

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-170
REJECT ALL BIDS FOR 2022 SIDEWALKS REPAIR PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Township Engineer, Theodore Wilkinson, P.E., of Colliers Engineering and Design, was directed by Township Council to prepare plans, specifications and solicit bids 2022 Sidewalk Replacement at Birch Hollow Drive, Greenbriar Horizons and Brookside Estates; and

WHEREAS, four bids were received on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. by the Township Engineer and the Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the tabulation of the each of the four bids received in response to the advertisement is substantially in excess of the Township Engineer's estimate provided for the work to be performed; and

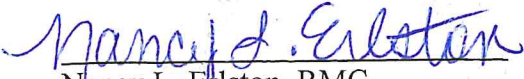
WHEREAS, the Township Engineer has recommended that all bids be rejected (see Schedule A) and that new bids should be sought upon advertising at the earliest time possible upon adoption of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Members of Township Council accept the recommendation from the Township Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that

1. All bids for the 2022 Sidewalk Replacement at Birch Hollow Drive, Greenbriar Horizons and Brookside Estates are hereby rejected as per the recommendation of the Township Engineer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2.
2. The Township Engineer is authorized to immediately re-bid the project in a manner that is consistent with applicable law.

I, NANCY L. ERLSTON, Clerk of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true copy of the Resolution approved by Township Council at their August 10, 2022 meeting.


Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk

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2022 Sidewalks Repair Program – Greenbriar, Birch Hollow, Etc

Florence Township, Burlington County NJ
Bid Tabulation & Recommendation of Rejection of Bids – Budget Exceedance
Colliers Engineering & Design Project No. FLT0161

Dear Fuzzy,

On Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., bids were received for the 2022 Sidewalks Repair Program. A total of four (4) bids were received. We have reviewed and assessed the four bids for qualifications and content. A Bid Tabulation is attached for review and files.

Summary & Recommendation of Rejection

We have reviewed the bids and find that the apparent low bidder, MNC Concrete, with a total bid amount of \$221,100.00, is well over the Engineers Estimate of \$170,000.00. The local budget was set at \$170,000.

We recommend that the Township consider rejecting all bids on the basis of 'Budget Exceedance.'

Plan of Action

We recommend that Council consider authorizing CED to revise the bid proposal and plans to reduce the scope of work by roughly 40-percent, with a Base Bid, plus add-alternates. The goal would be to receive base bids again with bottom line price of approximately \$150,000.00.

Price Fluctuations

Council should understand that the current economy is volatile, especially with fuel prices. Most contractors claim that there are also labor shortages, thus driving bid prices up drastically. Delivery charges for concrete are nearly double the norm presently.

It would be most beneficial to reduce the scope and re-publish the project immediately, in hopes of labor forces change for the better in the coming months, as well as lower fuel prices.

Another option to improve the Bid Price is to introduce a 'Fuel Price Adjustment,' thus eliminating the 'unknown fuel price factor' during public bidding. Adding in the fluctuation clause into the contract will allow the Bidder to provide more competitive accurate pricing based on 'TODAY's RATES' for fuel. Plus, if the fuel price drops during construction, the Township will actually receive a credit.

However, in the event fuel prices rise, then the Owner would need to reimburse the Contractor for said incremental increase. To cover a reasonable increase, we would add an allowance of \$5000 for fuel adjustment.

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Return of Original Bid Packages:

We suggest returning the four bid packages and Bid Bonds to each prospective bidder at your earliest.

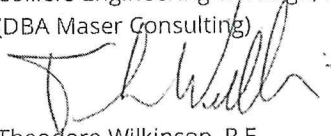
Request Formal Authorization to Revise Bid Proposal and Re-advertise:

We ask Council consideration to revise and re-advertise to receive bids before Labor Day in an attempt to consider award at the September 7, 2022 Regular Meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Colliers Engineering & Design, Inc.
(DBA Maser Consulting)



Theodore Wilkinson, P.E.
Senior Project Manager

Enclosure – bid summary

cc: Nancy Erlston, Clerk, Florence Township (bid tab)
Bruce Bradford, Inspection Dept (w/enc)

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