

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Bill Finney. Board members present were Henry Schwartz, Edith Mastne, Peter Grant and Joe Riehl. Also present were District Engineer Tom Tye, District Lawyer Tom McPherson, Supt. Vance Hubbard and District Clerk, Carol Quinn.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the bids submitted for the Crown Point Highway Project that were opened at the November 10th Board Meeting. After opening, Mr. Tye was reviewing the low bid and discovered a miscalculation that would have changed the outcome in that another bid would have been the low bidder. Therefore, since this could cause problems, he contacted Mr. McPherson for a legal opinion. After reviewing the case, it was decided that the District had three options. First, the District could award the bid to the actual low bidder. However, since the original apparent low bidder had indicated that he would stand by his original bid and absorb the miscalculation, he might protest. By the same token if the District awarded the bid with the miscalculation, the actual low bidder could protest the contract. Therefore, to guard against litigation that could prove very costly whichever bidder was awarded the contract, it was the opinion of our lawyer to reject all bids upon a finding that it is in the public interest to do so. If all bids are rejected and the proposed project is not abandoned, new bids may be called for at the discretion of the Board.

Mr. Grant moved that in the best public interest the District reject all bids for the Crown Point Highway Line Replacement Project and resubmit specifications for bid to be opened on January 12, 1993, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Riehl seconded. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.