

A special meeting of the East Amwell Township Committee came to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Mayor David Wang-Iverson, Deputy Mayor Dart Sageser, and Committee members Tim Mathews and Charles Van Horn. Committee member Peter Miller was absent. Township Administrator Timothy Matheny was also in attendance.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, a copy of notice of this meeting was filed in the Clerk's Office, posted on the bulletin board, and sent to the Trenton Times on September 22, 2016 and published in the Trenton Times on September 25, 2016. A copy of the agenda was sent to the Times of Trenton, Hunterdon County Democrat, and Star Ledger on September 28, 2016. The purpose of this meeting is to award the contract for Rehabilitation of Clawson House, Phase III.

The public is invited to attend and comment. Action may or may not be taken.

Mayor Wang-Iverson thanked everyone for coming tonight and asked Mr. Matheny to review the bids.

Mr. Matheny explained that Phase III of the Clawson House rehabilitation was divided into five sections, front porch, additional basement and foundation work, rear of existing building, new rear addition, and removal and reinstallation of interior flooring, including subfloor work. The bid documents anticipated the award of items 1, 2, and 3, but the bids included wording that the items could be moved around, based on funding. The Hunterdon County grant application included specific wording to use the funds for the front porch, rear of building, and floors; the award tonight will cover those items. The grant is for \$75,000, with one half of the money upfront and the remaining half upon completion. No funds have been received yet.

Mr. Matheny said that the bids went through attorney review, and Unlimited Builders is the low bid with an amount of \$84,400 for the three sections. The East Amwell Historical Society contributed \$15,400 to the project, so along with the \$75,000 grant from the County, the CFO was able to certify \$84,400 in funds.

Mayor Wang-Iverson called for any questions from the Township Committee. There were none.

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RESOLUTION # 93 -16

RESOLUTION OF AWARD

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of East Amwell, based upon the recommendation of the Township Administrator/QPA with review by the Township Attorney that bid documents are satisfactory and certification of funds from the CFO, the bid for the Clawson House, Phase III, issued August 4, 2016 is awarded, as follows, for sections 1, 3, and 5:

UNLIMITED BUILDERS CONSTRUCTION LLC
8 Cullen Way
Hamilton, NJ 08620
For Clawson House, Phase III
Section One – Front Porch - \$27,500
Section Three – Rear of Existing Building \$19,500
Section Five – Remove and Reinstall Interior Flooring
on First Floor - \$37,400.
Total Award: \$84,400
Contract Length of Time: 90 Days from Notice
To Proceed

By Order of the Township Committee,

David Wang-Iverson, Mayor

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 Motion by Mr. Van Horn to approve the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sageser, and carried unanimously by roll call vote: Mr. Van Horn, yes; Mr. Sageser, yes; Mr. Mathews, yes; Mr. Wang-Iverson, yes.

The Clerk said that for the record, the minutes would show the names and amounts of the four bidders for these three sections: Unlimited Builders, \$84,400; Northeast Roof Maintenance, \$105,200; DeSapio Construction, Inc., \$108,000; Precision Building and Construction, \$119,912.

Mayor Wang-Iverson thanked Historic Preservation Committee Chairwoman Barbara Sageser and East Amwell Historical Society (EAHS) Member Jim Davidson for the work on this grant application. He also commented on the excellent fundraising by EAHS that enabled them to contribute \$15,400 for this phase of the project. He thanked the governing body members for coming out to the special meeting tonight so that the project can start early and perhaps be completed by the end of the year.

Mr. Davidson mentioned that the grant process began in January, and it is now the end of September with the County getting a purchase order out to the Township. He said that they would be working on another grant application in January. He added that the EAHS raised over \$20,000, and they have applied for another grant, which they will hear about in October.

Mr. Davidson spoke about a program in Flemington on October 8 where the NJ Archeological Society will speak. Mr. Davidson spoke to the Head of the Society and told him about the archeological digs in a small section of the Clawson property 15 years ago. The NJ group may be interested in doing an archeological dig at Clawson property.

Mr. Davidson also spoke about a recent midnight visit to Dvoors Farm by the NJ Paranormal Activities Research Society (PARS) when EAHS member (and former Historical Preservation Committee member) Dave Harding was present. Mr. Harding now works for Hunterdon Land Trust, who has its offices at the farm. Mr. Harding reported extraordinary activities, including a door opening and slamming shut. PARS will be having two paid sessions within the next couple of weeks to reveal their findings. Mr. Davidson said that PARS will be coming to East Amwell on October 22 to investigate activities at his home, which was built in the 1700's. His wife, Dawn, has a two page diary of paranormal activities in their home, including apparition sightings. Mr. Davidson is hoping to have the group visit the Clawson House too and then have a paid program for the revelations on both houses. He quipped about charging for overnight stays at Clawson House.

Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

Motion by Mr. Van Horn, seconded by Mr. Mathews, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC
 Municipal Clerk