THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN RESOLUTION NO. 2024:73

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE PENNSAUKEN COUNTRY CLUB DINING ADDITION AND DECK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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, these two bids were determined to substantially exceed the cost estimate of the Project, and were 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, pursuant to Resolution No. 2023-364, all bids were determined to substantially exceed the cost estimate of the Project, and were consequently rejected, consistent with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a); and

WHEREAS, the Township, having twice solicited bids for the Project, and with both attempts to secure bids consistent with the cost estimate resulting in bids that were all substantially in excess of the Township's estimate; thereby authorized the negotiation process with interested bidders, consistent with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3); and

WHEREAS, the Township, through its design consultant, T&M Associates ("T&M"), notified bidders of the Township's intention to negotiate the bid pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3), and invited said bidders to submit their best and final proposals for the Project by January 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2024, the Township received three (3) bids for the Project, from RNM Construction, Marino General Construction, and Climatic, the lowest being RNM Construction ("RNM"), with a base bid of \$1,728,500.00; and

WHEREAS, T&M, in an effort to negotiate these bids, subsequently reached out to the three (3) bidders to request they provide the Township with proposed cost savings recommendations; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2024, RNM provided T&M with specific cost reduction recommendations (attached hereto, and incorporated herein, as Exhibit "1"), which reduced RNM's base bid price by \$100,000.00, for a final base bid price of \$1,728,500.00, which was lower than its second round base bid, and was the lowest of the three (3) bidders on the negotiation round; and

WHEREAS, the Township and RNM have tentatively reached a negotiated agreement for the base bid price of \$1,728,500.00, as well as Alternate Bid Items #1 (\$55,000.00), #2 (\$85,000.00), and #3 (\$21,000.00), for a total Contract value of \$1,889,500.00; and

WHEREAS, T&M and the Township's attorney reviewed the bid submission by RNM and has determined that RNM's bid submission is materially compliant with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-1, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:11-5(3), this Resolution shall be approved by two-thirds affirmative vote.

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

- <u>Section 1.</u> The Township hereby awards the Contract for the Project, as well as Alternate Bid Items #1-3, to RNM Construction for \$1,889,500.00.
- <u>Section 2.</u> The Township hereby authorizes the execution of all necessary Contract Documents, contingent upon review and approval by the Township's attorney.
- **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution, which is approved by at least a two-third majority vote, shall take effect immediately upon adoption this ____ day of ______, 2024.

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 January 18, 2024.

PAMELA SCOTT-FORMAN, RMC Township Clerk

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