

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Orange advertised for bids pursuant to the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-1) for the project Fire Station No. 1 Interior and Exterior Improvements and Renovations and Window Replacements; and

**WHEREAS**, this project was bid with a Base Bid and an Add Alternate No. 1 and an Add Alternate No. 2; and

**WHEREAS**, at the date, time and place advertised for the opening of said bids, the Township received six bids; and

**WHEREAS**, a review of the bids by the Municipal Engineer indicates at least two of the bidders, the two lowest, misunderstood the work in the Base Bid and / or the two Add Alternates; and

**WHEREAS**, this is confirmed by the withdrawal of the bid by the lowest apparent Base Bidder, Reliable NYC, LLC of Stanhope, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the second low bidder by Base Bid repeated his base bid as the Add Alternate No. 2 effectively doubling their bid just to phase the work in accordance with that Add Alternate; and

**WHEREAS**, Municipal Engineer by letter dated May 12, 2021, recommends all bids be rejected and the project re-bid with changes to incorporate both Add Alternate No. 1 and Add Alternate No. 2 into the Base Bid to eliminate any confusion and misunderstanding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council concurs in the foregoing recommendation of the Municipal Engineer.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange that all the bids received for the project Fire Station No. 1 Interior and Exterior Improvements and Renovations and Window Replacements be rejected.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the project be authorized re-bidding but with the Add Alternates eliminated and those work items incorporated into the Base Bid.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Engineer and Purchasing Agent are authorized to issue a Purchase Order to the design firm for Herbst-Musciano of Boonton, NJ to amend and provide new bid documents in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00.

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**KAREN J. CARNEVALE, R.M.C., MUNICIPAL CLERK**

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**CINDY MATUTE-BROWN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

I certify the availability of funds:

Account Number      03 2507 17 0100 010  
                                      **\$2,000.00**

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**JOHN O. GROSS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**Adopted: May 18, 2021**