

**RESOLUTION #2020 – 24**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MANTUA TOWNSHIP  
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
REJECTING BIDS  
FOR BARNSBORO SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION AND  
AUTHORIZING MTMUA TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE  
REJECTED BIDDERS**

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**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**, on October 24, 2019 the MTMUA publically opened 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) (the “Project”), however, bids were rejected on November 19, 2019 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:13.2(a), as the lowest bid substantially exceeded the Engineer’s cost estimate.

**WHEREAS**, on March 25, 2020 the MTMUA publically opened bids for the Project, however bids were rejected on March 31, 2020, as the lowest bid substantially exceeded the Engineer’s cost estimate.

**WHEREAS**, the MTMUA, a third time, solicited bids for the “Project” with the bids having been opened on Friday, June 26, 2020 and having received three (3) 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 Contract A with B-2) with each contract being awarded separately; and

**WHEREAS**, four (4) prospective bidders obtained documents for this project from which the MTMUA and three (3) bidders responded with the lowest bidder for Contract A submitted by Perna Finnigan, Inc. of Vineland, New Jersey

with a bid of \$629,904.00 and the lowest bidder for Contract B-1 was submitted by PACT One, LLC, of Ringoes, New Jersey with a bid of \$1,002,500.00 and the lowest bidder for Contract B-2 was submitted by PACT Two, LLC, of Ringoes, New Jersey with a bid of \$960,950.00. The combined bids for the Project (\$1,632,404.00) substantially exceeds the cost projection and funds allocated for this Project (\$1.2 million); and

**WHEREAS**, the bid responses were reviewed by the MTMUA project engineer David S. Palgutta, PE, CME and Mr. Palgutta prepared Project Review letter dated June 29, 2020 wherein he opined that since the bids substantially exceed the cost projections, he recommends 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 N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, *et seq.*, 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

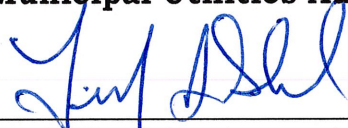
**WHEREAS**, the Commissions are also authorized to have the opportunity to reevaluating the scope of the project or to re-bid the project for a third time.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mantua Township Municipal Utilities Authority that the bids submitted on June 26, 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 June 30, 2020.

**The Mantua Township  
Municipal Utilities Authority**

By:   
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**Timothy Sheehan, Chairman**

**ATTEST:**  
  
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**John Parks, Secretary**

	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Timothy Sheehan, <b>Chairman</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Mario Dilisciandro, <b>Vice Chairman</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Daniel Hauss, <b>Treasurer</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
John Parks, <b>Secretary</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Vincent Voltaggio, <b>Engineering Coordinator</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Howard Bruner, <b>Alternate No. 1</b>				