

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange received a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) for MA – 2020 Arverne Road, Crestmont Road (portion) and Westover Terrace (portion) Improvement Project in the amount of \$625,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Orange received a grant from the NJDOT for MA – 2021 Various Roads, Improvement Project, Crestmont Road (remainder), Lenox Terrace and Masson Place in the amount of \$505,000.00; and

WHEREAS, due to the Covid – 19 pandemic, the design of the MA – 2020 project was delayed until 2021; and

WHEREAS, to achieve economies of scale the Township Engineer requested a proposal for design services that would combine both the MA – 2020 project and the MA – 2021 project into one bid package; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 164 - 21 dated July 13, 2021 a professional services contract was awarded to the engineering firm of Greenman – Pedersen (GPI) of Morris Plains, NJ in the amount of \$58,500.00 to develop plans, specifications and bid documents for a combined MA – 2020 and MA – 2021 project; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT Local Aid office in Newark, NJ would allow the combining of both grant year projects provided the MA – 2020 project was awarded by November 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the improvements of the combined project exceeded \$1,000,000.00 which would require an environmental review by the NJDOT known as EO-215; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer, expressed concerns the environmental review of the project which proposed curb in locations where no curb existed would require storm water management improvements which weren't in the project's budget; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer directed Greenman – Pedersen to separate the MA – 2020 project from the combined package to lower the project cost; and

WHEREAS, the separation of the projects delayed the completion of the design for the MA – 2020 project; and

WHEREAS, GPI completed the redesign for the MA – 2020 project in September and submitted them for review by the NJDOT Local Aid Office in Newark on September 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the MA – 2020 project cost was estimated by the design engineer to be over \$1,000,000.00 which was higher than the Municipal Engineer’s estimate when the MA – 2020 grant application was submitted; and

WHEREAS, the MA – 2020 project still required an EO-215 environmental review as advised by the NJDOT on September 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this review added further delay to the project schedule, and

WHEREAS, the Local Aid Office issued design comments on September 14, 2021 and received on September 20, 2021 with a revised comment letter received on September 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, GPI needed time to address those comments; and

WHEREAS, the EO-215 environmental clearance for the project was received on September 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, GPI submitted plans for review on October 21, 2021 which were approved by the Local Aid Office on October 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the bid and award of the MA – 2020 project could still meet the award deadline of November 21, 2021 if a short bid period was specified; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer to promote more competition and competitive prices decided a longer bid period beyond the November 21, 2021 award deadline was beneficial; and

WHEREAS, the Township advertised for bids on November 1, 2021 with a bid receipt date of November 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the bid receipt date allows for sufficient time for the Municipal Engineer to recommend an award for the December 14, 2021 Township Council meeting; and

WHEREAS, due to the adoption on second reading of the Finance Ordinance for 2021 Capital Projects on October 25, 2021, sufficient funds are available to award a contract for the MA – 2020 project on December 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, an award on December 14, 2021 requires the NJDOT to grant an extension of time for the contract award; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer recommends a contract extension to December 20, 2021 or 30 days be granted; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council concurs in the foregoing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, Essex County, New Jersey that the Township of West Orange hereby requests an additional 30-day extension of time to award a construction contract for the MA – 2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project to December 20, 2021.

Karen J. Carnevale, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Cindy Matute – Brown
Council President

Adopted: November 23, 2021