



July 12, 2022

Mayor and Council
Borough of Wenonah
1 Southwest Avenue
Wenonah, NJ 08090

RE: Review of Bid Documents & Recommendation for Award
2022 Borough of Wenonah Infrastructure Improvement Project
Drainage & Roadway Improvements to Lenape Trail, from Mohawk Dr. to Mohawk Dr.
(2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid)
Water Main Replacement in Lenape Trail, from Mohawk Dr. to Mohawk Dr. (2022 Borough Capital)
Roadway Improvements to Mohawk Dr, from Lenape Trail to Woodbury-Glassboro Rd.
(2022 Borough Capital)
Roadway Improvements to E. Poplar St., from Clinton Ave. to Princeton Ave. (2022 Borough Capital)
Roadway Improvements to N. Monroe Ave., from Poplar St. to Mantua Ave. (2022 Borough Capital)
Borough of Wenonah
Project Number WNOE069

Dear Mayor and Council:

Bids were received and opened at the Borough Municipal Building on June 16, 2022 for the 2022 Borough of Wenonah Infrastructure Improvement Project. A total of four (4) bids were received for this project out of the six (6) Contractors who obtained the bid documents.

The three (3) low bidders for this project are as follows:

BIDDER	BASE BID #1	BASE BID #2	BASE BID #3	ALT. BID #1	ALT. BID #2	ALT. BID #3	TOTAL BID AMOUNT
Richard.E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc.	\$670,353.82	\$270,462.39	\$56,663.01	\$159,875.01	\$87,470.01	\$61,589.00	\$1,306,413.24
Landberg Construction, LLC	\$669,053.04	\$341,304.00	\$62,851.00	\$168,574.90	\$83,362.00	\$45,049.00	\$1,370,193.94
Mathis Construction Co., Inc.	\$743,067.95	\$332,259.39	\$70,123.00	\$192,363.00	\$96,058.00	\$57,959.00	\$1,491,830.34

In reviewing the bid results, please note that the following as it pertains to the scope of each of the bids provided above:

1. **Base Bid #1** depicts the full scope of the NJDOT approved improvements in Lenape Trail.

2. **Base Bid #2** reflects the costs for Water Main Replacement in Lenape Trail.
3. **Base Bid #3** reflects the costs for Roadway Improvements to Mohawk Drive, from Lenape Trail to Woodbury-Glassboro Rd.
4. **Alternate Bid #1** reflects the costs for Roadway Improvements to East Poplar Street, from Clinton Avenue to Princeton Avenue.
5. **Alternate Bid #2** reflects the costs for Roadway Improvements to North Monroe Avenue, from Poplar Street to Mantua Avenue
6. **Alternate Bid #3** reflects the costs for the potential replacement of existing lead containing water services with new copper water services in Poplar Street and in Mohawk Drive. *It should be noted that this work is an NJDEP requirement.*

Based upon the above, the apparent low bidder for the 2022 Borough of Wenonah Infrastructure Improvement Project, including Alternate Bid #'s 1-3, is Richard E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc in the amount of \$1,306,413.24.

It should be noted that the bid submitted by Richard E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc. was 20% higher than the Engineer's Estimate primarily due to the recent increases in fuel pricing. As a result, it is our understanding that the Borough has executed a budget transfer for purposes of certifying funds to allow for the award of the entire Project.

Our office has reviewed the Richard E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc.'s unit pricing for consistency, reviewed their project history and qualifications, and checked their references, including subcontractors. Based upon our research and in accordance with the bid submitted, we recommend that 2022 Borough of Wenonah Infrastructure Improvement Project, including all three (3) Base Bids and all three (3) Alternate Bids, be awarded to Richard E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,306,413.24, contingent upon the certification of funds.

By approving the Award of Contract as described above, it should be noted that Richard E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc's bid amount of \$670,353.82, for the NJDOT Funded Drainage and Roadway Improvements in Lenape Trail is greater than the NJDOT grant amount of \$265,000. As a result, the Borough shall be financially responsible for all construction costs in excess of \$265,000, as well as all construction inspection fees generated by our office.

For your reference, enclosed please find the "Bid Tally Sheet" which lists each of the bidders and their respective breakdowns for the proposed work. In addition, we have included copies of the three lowest (3) bidders' documents for Borough Record Information.

Furthermore, we have delivered copies of the three (3) low bidders bid documents to the Borough Solicitor, Matthew P. Lyons, Esq., for his review of the form and content of bids, bid security, and consent of surety. Provided that the Borough Solicitor is satisfied with the low



bidder's documents and upon Certification of Funds, we are requesting that the necessary Resolution of Award of Contract to Richard E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc., for the 2022 Borough of Wenonah Infrastructure Improvement Project, inclusive of both Base Bid #'s 1-3 and Alternate Bid #'s 1-3, be prepared for adoption at the next available regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Please note that the resolution must specifically state that the award is contingent upon approval by NJDOT.

Subsequent to the Borough's adoption of the Resolution of Award, we will forward certified copies of the Resolution, the bid tabulation sheet, and a completed Initial Payment Voucher requests to NJDOT for review and approval.

A Pre-Construction Meeting will be scheduled and a Notice to Proceed will be issued following NJDOT's approval of the Contract Award and upon Solicitor's approval of Richard E. Pierson Construction Co., Inc.'s Performance Bonds and Insurance Certificates. At that time, we will also transmit the remaining unsuccessful bidder's documents back to the bidders.

It is anticipated that the proposed work will begin in mid-August 2022 and will be substantially completed by mid to late October of 2022, unless weather and other unforeseen conditions dictate otherwise.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding the information provided, please feel free to contact me at the office (856) 464-9600 or on my cell at (267) 972-6317.

Sincerely,
THE PETTIT GROUP, LLC



David Kreck, PE, CME
Associate

Enclosures

Cc: Karen Sweeney, Borough Clerk
Matthew P. Lyons, Esq., Borough Solicitor (w/enclosures) via email only

