TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD
DPW FACILITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

There was a meeting of the above referenced committee on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 5:00 pm. The meeting was held via video conferencing.

Committee members present were: Daisy Chavez, Abe Ford, Robert Ike, Gail Nolan, Jeff Powell, Gus Walek.

Also present: Nancy Haynes, Purchasing & Risk Manager, Dan Carter, DPW Operations Manager, Jeff Alberti and John Comeau from Weston & Sampson, Jeff Niland of PDS Engineering & Construction, Rick Davidow of STV/DPM (OPM).

Absent: Barry Berson, Joslyn Chance

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Old Business: On a motion to approve by D. Chavez, seconded by J. Powell, the minutes of 4/9/20 were unanimously approved.

New Business:

A. Approval of Change Events
   - Change Event # 68 (conflict at mezzanine footing $4,235) was presented for approval. D. Chavez made a motion to approve, which was seconded by J. Powell. Change event #68 was unanimously approved.

B. Value Engineering recommendations
   Rick Davidow walked the Building Committee through the budget review handout. He recommended that additional scope reduction measures be taken as contingency funds may be depleted. The current contingency (including unapproved change events) stands at $12,862. Projected additional potential costs through the end of the project are estimated at $63,000. This would put the project into a deficit of $42,806, which would be reduced to a deficit of $42,086 if the mezzanine “ladder” is allowed to remain. The items under consideration were discussed at the weekly project meeting.

Cost saving items that were considered were:
   - Remove fine grading and seeding (which would be done by DPW at a savings of $13,325
   - Remove all painting from the existing maintenance garage for a savings of $6,000.
   - Remove all fencing and gates remaining in the project with the exception of the impound lot and trash pad for as savings of approximately $60,000. There is no perimeter fencing in the project, the majority of the $60,000 are gates that protect the interior of the property.
The pros and cons of each of the items were considered. DPW staff is unable to do the fine grading and seeding due to reduced work schedules (COVID-19 related), and eliminating painting would reduce the brightness in the shop and becomes a safety concern, so it is recommended that those two options be rejected. The fencing removal was recommended by the team at the weekly project meeting. J. Powell made a motion to accept the recommendation of value engineering removal of remaining fencing for savings of approximately $60,000 which was seconded by D. Chavez. The motion was unanimously approved.

Acceptance of the additional value engineering, when adjusting for projected costs through the end of the project would bring the contingency back into the black to $9,862-$17,419 depending on the outcome of the mezzanine ladder issue.

There was discussion of OSHA regulations, potential for not removing fuel tanks. Research on the fuel tanks led to the recommendation that retention is probably not permitted and even if it were, there are added monitoring costs that would outweigh any savings. PDS is carrying a $10,000 allowance in their contract for any contaminated soil they may encounter during removal so if there is no leakage, there would be another $10,000 buffer to add to the project. Likewise, if there is money available at the end of the project, the fencing and gates could be restored.

At 5:33 p.m., it was moved by D. Chavez, and seconded by R. Ike, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.