
SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING
October 8, 2004

The special emergency meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania was called to order by Chairman John J. Finnigan, Jr., at the Hanover Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 18017 at 12:53 P.M. to discuss the Bella Vista Bridge and Emergency Access Road.

Mr. Finnigan moved that the Board approve to accept the Bid from Berkley Excavating to provide emergency services in the way of paving the emergency access between the Santee Heights Development at the dead-end of Kevin Drive into the Bella Vista second terrace in the amount of \$29, 950.00 as stated in a letter dated October 8, 2004 to Hanover Engineering Associates.

Mr. Finnigan noted for the record that we are not awarding the bid to the lowest bidder which is Mark Walters Trucking & Excavating on a letter dated October 7, 2004 at a bid price of \$22,500.00 due to the fact that they cannot commence work on the project to the first week of November.

Mr. Colon seconded the motion.

Mr. Birdsall stated for the record he has observed the condition of the bridge and in his opinion the bridge is unsafe for trucks and he has notified the Township in a letter that no trucks be allowed to cross the bridge.

Mr. Broughal stated we should make reference to the fact that there has been various correspondence dated October 6, 2004 from Hanover Engineering relative to that opinion be made part of the minutes.

Mr. Birdsall stated that in conclusion to his opinion this constitutes an emergency if there is a fire in the Bella Vista Subdivision. It would be very difficult in inclement weather for emergency vehicles to obtain access and recommends that this work is done as soon as possible.

Mr. Finnigan noted that the minutes reflect that on October 6, 2004 the Township Road Crew provided temporary emergency access by cleaning trees, brush and overgrowth on the limited emergency way between the two developments. The road is already posted "No Trucks".

Mr. Broughal stated the reason we are not repairing the bridge is because the bridge is not the property of the Township.

Mr. Finnigan stated there is more than just the issue of the bridge. The approach road is being deteriorated and washed away and there is no upkeep of the bridge for many years. Mr. Finnigan yes, Mr. Colon yes, Mr. Walbert yes, Mr. Salvesen yes, Mr. Diacogiannis yes.

Upon motion of Mr. Colon, seconded by Mr. Walbert, the Board approved adjournment at 1:15 P.M.

Mr. Finnigan yes, Mr. Colon yes, Mr. Walbert yes, Mr. Salvesen yes, Mr. Diacogiannis yes.

Linda J. Sterner
Secretary/Treasurer

