

Borough of Elmer Minutes Special Meeting**August 26, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Meeting of the Borough Council convened in the Borough Hall at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Joseph P. Stemberger presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to accept or reject bids for the project Excavation and Disposal of Petroleum Hydrocarbon Impacted Soils at the Elmer Borough Water Tower and any other business deemed appropriate.

FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION: Mayor Stemberger dispensed with the flag salute and invocation and noted that adequate notice of the meeting was provided on August 19, 2019 pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL: Council President Lewis Schneider, Council Members Bruce Foster, Steven Schalick, James Zee, and Mayor Joseph Stemberger answered to the roll call. Council Member Lynda Davis was absent. Council Member Cynthia Nolan arrived after the roll call, at 7:02 pm. Also present were Solicitor Brian Duffield, CFO Cynthia Strang, and Clerk Sarah Walker.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion Zee second Foster to open the public portion of the meeting. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Ryan Seibert, Calmar Associates, provided handouts and explained the recent test sample result from the remediation site at the water tower. Seibert explained the procedure for monitored natural attenuation (MNA) compared to excavation and disposal, and Council members discussed the pros and cons and potential cost differences.

Motion Zee second Foster to close the public portion of the meeting. All were in favor and motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Remediation Project:** The following resolution was read by title:

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ELMER
REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE 56 STATE STREET WATER TOWER REMEDIATION PROJECT
Number 74-19**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmer authorized the Municipal Clerk and Borough's LSRP Consultant to advertise and solicit bids for the 56 State Street Water Tower Remediation Project; and

WHEREAS, five (5) bids were received on June 27, 2019 at 11:00 am from the following contractors:

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>BASE BID AMOUNT</u>
Enterprise Network Resolutions Contracting, LLC	\$139,751.00
Whitman	\$159,316.26
Mount Construction Co., Inc.	\$173,358.00
Brinks Tank Services, Inc.	\$192,876.50
Allstate Power Vac, Inc. d/b/a ACV Enviro APV	\$285,130.00

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Borough's LSRP Consultant, the Borough Council seeks to reject all bids as such bids exceeded the Borough's and Borough's LSRP Consultant's budget for the 56 State Street Water Tower Remediation Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmer, County of Salem, State of New Jersey, that all bids received on June 27, 2019, for the 56 State Street Water Tower Remediation Project be and are hereby rejected for the reasons stated in this Resolution.

Motion Zee second Schneider to approve Resolution 74-19.

Roll Call: Ayes: Schneider, Foster, Nolan, Schalick, Zee; Nays: None. Absent: Davis. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

DISCUSSIONS/MOTIONS:

Council members discussed the tree on the Borough property across Third Street, the list of storm drains that need to be cleaned out on County Roads, and the changes on Pfeffer's Lane. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:42 pm, motion Zee second Foster that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor and motion carried.

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Sarah D. Walker, Borough Clerk

Approved: September 11, 2019