

**THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023.364**

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**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, IN  
THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, REJECTING  
ALL OF THE SECOND ROUND BIDS AND AUTHORIZING  
THE TOWNSHIP TO NEGOTIATE THE BID WITH  
RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS FOR THE PENNSAUKEN  
COUNTRY CLUB DINING ADDITION AND DECK  
REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

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**BACKGROUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Pennsauken (the “Township”) has previously authorized the Pennsauken Country Club Four Season Dining Addition & Deck Replacement Project (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township first advertised for bids for the Project pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et. seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 12, 2023, two bids were received in response to the first advertisement; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. 2023-326, all bids were determined to substantially exceed the cost estimate of the Project, and consequently rejected consistent with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised a second time for bids for the Project pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq., with the same Scope of Work and Specifications; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 29, 2023, five (5) bids were received in response to the second advertisement; and

**WHEREAS**, the base bids without alternates were as follows:

1. RNM Construction - \$1,828,500.00
2. Marino General Construction - \$2,190,634.00
3. J.H. Williams Enterprises - \$2,450,000.00
4. NACOM Companies - \$2,580,700.00
5. Levy Construction Company - \$3,025,600.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has determined that the lowest bid submitted by RNM Construction at \$1,828,500.00 substantially exceeds the cost estimate of the Project, which the Project Engineer, T&M Associates, estimated at \$1,700,000, and therefore intends to again reject all bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a); and

**WHEREAS**, RNM Construction’s bid also contained a material defect requiring rejection of its bid, as RNM did not properly list a structural steel subcontractor, as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-16; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has twice solicited bids for the Project, and both attempts to secure a reasonable price to perform the required work through the public bidding process resulted in bids substantially in excess of the Township’s estimate for performing such work; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3), the Township is authorized to negotiate with the bidders in an effort to reach an agreement to construct the Project for an amount that

would more closely meet the Township's cost projection, but in no event more than the \$1,828,500.00 bid by RNM; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township shall notify previous bidders of its intention to negotiate, pursuant to and consistent with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Township hereby rejects all bids as substantially exceeding the estimated cost for the Project, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:13.2(a).

**Section 2.** The Township authorizes the negotiation and execution of a contract for the Project pursuant to and consistent with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3).

**Section 3.** The award of any contract pursuant to said negotiations shall only become effective upon approval and adoption of a Resolution of two-thirds affirmative vote of the authorized membership of the Township.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption this 18th day of December, 2023.

**Recorded Vote**

**AYE**

**NO**

**ABSTAIN**

**ABSENT**

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden, New Jersey on December 21, 2023.

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**PAMELA SCOTT-FORMAN**  
Township Clerk