

ROAD BOND MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015 – 6:45 P.M.

JOAN WILLIAMSON ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Arthur T. Gerckens called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Arthur T. Gerckens, Peter M. Olenoski, Carmen DiCenso

Absent: Ronald Sill

Also Present: Keith A. McLiverty, City Treasurer
Anthony DeFala, Street Commissioner
Thomas Welch, Corporation Counsel

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PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Gerckens asked three times if anyone wished to address the committee. Hearing no one wishing to address the committee the public portion was closed.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2015 MEETING

A MOTION was made by Mr. Olenoski with a second by Mr. DiCenso to approve the Minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting as presented. **Motion carried.**

REVIEW 2015 ROAD BOND PROJECT – PHASE 1 BIDS

Patty Finn, who oversees the day-to-day paperwork for the project, said the Invitation to Bid was properly advertised and three bids were received. The bids were from Cocchiola Paving, S&S Asphalt Paving, and the Grasso Companies.

The low bidder for the project was The Grasso Companies, LLC with a bid of \$245,671.92. Grasso has submitted their Statement of Qualifications, which everyone should have a copy of. There are no outstanding legal issues or disbarments. They will need to submit a Performance Bond, Payment Bond, and Insurance Certificates if they are awarded the contract.

Mr. DiCenso asked Mr. DeFala if he had ever worked with this company in the past. Mr. DeFala said he hasn't; however he has received very good recommendations on some of the larger jobs that Grasso has performed.

Ms. Finn said this is the first of four phases for the Road Bond project. Each phase will be bid individually.

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RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR AWARD OF BID FOR 2015 ROAD BOND PROJECT – PHASE 1

A MOTION was made by Mr. Gerckens with a second by Mr. Olenoski to recommend to the Board of Aldermen the award of a contract for the City of Derby 2015 Road Bond Project – Phase 1 to the Grasso Companies, LLC. **Motion carried.**

A MOTION was made by Mr. Gerckens with a second by Mr. Olenoski to move to add a Bid Waiver for Commodore Hull Drive and Franklin Avenue. **Motion carried.**

Mr. DeFala informed the committee that he has a brief breakdown for road repair. We are in District 4 and he has appropriated funds for road repair. As everyone knows it was a tough winter. Mr. DeFala said he has an east and west side schedule for road repair. Commodore Hull and Franklin are in really bad shape. He said he wants to keep this work under repairs. If we go out to bid with this work State Bid contractors can charge up to \$7.05 for milling because of the size of the job. Mr. DeFala said that neither of these projects is large in regard to paving. Because we are in District 4 it allows State Bid contractors to charge these rates. If he hires a private contractor he will hold the cost to \$2.50 ft² for milling and \$1.24 ft² for paving where a State Bid contractor will charge a minimum of \$1.65 ft.² and \$2.75 ft.² because of the district that we're in and the size of the job. A State Bid contractor can also charge us for equipment and mobilization, which the contractor that he would like to hire will not do that. Mr. DeFala explained that it does fall under repair – it doesn't fall under a Road Bond project. These repairs are due to the severe winter that we had.

Atty. Welch noted that he and Mr. DeFala had spoken and it was clear – you have to bid it or waive it.

Mr. DeFala said the contractor is a State Bid contractor that he wants to hire and he's going to sub the milling out to a State Bid contractor and they're going to hold their cost down and treat this as a repair. It will come out of the Town Aid account. Mr. McLiverty said there is \$208,000 in that account. He explained that the funds that were not utilized last year dropped to the Fund Balance and the BOAT (Board of Apportionment & Taxation) recently re-appropriated the funds not spent last year plus the current year – so it's about \$208,000.

Mr. DeFala stressed that this has nothing to do with the Road Bond project – it is strictly road repair. He said he also has an east and west side schedule for large patch work, which he already has two contractors working on plus his crew. It will all come out of the Town-Aid account.

Mr. Olenoski asked if he would have to abstain from voting as he lives on Commodore Hull Drive. Atty. Welch said no.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Gerckens with a second by Mr. Olenoski to waive the bid for milling and paving for Franklin Avenue and Commodore Hull Drive. **Motion carried.**

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**W.P.C.A. & DERBY PUBLIC WORKS GRANT APPLICATION FOR EMMETTE AVENUE –
DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

Mr. DeFala said this is a grant that we can apply for to do all the sewer repair and drainage work on Emmett Avenue.

Anthony DeSimone, Project Manager, Weston & Sampson said we've done some extensive reviews of the sewers on Emmett Avenue. There are about 2,000 feet of sewer that is in very, very bad shape. The cost of replacement is approximately \$500,000. Paving that road before the sewer is replaced makes no sense. The W.P.C.A. doesn't have that kind of money to replace the sewer. We have researched grants that can be applied for – CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) or a STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance Program) Grant or possibly a combination of both. \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 would be applied for where we can then replace the sewer, the drainage and possibly do the paving.

Mr. DeFala said this road is on the City's Road Bond list. His department and W.P.C.A. did camera work on the roads and that road is in deplorable condition with the storm drains and sewers. Mr. DeSimone said we can begin exploring what would be needed to apply for the grant, which is usually started in December. He said they would work extensively with Patty Finn from the Community Development Office on the grant.

Mr. McLiverty noted that the City under Connecticut General Statutes would not be eligible for STEAP. Mr. DeFala said he would just like the committee's blessing to begin the process of gathering information to prepare a grant. Mr. DeSimone noted that in the past the City has mainly applied for housing rehab under the CDBG Small Cities. Marc Garofalo, the Town & City Clerk, noted that under Small Cities they are very specific as to what could be applied for.

With no further items to be discussed...

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Gerckens with a second by Mr. Olenoski to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Finn
Recording Secretary

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE ROAD BOND COMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.

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