

**CITY OF NORWALK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 3, 2023**

ATTENDANCE: Barbara Smyth, Chairwoman; Tom Livingston; Bryan Meek; Lisa Shanahan; Nore Niedzielski-Eichner

STAFF: Paul Sotnik, Senior Civil Engineer; Drew Berndlmaier, Senior Civil Engineer; Daniel Stanton, Senior Civil Engineer; Chris Torre, Superintendent of Operations; Michael Yeosock, Principal Engineer; Fred Eshraghi, Traffic Engineer

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Chairwoman Smyth called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chairwoman Smyth called the Roll: Tom Livingston Nora Niedzielski-Eichner Bryan Meek
Lisa Shanahan Barbara Smyth

At Roll Call there were five (5) Committee members present, Darlene Young and Dominique Johnson were absent. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC INPUT

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Diane Lauricella stated she just wanted to continue encouraging the city take a look at the discussion items C and D. She would like to know the status of the waste manage coordinator and recycling coordinator. She said the city needs to think about how to deal with this. She believes the position is very important. Need to ensure that the people have the background to understand what is going on in the waste management business. Ms. Lauricella said the city has been missing out on some grants. She stated that the city has also been missing out on income by not recycling in the right way. She said they need creative ways to educate everyone. She suggested hiring a consultant to do waste auditing so they can optimize their waste streams. She would also like to know how the Cranbury Site is doing with the food scrap program.

Chairwoman Smyth closed public input at 7:04p.m

NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022.

There was no report on this item.

****MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH FERGUSON ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. FOR STATE PROJECT 102-360 NORWALK TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE – PHASE IV, FAP 1102 (CN)123 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,125,192.00.

ACCOUNT NO. FHWA CMAQ GRANT (100%)

2B. AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY AND PARKING, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH FERGUSON ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. FOR STATE PROJECT102-360 NORWALK TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADE – PHASE I, FAP 1102(CN) 123 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$312,519.20.

ACCOUNT NO. FHWA CMAQ GRANT (100%)

Mr. Yeosock reported on this item. He gave the locations of the four (4) replacement traffic signals. They received three (3) bids and Ferguson Electric Company was the lowest bidder. There were diversionary signs included in this project that will be removed. Mr. Yeosock explained how the grant works to the Committee. The cost has gone up which prevented them from using alternate A or the divisionary signs.

It was noted that in the memo for Item 2a and 2b, one (1) of the locations was incorrect in paragraph one, fourth and fifth sentence “intersections (East Avenue at Sunset Hill Avenue, East Avenue at St. John’s, West Avenue at Garner Stret, and West Avenue at Grace Baptist Church)” be replaced with “intersections (East Avenue at Eversley Avenue, East Avenue at St. John’s, West Avenue at Garner Street, and West Avenue at Grace Baptist Church).”. There was also a clerical error on the resolution under New Business, Item 2b, “Authorize

the Director of Transportation, Mobility and Parking, to execute orders on contract with Ferguson Electric Company, Inc. for State Project 102-360 Norwalk Traffic Signal System Upgrade – Phase I, FAP 1102(CN) 123 for an amount not to exceed \$312,519.20” be replaced with “Authorize the Director of Transportation, Mobility and Parking, to execute orders on contract with Ferguson Electric Company, Inc. for State Project 102-360 Norwalk Traffic Signal System Upgrade – Phase IV, FAP 1102(CN) 123 for an amount not to exceed \$312,519.20.”.

Mr. Meek asked if the lights would be synchronized, and Mr. Yeosock responded yes.

****MS. NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH CORRECTIONS**

- 3A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BURNS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR PROJECT PM2023-2 PERMANENT PAVEMENT REPAIRS & SURFACE RESTORATION, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$488,020.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 03 00 00 2602

****MR. LIVINGSTON MOVED THE ITEM**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 3B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATION AND PUBLIC WORKS, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH BURNS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR PROJECT PM2023-2 PERMANENT PAVEMENT REPAIRS & SURFACE RESTORATION, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,802.00.**

ACCOUNT NO. 03 00 00 2602

Mr. Stanton reported on this item. He gave an overview of the project to the Committee.

Mr. Meek asked about the locations.

Mr. Stanton explained that there are no specific locations, they are throughout the City and restored to its permanent condition. He said the funds for this project are from permitting fees collected by the City which they use to perform permanent restoration.

- 4A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH RELIABLE EXCAVATING CO., FOR PROJECT RD2022-2 CURB AND SIDEWALK FOR SENG AND MORTON AREA, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$774,993.65.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 23 7100 5777 C0583
134010 5796 APW09**

- 4B. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS, TO EXECUTE ORDERS ON CONTRACT WITH RELIABLE EXCAVATING CO., FOR**

**PROJECT RD2022-2 CURB AND SIDEWALK FOR SENG AND MORTON AREA,
FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$77,499.37.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 23 7100 5777 C0583
134010 5796 APW09**

Mr. Stanton reported on this item. He explained what the project is about to the Committee. The project is to improve walkability in a congestion area and safety for pedestrians. This project also includes a rapid flashing beacon. They received six (6) bidders for this project. The final cost was below their estimate for the work.

Mr. Meek asked if this project would be mostly about drainage replacement and wants to know if sidewalks are part of it.

Mr. Stanton replied this project is substantially sidewalk and curb work. The contingency or the small allowance that is put in there for drainage work in specific catch basins or manholes is related to building a uniform edge of road.

It was noted that in the memo for Item 4a and 4b the contractor's name was excluded in paragraph 3, "The Purchasing Agent opened bids for this Project on December 21, 2022 and the apparent low bidder is Contractor Name, with a bid amount of \$774,993.65." to "The Purchasing Agent opened bids for this Project on December 21, 2022 and the apparent low bidder is Reliable Excavating Co., with a bid amount of \$774,993.65."

****MS. SHANAHAN MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- 5. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT, BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND VANASSE HANGEN BRUSTLIN, INC., PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SAM IS, FIRST YEAR FEE \$19,210.00, RECURRING ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION AND SUPPORT FEE, \$4,000.00, TO BE PAID OUT OF THE EXISTING PO WITH VHB, INC.**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09 20 4021 5777 C0021
09 22 4021 5777 C0021
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Mr. Berndlmaier reported on this item. He explained what the software does and how it works.

A discussion then ensued about the software and what it is used for.

****MS. SHANAHAN MOVED THE ITEM
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

A. METRICS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mr. Sotnik reported on this. He went over the report and answered all questions. It was noted that any street that was not completed due to inclement weather would be completed the next season.

B. TREE OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING

Mr. Torre reported on tree removals. There were one (1) tree removed on Parks property, one (1) tree in the schools and five (5) trees removed in the City ROW. They also removed 35lbs of debris in Rowayton due to the windstorm.

C. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022

Mr. Torre reported on this. He went through the report with the Committee. He stated that they need to educate the residents on how to recycle and what to recycle.

D. FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022

Mr. Torre reported on this. He went through the report with the Committee. He said that they should have the reports for the Cranbury Park site soon.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Niedzielski-Eichner moved to adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:04p.m.

NEXT MEETING: **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023**
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
7:00 P.M. LOCATION TBD