

Town of German Flatts Town Board Meeting Conference Call  
66 East Main Street, Mohawk, NY 13407  
April 8, 2020

Present: Peter Rovazzi, Supervisor  
Scott Hendrix, Councilman  
Arthur Sterling, Councilman  
John Brewer, Councilman  
Penny Watkins, Councilwoman  
Karl Manne, Town Attorney  
Laura Madore, Deputy Town Clerk  
John Freeman, C&S Engineers Inc,  
Yotin Padungtin, Dept of Transportation

Absent: Pam Jones, Town Clerk

Public: 4 (phone conference)  
See separate sheet logged by Deputy Clerk

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Rovazzi at 2pm via phone teleconferencing at 315-671-1981, meeting #116026194#.

Rovazzi asked for a moment of silence for all first responders during these difficult times.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Watkins to accept March 25, 2020 minutes, with exception to change today's meeting time to 2pm on the minutes, Carried

Discussion for the Richfield Street Bridge Project was the main purpose for today's meeting so the project could be awarded to the lowest bidder, Jablonski Excavating. There was discussion from Dept. of Transportation, Yotin Padungtin to contribute additional funds for the project. The Town will need another source of funding to complete the project. Rovazzi stated that the Town has been asked to have highway employees contribute in-kind services to reduce the amount need to complete the project by \$16,000. Rovazzi explained to the Board that the Town would not realize \$16,000 in savings from the in-kind services. The Town would still need to purchase the materials to complete these items. The project should begin in the Spring, but Rovazzi didn't have an exact start date.

Attorney Manne questioned removing items from the bid specs which could have changed the others bidders numbers unless it is treated as a change order. Freeman stated that it would be a change order and even with the changes the other lowest bid was approximately \$260,000 higher than the Jablonski bid.

Councilman Sterling was concerned with the Town employees doing the work with a concern of liability. Attorney Manne stated the Town can use in-kind services for some details for the project. Freeman from C&S stated that there is an inspector on the job at all times to make sure items were done to specs & done with proper safety precautions. Sterling asked if the Town would have to spend extra for harness straps for employees. Freeman stated the work will be done after the rocks are in place and there will be no water in the creek at the time they the

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employees are working on the bridge. The bridge work done by the Town employees will be done the same way they seal the Frederick Street Bridge now.  
The Board reviewed and accepted DOT revisions to Schedule A of the supplemental agreement.

Motion by Hendrix and seconded by Watkins to award the Richfield Street Bridge Project to Jablonski Excavating for \$2,252,178 as lowest bidder, Carried

Councilman Sterling let the Board know that he was recently contacted by Frank Spatto regarding the Community Center, will follow up with Board as soon as he meets with Spatto.

Motion to open public comment was made by Hendrix and seconded by Watkins. No public comments made. Public comment closed.

Rovazzi opened the meeting up to the Board for further discussion on any other matters. Sterling questioned the Board about the Jaquish property. Attorney Manne stated there is a new attorney handling the case now. Hendrix stated that this meeting wasn't the time for this discussion.

Next Board Meeting, April 22, 2020 at 5:30 via teleconference during this COVID-19 pandemic, details forthcoming prior to the meeting date.

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Sterling to adjourn at 2:52pm, Carried

Respectfully submitted by,

Laura Madore  
Deputy Town Clerk