

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

RUSH & JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

Held at Rush Township Building
338 Reiners School Road, Tower City, PA 17980
September 11, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

The September 11, 2014 Special joint meeting of the Jefferson Township Board of Supervisors and the Rush Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 PM by Rush Supervisor Ronald Koppenhaver.

Members present:

For Rush Township: Supervisors Ronald Koppenhaver and Ann Shomper

For Jefferson Township: Supervisors Alan Loesch and Keith Crum, Secretary - Treasurer
Robyn Loesch

Guests present: Barry Everly, Deborah Everly, Sandy Hershey

BID OPENING

The purpose of this special meeting is a bid opening for the Jefferson & Rush Townships Carsonville Road Guiderail Installation Phase 1 project. Bids were received from three vendors.

OPTION 1 – GALVANIZED TYPE 2S GUIDERAIL with eight end Terminals

Name	Total
L. S. Lee (York, PA)	\$57,920.50
Chemung Supply (Elmira, NY)	\$61,713.76
William Orr & Sons (Jonestown, PA)	\$70,188.00

OPTION 2 – ASTM A588 WEATHERING STEEL TYPE 2S GUIDERAIL with eight end Terminals

Name	Total
L. S. Lee (York, PA)	\$59,182.10
Chemung Supply (Elmira, NY)	NO BID
William Orr & Sons (Jonestown, PA)	\$73,342.00

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deb Everly wanted to have a discussion about the process of guiderail selection. Last spring she had expressed an interest in a more aesthetically pleasing guiderail option. She believed that more research by the Townships would have allowed more guiderail options rather than just the two that were bid. Supervisor

Alan Loesch said that due to Deb Everly's original request, the Township Engineer was instructed to prepare a bid that included standard guiderail and more aesthetic options. Based on the Engineer's knowledge of the situation, weathering steel was included as a bid option. Discussions at the pre-bid conference with a representative of L.S. Lee noted that the weathering steel guiderails wear out twice as fast as galvanized and that the weathering ground posts can fail due to unnoticed below-ground rust. Supervisors Ronald Koppenhaver and Ann Shomper both felt that the first priority was safety of traffic on the mountain, and galvanized guiderail would be the most visible. Sandy Hershey felt that curb appeal was important, but it couldn't supersede safety. The option of rebidding the project and considering other options such as powder coated, tubular and box design guiderail was discussed. The option of painting galvanized guiderail was also discussed. During the meeting Supervisor Keith Crum phoned the Townships' Engineer, Ed Fisher, and he was able to answer questions by speakerphone. Ed Fisher said that tube and box guiderails were not PennDOT approved roadway options, although they can be used on private property. Ed Fisher said that coated guiderail is at least twice as expensive, and approaches three times the cost of galvanized guiderails. Painting doesn't seem like a viable option because paint doesn't adhere well to galvanized steel.

For Rush Township: Ronald Koppenhaver made a motion to accept the bid for galvanized guiderail (Option 1) from L.S. Lee, for \$57,920.50. Seconded by Ann Shomper. All in favor. Rush Township motion passed 2-0.

For Jefferson Township Alan Loesch made a motion to accept the bid for galvanized guiderail (Option 1) from L.S. Lee, for \$57,920.50. Seconded by Keith Crum. All in favor. Rush Township motion passed 2-0.

ADJOURNMENT – Ronald Koppenhaver motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alan Loesch. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Robyn Loesch
Secretary/Treasurer
Jefferson Township