



RESOLUTION #2020 – 20

**RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REJECTING BIDS
FOR BARNSBORO SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION**

WHEREAS, the Mantua Township Municipal Utilities Authority (“MTMUA”), has its principal place of business at 397 Main Street, Mantua, New Jersey 08051; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the MTMUA is the provisioning of water and sewer services to the residents of Mantua Township; and

WHEREAS, the MTMUA solicited bids for the construction of a gravity collection system, duplex pumping station, and force main to serve existing properties along Barnsboro Road (County Route 609) and Breakneck Road (County Route 603) with the bids having been opened on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 and having received eight (8) bid proposals; and

WHEREAS, due to nature of the work being performed, the project was divided into two (2) Contracts (Contract A and Contract B-1 or B-2) with each contract being awarded separately; and

WHEREAS, thirteen (13) prospective bidders and two (2) project lead source companies obtained a project bid package; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding an apparent interest in the project, the MTMUA received eight bid responses with lowest bidder for Contract A submitted by Mount Construction Company, Inc. of Berlin, New Jersey with a bid of \$657,275.00 and the low bidder for Contract B-1 was submitted by Pioneer Pipe Contractors of Sewell, New Jersey with a bid of \$1,211,225.00 and the lowest bidder for Contract B-2 was submitted by Perna Finnigan, Inc. of Vineland, New Jersey with a bid of \$1,127,759.50 which unfortunately exceeds the cost projection and funds allocated for this project; and

WHEREAS, the bid response was reviewed by the MTMUA project engineer David S. Palgutta, PE, CME and Mr. Palgutta prepared Project Review letter dated March 27, 2020 wherein he opined that since the bids exceed the cost projections he recommended that the bids should be rejected and the Authority should consider other options in order to continue moving forward with this project; and

WHEREAS, since this project has been put out to bid twice already, the Authority pursuant to 40A:11-5, et sec., is authorized to negotiate with the bidders in an effort to develop a pricing structure that would more closely comport with the MTMUA's cost projections. If the Commissioners choose to negotiate with the bidders any contract award under this circumstance would require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Commissions are also authorized to have the opportunity to reevaluating the scope of the project or to re-bid the project for a third time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mantua Township Municipal Utilities Authority that the bids submitted on March 25, 2020 for Contract A and Contract B-1 or Contract B-2 for the construction of a gravity collection system, duplex pumping station, and force main to serve existing properties along Barnsboro Road and Breakneck Road are rejected. It is further resolved that the MTMUA may negotiate with the bidders as hereinbefore noted or reevaluate and/or re-bid the project.

THIS RESOLUTION shall take effect immediately.

DULY ADOPTED, at the regular meeting of the Mantua Township Municipal Utilities Authority held on March 31, 2020.

**The Mantua Township
Municipal Utilities Authority**

By: _____


Timothy Sheehan, Chairman

ATTEST:



John Parks, Secretary

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Timothy Sheehan, Chairman	✓			
Mario DiLisciandro, Vice Chairman	✓			
Charles W. Burkett, Treasurer	✓			
John Parks, Secretary	✓			
Vincent Voltaggio, Engineering Coordinator	✓			
Howard Bruner, Alternate No. 1				
Daniel Hauss, Alternate No. 2				