

# BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

## Special Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2019

9:00 AM

City Hall Council Chambers

114 E. Third Street

### 1. WELCOME, CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Lee called the meeting to order at 9:01am.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Board Members

*D. Preston Lee, P.E.*

*Jack Leshner*

*A. Thomas Owen*

*Robert J. Kennedy, III*

Ex-Officio Members

*Theodore Becker, Mayor*

*Darrin Gordon, General Manager*

*Michael J. Hoffman, Legal Council*

### 3. REVISIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

### 4. Open forum/general discussion on the award of bid to the lowest qualified bidder for the Abbott Park Utilities Project INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION (D. Gordon)

Mr. Gordon asked for the approval of the bid for Abbotts Park for water and sewer service from JJID, Inc. in the amount of \$589,750.00. Mr. Gordon also asked the board to consider helping Abbotts Park out by paying for \$160,000.00 electric upgrade and financing it at 3% for 20 years.

President Lee expressed his concern about the Lewes BPW becoming a bank and setting a precedence. Kennedy agrees but also stated that this upgrade would clean up the existing electric system within the park.

Mr. Owen questioned if the park looked at getting their own loan for the project. Mr. Gordon responded and explained that the park did approach some financial institutions about financing, but the interest rate would be higher than the 3% proposed.

Fred Beaufait mentioned that the board would be benefiting from this project and that they should consider helping the residents of Abbotts Park with the electric upgrade.

**ACTION:** *Mr. Leshner made a motion to accept the bid from JJID, Inc. in the amount of \$589,750.00 for the water and sewer upgrade and to finance the \$160,000.00 for the electric upgrade at 3% for 20 years. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion for the matter of discussion.*

Mr. Owen explained that currently, the way it is presented, the contract would be between Abbotts Park and the electrical contractor (Apple Electric), and the board would be funding it. He would rather it be between the Lewes BPW and Apple Electric. He also asked for the number of full-time and part-time residents within the park. Mr. Gordon stated that there are approximately 13 part-time and 7 full-time residents within Abbotts Park.

President Lee stated that he does not want to be a bank and fund this project when roughly 65% of the Abbotts Park residents are not full time.

Voting:

| Yay          | Nay             |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Jack Leshner |                 |
|              | D. Preston, Lee |
|              | Robert Kennedy  |
|              | A. Thomas Owen  |

Motion Denied.

**ACTION:** *Mr. Owen motioned to accept the bid from JJID, Inc. in the amount of \$589,750.00 for the water and sewer upgrade. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

The board all agreed to invite the residents of Abbott's Park to our February board meeting to discuss the topic of the \$160,000.00 electric upgrade.

## 5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.