

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2009

8:40pm – 8:50pm

Mayor Botta called the special meeting of the Mayor and Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor read the Open Public Meetings Law notice.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Botta, Councilmembers Dillon, Jachzel, Jones, Siemsen, Vozech,
Borough Attorney Peter Scandariato, Borough Administrator Nicholas Saros,
and Borough Clerk Meredith Bendian.

Absent: Councilman Nalbandian

II. AWARD CONTRACT FOR LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

Mayor Botta explained that the special meeting was called to award the contract to Aark Contractors for the Library Renovations. Mayor Botta then turned the meeting over to the Library Project Manager, Todd Miller to explain what the Library Board had discussed at their meeting earlier that night.

Mr. Miller explained that bids for Library Renovations were received on August 18, 2009. A total of fifteen bids were received. The good news was that bids had come in under budget.

The day after bids were received, August 19, 2009, the Borough received a letter from the second lowest bidder, H & S Construction and Mechanical, challenging the low bidder's steel sub-contractor's certification.

After much review and discussion with the architect and attorneys, the Library Board recommended at their September 14th, 2009 meeting to award the contract to Aark Contractors.

Therefore, the Governing Body with the recommendation from the Library Board tonight will move to pass a resolution to award the contract.

Councilman Vozech made a motion and read Resolution 218-2009 in full, seconded by Councilman Jones.

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 218-2009

Resolution by: B. VOZEH

Seconded by: W. JONES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ramsey advertised for bids for Ramsey Free Public Library Renovations for the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, said bids were accepted on August 18, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the total of fifteen (15) bids were received; and

WHEREAS, said bids have been reviewed by the appropriate recommending authorities; and

WHEREAS, Aark Contractors, Inc., 42 West Street, P.O. Box 68, Spring Valley, New York appears to be the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the recommending authorities have recommended award of said contract to Aark Contractors, Inc; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ramsey that contract for Ramsey Free Public Library Renovations be and hereby is awarded to Aark Contractors, Inc., 42 West Street, P.O. Box 68, Spring Valley, New York in the amount of \$2,537,400.00 base bid plus alternatives (1,3,6,7,8 and 9) in the amount of \$11,500.00 for a total contract price of \$2,548.900.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and hereby are authorized to enter into a contract for said project as approved by the Borough Attorney.

	YES	NO	A B S T A I N	A B S E N T
BOTTA, C., MAYOR				
DILLON, D.	X			
JACHZEL, V.	X			
JONES, W.	X			
NALBANDIAN, A.				X
SIEMSEN, A .	X			
VOZEH, B.	X			

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HELD ON _____

MEREDITH BENDIAN, MUNICIPAL CLERK

PASSED AND APPROVED

CLERK

MAYOR

AYES: Dillon, Jachzel, Jones, Siemsen and Vozech NAYS: None ABSENT: Nalbandian
Carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Mayor opened the meeting up to public comment. Not seeing anyone who wished to speak, the Mayor closed the public comment.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vozech, seconded by Jones, to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

Meredith Bendian
Borough Clerk