

Borough of Rosslyn Farms

January 25, 2010

Regular Meeting

The second regular meeting of Council in January of 2010 was called to order by President Kathleen Green on Monday, January 25, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Rosslyn Farms Community Center with the following members of Council in attendance: D. Robb, R. Bowen, S. Prevoznak, G. Bell, S. George, and P. McNamara. Also present were Mayor Stover, Solicitor Molinaro, and Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone.

President Green recognized David Robb to discuss the tennis court reconstruction project. David Robb stated that members of the tennis court committee received two bids for the reconstruction. They met with the low bidder Friday after the last Council meeting. The committee presented a letter of acknowledgment for the low bidder to sign. A copy of the letter of acknowledgment was circulated to Council. The tennis court committee was concerned that the low bidder would be responsible and perform to assure the manufacturer's specs would be followed. This would be critical to maintain the integrity of the manufacturer warranty.

David Robb read a motion that if acceptable, would be presented to Charwest COG.

"Motion by the Borough of Rosslyn Farms to authorize the Char-West COG award a contract for the CD 35 7.5 Tennis Court Resurfacing, and ADA Access Project to Northern Athletic Construction Company, in the amount of \$137,666.20, subject to receipt from Northern Athletic Construction Company of the fully executed acknowledgment, proposed and sent by the Borough Engineer, to be signed by Northern Athletic Construction Company, Meneghini Company and Premier Court Systems, and approval of the Borough Solicitor."

Joe Sites from Gateway Engineers along with borough residents and tennis court committee members, Rob Schrippa, Isabel Ford, and David Robb met with North Athletic Construction and Meneghini Co. to gain a level of comfort that they will be able to install the tennis court surface. The discussion included concern that Meneghini Co. had only installed one project comprised of five courts with this type of surface in this area.

Solicitor Molinaro asked "why"? If this is any indication, there may be other issues with this type of surface since no one else in this area has installed one? Rob Schrippa felt this was not an issue. He stated that the Committee has done a lot of research. There still seems to be a concern about installation of the surface and approval by all contractors and the manufacturer.

David Robb stated that the committee wants to make sure that the manufacturer approved the installation to guarantee that the warranty will remain intact. The warranty is for 25 years.

The Mayor asked what could be done if Premier Concepts does not approve the installation?

The committee explained that the only tennis courts installed in this area were installed in a bubble. These courts had problems after the bubble was removed, due to changing environmental conditions. The process proposed by the tennis court committee salvages the existing surface and lays the Premier court over top after proper preparation.

The Mayor questioned whether Premier Concepts would still be in business throughout the 25 year warranty.

Roy Bowen said that he believes the committee has done all the research and approved this surface. He would like the Solicitor to review and approve the warranty and a contract.

Rob Schrippa stated that he would like Premier Concepts to inspect the project from the beginning to the end.

David Robb had asked for an extension for awarding the bid to complete the Committee's review.

Solicitor Molinaro said that it appears the Contractor lacks experience with the installation of this system. Therefore, the commission wishes Premier Concepts to be present during the entire installation process. However, the contractor does not want the manufacturer to be present this whole time due to cost. Solicitor Molinaro emphasized that it is not appropriate for COG to make these decisions and suggested that Premier Concepts, and the Tennis Court Committee to agree to a level of comfort and present this to the Contractor and Subcontractor with a drop dead date for them to sign. If the bidders did not sign, he suggested that we rebid the project. After a general discussion, it was decided that the drop dead date for signing the acknowledgement should be February 3, 2010. The Community Development Block Grant has already been extended through June, 2010.

Councilperson Prevoznak suggested that if we have to rebid, we build in all the controls necessary and move forward.

A motion was made and seconded to advise the Char-West COG to award the Rosslyn Farms Tennis Courts, Resurfacing and ADA Access Project to Northern Athletic Construction Company on February 5, 2010 providing that an acknowledgement letter has been signed by Northern Atlantic Construction, Meneghini Construction and Premier Concepts. The Borough Rosslyn Farms must receive this document and a copy of Premier Concepts 25 year warranty, no later than February 3, 2010. These documents are subject to the approval of the Tennis Court Committee and the Borough Solicitor. The Borough will notify the Char-West COG to issue the award of bid by February 5, 2010. Failure to do so will cause rejection of all bids. Bowen/Robb, unanimous.

The Secretary's Report

Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone asked if the Gateway Engineers invoices from December for consent order issues are ready to approve for payment. Councilperson Prevoznak asked that they still be held until she and councilperson Robb are able to meet with Gateway Engineers to discuss narrowing the scope of the feasibility study. This should be completed prior to the next meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone to sign and submit semi annual progress report to Gateway Engineers. Prevoznak/Bell, unanimous.

President Green announced that Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone received a copy of a Sheriff Sale notice for property at 310 Kings Hwy. to be held on March 1, 2010. She also indicated that a potential buyer may be interested.

Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone announced that an advertisement has been placed regarding the passage of an ordinance to ratify our newly created pension plans. This will be on the agenda for our regular February meeting.

Mayor Stover suggested that overtime for the road department might be reduced if only one employee worked snowplowing instead of having a two-man team.

Councilperson Prevoznak said she believes Charlie Smith makes good decisions, but she will discuss this with him.

President Green announced that the swimming pool commission is looking for new members. The Commission was considering a Thornburg Resident/swimming pool member as a possible candidate. A general discussion came to no final decision.

There being no further business. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone.



Kathleen Green - Council President



Samuel A. Maccarone - Borough Sec./Treas.