

MINUTES

Pentwater Township Board

Special Meeting of October 17, 2013

Members Present: Smith, Flynn, Ruggles, Siska, Holub

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Craig Hondorp – Progressive AE

Call to Order: Supervisor Smith called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business: None

New Business

a. Review & Discussion: Bids for Longbridge Fishing Deck Project -

Mr. Smith introduced Mr. Craig Hondorp from Progressive AE, the Township Engineer on the subject project. Mr. Hondorp stated that two bids were received for the project. He said that the low bidder was BCI with a bid of \$378,845 and the other bid was from Wagenmakers Construction with a bid of \$398,000. Mr. Hondorp stated that the project was advertised in the *Oceana Herald Journal* and *Ludington Daily News* and in regional "plan" rooms. He said that eight contractors had attended the pre-bid meeting and that representatives of both BCI and Wagenmakers had attended as well.

Mr. Hondorp said that his firm was familiar with and comfortable with BCI and had contacted references as well. He said that BCI's bid included several subcontractors including Hallack Contracting, Rieth-Riley, Team Elmer's, and Schepers Concrete. He stated that the BCI's bid was some \$25,000 higher than the Engineer's estimate of \$353,100. He said that if BCI's bid is accepted, the total amount of the project would be \$413,345 including engineering costs of \$34,500. Mr. Hondorp said that the "timing" of the project, in his opinion, may have had an effect on the higher price. He said that extending the completion date from April 30th to the end of May could reduce the bid cost as well. He stated that the Township would be responsible for any additional costs as the DNR would not increase the grant amount of \$287,000.

Mr. Hondorp said that BCI's bid included placing the pilings for the fishing deck from the road, rather than from the lake. He said that the contractor, however, stated that Longbridge Road would not be required to be closed in order to

install the subject pilings. Mr. Hondorp commented that the MDNR requires a minimum of three bids; however it does make exceptions to that requirement in certain circumstances.

Mr. Hondorp outlined several options for the Board to consider in regard to proceeding with the project including: rejecting all bids and re-bidding the project next year; bid the project by individual item; modification of the items; issue a post-bid addendum; or, accept the low bid and negotiate change orders as necessary.

b. Review & Action: Award of Bid for Longbridge Road Fishing Deck Project - The members then entered into a lengthy discussion regarding the options. Following discussion, a motion was made by Smith and seconded by Siska to reject the bid of BCI in the amount of \$378,845.00 and the bid of Wagenmakers Construction in the amount of \$398,000.00 for the Longbridge Road Fishing Deck project and to re-bid the project next year. During discussion, it was pointed out that it was likely that the bids would increase instead of decreasing next year. The motion was unanimously defeated by roll call vote.

Following more discussion, a second motion was made by Siska and seconded by Holub to approve the low bid of BCI in the amount of \$378,845.00 for the Longbridge Road Fishing Deck project and that the additional cost of the project be funded through the Township's Fund Balance account. During discussion, it was suggested that every effort be made to minimize the expenditure of any additional Township funds, other than those originally budgeted, for the project via contract negotiations/change orders. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Public Comment - None

Other Items from Board Members - None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Siska, duly seconded by Flynn to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Holub, Clerk
Pentwater Township

Date

