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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eric Traub, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Joseph Mastronardo, PE, Township Engineer 
Anthony Manzella, PE, Senior Engineer 

DATE: March 24, 2023

SUBJECT: Mill Creek Road S-Bridge Emergency Repairs
Emergency Bid Review / Award Recommendation
LMT Contract No. 4237-23-13

As requested, we contacted qualified bridge rehabilitation contractors to solicit quotes to perform emergency repairs at the Mill Creek Road S-Bridge to restore it back into service due to recent vehicular damage resulting in the bridge's current travel restrictions, and are herewith presenting our recommendation.

Three bids were received from the 19 contractors we contacted. Each invited bidder has successfully completed projects for the Township in the past. The bids range from \$351,207 to a high of \$606,915. The low bid, submitted by Professional Construction Contractors, Inc, is \$151,207 or 75% above the Engineer's estimate of \$200,000.

The bidding was competitive since three bids were received from responsible bidders. Although higher than the Engineer's estimate, the low bid received appears reasonable based on the current market conditions and the emergency nature of the project. Subsequent to the completed cost estimate, design treatments, such as the reconstruction of the concrete barriers to match the existing barrier aesthetics, which requires the need for custom formwork; and, existing unforeseen physical restrictions complicating access over the waterway to apply the concrete protective coating contributed to higher costs. If all bids are rejected with the project re-bid, we would anticipate similar, if not higher bids.

Therefore, we recommend that the contract for the lump sum price bid of \$351,207, be awarded to Professional Construction Contractors, Inc, contingent upon the remainder of the contract requirements being in order. Funds are available through the Capital Projects Fund #4237 – Bridge Maintenance Program.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

cc: Ernie B. McNeely, Township Manager
Paul McElhaney, Director of Public Works

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