



TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE

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RE: **TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE**
MUNICIPAL AID 2020
ARVERNE ROAD, CRESTMONT ROAD
(MT. PLEASANT AVENUE TO WESTOVER
TERRACE), WESTOVER TERRACE
EXTENSION REQUEST FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT

Dear Ms. Schack,

The Township of West Orange requests an extension of 30 days from November 21, 2021 to December 20, 2021 to award the Municipal Aid Project for 2020 for Arverne Road, Crestmont Road (partial) and Westover Terrace (partial). The project was advertised for bids on November 1, 2021 with a receipt of bids on November 30, 2021 and a contract award anticipated at the Township Council Meeting of December 14, 2021.

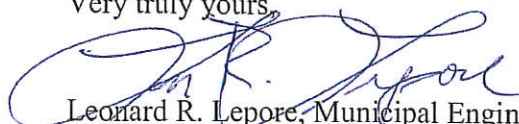
I anticipated combining both the MA 2020 Project and the MA 2021 Project into one bid package. The Covid – 19 pandemic delayed proceeding with the MA – 2020 project last year, and I wanted to have both projects out to bid together. On July 13, 2021 a professional services contract was awarded to Greenman – Pedersen, Inc. to design both projects as one bid package. The MA 2021 Project included Masson Place, Lenox Terrace and the remainder of Crestmont Road from Westover Terrace to Warren Road. Since Crestmont Road was common to both project years, I wanted to combine them into one bid package to achieve economies of scale. However, when I was advised that any project over \$1,000,000.00 requires an environmental review, I was reluctant to proceed in that manner as I thought the project would be delayed or require additional storm water drainage and management improvements. In sections of both Crestmont Road and Arverne Road curb was

being installed where none existed. I was concerned the change in drainage patterns resulting from the installation of curb would require stormwater management above and beyond any improvements proposed in the project budget. I consequently directed our design consultant to proceed to submit the MA 2020 Project separately. This delayed the submission to your office as the design needed to be separated. Unfortunately, their estimate for the MA-2020 Project also exceeded \$1,000,000.00 although my initial estimate submitted with the application was less. Consequently, I was back in the same place anyhow with the single project being over the \$1,000,000 environmental review threshold. Although the environmental screening for the MA-2020 Project was completed September 29, 2020, the consultant needed a few weeks to address the design comments of your office. West Orange and our consultant received your office's approval on October 22, 2021 one day after you received the revised plans addressing your office's review comments. Although I could have proceeded with an advertising and bid date to make an award at the Council's November 9, 2021 meeting; I wanted to allow potential contractors more time to bid than the statutory minimum of ten days.

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic which delayed releasing the MA-2020 project for design, the desire on my part to bid MA-2020 project and MA-2021 project together, my concern with the combined project requiring an environmental review that would necessitate additional stormwater management and control beyond the project's budget and the resultant delay on the Township's part to split the combined project in two, I request a time extension of the award of the MA – 2020 project award of 30 days to December 20, 2021. The project is currently out to bid since Monday November 1, 2021. Three bid sets were already purchased by local contractors. A draft Resolution of the Township Council is enclosed for review and approval. If approved by your Division, I will submit for approval at the Township Council meeting of November 23, 2021.

Thank you for your consideration. Please call me if you need any additional information.

Very truly yours,


Leonard R. Lepore, Municipal Engineer
Director of Public Works

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cc: Mayor Robert Parisi

John Gross

John K. Sayers

Police Chief Abbott

Andrew Cangiano

Muhammed Assal

Leonard Lepore

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Cc: Robert Parisi; John Gross; Jack Sayers; James P.. Abbott; Andrew Cangiano; Muhammed Assal; Leonard Lepore
Subject: RE: MA - 2020 Extension Request for Award of Contract, 2020 Road Improvements Project - West Orange

Your request for a time extension has been tentatively approved

Once hard copies of the letter and resolution are received a formal approval letter will be issued

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Thank you- I will discuss with the Local Aid director but please be aware that I will need a resolution from West Orange to formally approve a time extension

We ask for a draft resolution to be submitted with the letter requesting the extension
This resolution must include the reasons for the request and the new award date

Please submit the resolution requesting the time extension as soon as possible

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From: Tina Benevento <tbenevento@westorange.org>
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Good morning Ms. Schack,

Please see the attached in reference to the above mentioned.

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Thank you.



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