

Mayor Sheinfield called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

This is a Special Meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 1ST day of November, 2024. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News and The Bergen Record; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of the meeting room and provided to any interested parties.

Please silence all cell phones. Please wait to be recognized by the Mayor during the Public Hearing and the Public Comment part of the meeting. You will need to state your name and town of residence for the record.

Borough Clerk Kohan took the Roll Call:

Council President Escobar absent, Council Members Colletti, Fox, Osso, Ruocco absent, Trochimiuk, Mayor Sheinfield (Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan, Borough Attorney Mark Madaio)

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PUBLIC COMMENT :

Mayor Sheinfield opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting, but seeing no one wishing to address the Mayor and Council, he closed this portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda):

[24277](#) Award of Contract – Centennial Athletic Complex Renovations Project

WHEREAS, sealed bids were requested through advertisement pursuant to New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law for the Centennial Athletic Complex Renovations Project; and

WHEREAS, four (4) contractors returned the sealed bid documents on September 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Dakota Excavating Contractors located at PO Box 414 Saddle River, New Jersey 07458 was the lowest responsible bidder in the base bid amount of Three Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars and Ten Cents (\$377,164.10); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator, Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney recommended that the contract be awarded to Dakota Excavating Contractors for the Centennial Athletic Complex Renovations Project

in the amount of \$377,164.10; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale as follows:

1. The award of the Base Bid to Dakota Excavating Contractors, in the amount of \$377,164.10.
2. The Borough Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare contracts and/or other documents pursuant to the award of this contract.
3. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute contracts and/or documents pursuant to the award of this contract.

NOW, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the within Award is subject to receiving necessary New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) Approvals within 15 days of Award. In the event NJDEP Approvals are not received within 15 days, the within Award shall be deemed null and void and shall vest no right in Dakota Excavating Contractors.

Motion Osso Second Trochimiuk

The BA is expecting the permit from the DEA by 11/5/24. The contractor has been made aware of this. Both Mayor Sheinfeld and Councilman Colletti asked what would happen if there is a delay of that date in obtaining the permit. Borough Attorney Madaio stated that this would be a problem. We need to extend the bid, but the contractor is reluctant to do this. If they don't agree to an extension, we would have to go out to bid again for this project. Extensions are supposed to be agreed upon within the 60 days of awarding the contract. This resolution has a 15-day extension included in it, but we should have something in writing from the contractor agreeing to this prior to the 60 days, which is Monday. Both the Mayor and the council sked that the Administrator reach out to the contractor after the meeting to obtain something in writing from the contractor to extend the bid for the 15 days.

Doing this after awarding the resolution is acceptable per the Borough Attorney.

Ayes: Councilmember Colletti, Fox, Osso, Trochimiuk

Nays: none

Absent: Escobar, Ruocco

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

No Council Commentary was made.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn Trochimiuk Second Osso

All in favor: Councilmember Fox, Osso, Trochimiuk, Colletti

Absent: Escobar, Ruocco

Denise Kohan, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED