommendation to award the Electrical Construction Contract to **Pinnacle Electrical Construction** of Warminster, Pennsylvania in the amount of **\$1,510,000**.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to award the Electrical Construction Contract to Pinnacle Electrical Construction in the amount stated. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

### 3. HVAC Construction Contract

Mr. Waks stated there is a recommendation to reject the HVAC low bidder, Clipper Pipe and Services because of an issue with the bid documents.

#### Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to reject the HVAC low bidder. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

Mr. Waks stated there is a recommendation to award the HVAC Construction Contract to the second low bidder, **Herman Goldner** of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the amount of **\$1,687,900**.

#### Board Action:

It was moved by Mrs. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to award the HVAC contract to the second low bidder, Herman Goldner of Philadelphia in the amount as stated. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

### 4. Plumbing Construction Contract

Mr. Waks stated there is a recommendation to reject all of the plumbing construction contract bidders.

#### Board Comment:

Mr. Philips stated all bids are being rejected and this rejection will not delay the project in any way. This particular contract will be rebid.

#### From the Public:

Karen Heller asked for an explanation of why all bids are being rejected. Mr. Joseph McGrory, Township Solicitor, explained all of the plumbing bids were rejected because the lowest bidder had deficiencies in the bid. The next lowest bidder was \$31,000 higher. The Board believed it was better to reject all bids based on price and rebid it and get the appropriate bid documents with the next submission.

#### Board Comment:

Mr. Waks stated anyone who bid on the plumbing contract the first time around is eligible to rebid on the plumbing contract.

#### Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Jenaway, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to reject all of the plumbing construction contract bidders. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

#### Board Comment:

Mr. Jenaway stated it is important for the public to know that this project culminates six years of work between the original committee, followed by the feasibility study, followed by all the work done by so many people too numerous to mention. When completed every member of Upper Merion Township will have an opportunity to enjoy some activity in this facility.

#### MODIFICATION TO BOARD OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (BCA) POLICY RE: VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Board Comment:

Mrs. Kenney commented on the improvement to the BCA rules with regard to volunteer requirements for scholarship recipients. She noted prior to this change volunteer requirements were the same for scholarships of \$500 or \$5,000. The amount of community service that the recipient would have to perform to satisfy the BCA grant rules will now be based on the scholarship amount awarded.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mrs. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to approve modification to the BCA volunteer requirements. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

UPCOMING EVENTS IN TOWNSHIP

Mr. Waks announced a number of upcoming Township meetings and events.

PEOPLE MAGAZINE, MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL AND TARGET ALL-STAR TEACHER AWARD

Mr. Waks announced Roberts Elementary School Principal, Jabari Whitehead is one of three finalists in the People Magazine Major League Baseball and All-Star Teacher award. The winner will represent the Philadelphia Phillies at the 2014 All-Star game and the winner will be selected by popular vote. Mr. Waks encouraged visiting the township website which provides a link to register your vote to help Principal Whitehead make it to the finals.

ELMWOOD PARK ZOO – 50% OFF

Mr. Waks announced Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> will be "Upper Merion Day" at the Elmwood Park Zoo. All Upper Merion residents who attend the Elmwood Park Zoo that day will receive 50% off admittance. This benefit is made possible because of a Board of Community Assistance (BCA) award to the Elmwood Park Zoo.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to adjourn the meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0. Adjournment occurred at 7:17 p.m.

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DAVID G. KRAYNIK  
SECRETARY-TREASURER  
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:  
Minutes Entered