

**Minutes of Special Trustee Meeting
Liberty Township, Licking County, Ohio
December 13, 2023 6:30 p.m.**

Opening

- A Special meeting of the Liberty Township Trustees was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 in the Township Hall. Bill Bogantz called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and stated that the meeting was being recorded.
- Roll call was taken with the following answering as present: Bill Bogantz, Bill Siegel, & Doug Strait.

Business

- Bill Bogantz communicated that the purpose of the meeting was to continue the discussion on the selection of a contractor for the construction of our new administration building with the goal being to make a final decision at this meeting.
- Doug shared that he had called all the references of Master Renovations. All references spoke highly of their work.
- Doug shared that Master Renovations' bid did not include the septic system and it did not include hauling the excavated dirt away from the site.
- Bill Bogantz shared that Slabaugh Builders included septic, dirt hauling, and nearly \$36,000.00 for flooring in their bid. Master Renovation, as Doug stated, did not include septic and dirt hauling. Master Renovations did allow for a stick on vinyl flooring over top of the concrete slab.
- Bill Bogantz shared that Tuttle Constructions' bid of \$696,750.00 was well over the \$500,000.00 maximum allowed. Hence Tuttle Construction's bid was not under consideration. Bill Bogantz also noted that Tuttle had included a \$25,000.00 budget for septic.
- Bill Bogantz summarized that Slabaugh Builders and Master Renovations both appear to be good contractors, and both have a good reputation and do quality work. Bill Bogantz indicated that it comes down to cost and the consideration of using a local builder. Slabaugh Builders are located within our Township.
- Bill Bogantz indicated that he had discussed the two competing bids with legal counsel. Legal counsel indicated that with the differences in what we have found in the two bids, the cost difference was no longer that significant. Legal counsel also indicated that it is acceptable for the township to use "local" as part of our decision process.
- Bill Siegle added that as he reviewed the bids he felt that Slabaugh Builders would have fewer change orders based on the completeness of their bid.
- Bill Bogantz asked for a motion to select the contractor.
- **Doug Strait made a motion that we accept Slabaugh Builders bid for the construction of our new administration building. Bill Siegel seconded the motion. The motion passed with all yes votes.**

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- Bill Bogantz asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Siegel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug Strait seconded the motion. The motion passed will all yes votes.

For reference – Bid Amounts:

- Tuttle Construction: \$696,750.00
- Slabaugh Builders: \$494,700.00
- Master Renovations: \$441,000.00

Approval

Approval of the minutes for meeting December 13, 2023:

Trustee: <u>William Bogantz</u>	Date: <u>1/8/2024</u>
Trustee: <u>Eric Washburn</u>	Date: <u>1-8-2024</u>
Trustee: <u>Doug Strait</u>	Date: <u>1-8-24</u>
Fiscal Officer: <u>Melinda Bogantz</u>	Date: <u>1/8/2024</u>