

President John W. Hoffert called the September 26, 2024, Special Meeting of the Shillington Borough Council to order at 6:00 p.m., as advertised. Following the oath of allegiance, roll call was taken. Council members Ronald R. Klee, Jr.; Michael A. Hoffert and Mark C. Grounard were absent. Council members in attendance were: Dr. Elizabeth M. Bentz; John W. Hoffert; Dr. Edward B. Michalik, Jr. and Michael D. Mountz. Present in addition to the Council members were: Borough Manager Scott D. Brossman, Solicitor Thomas L. Klonis, Secretary Jan M. Boyd and Administrative Assistant Tina Kasting. The following visitors were also in attendance:

Richard P. Almquist, Jr., Esquire - Representative,  
Hollenbaugh Trash Company  
Albert DeGennaro - Deputy General Counsel, J.P.  
Mascaro & Sons  
Hugh R. Guard - Representative, Hollenbaugh Trash

President Hoffert advised that the purpose of the meeting was to take action on the bids received for the Borough's Refuse and Recycling collection. President Hoffert opened the floor to the Solicitors, Richard P. Almquist, Jr., for Hollenbaugh Trash & Recycling LLC and Albert A. DeGennaro, Deputy General Counsel for J. P. Mascaro & Sons.

Following a short presentation by each Counsel on why the bid from Hollenbaugh's Trash and Recycling LLC, the lowest bidder, should or should not be disqualified due to the Surety Commitment letter, the Borough Solicitor, Thomas L. Klonis, offered his opinion. Mr. Klonis stated that the Hollenbaugh bid failed to meet the requirements for the Surety Commitment letter. This defect can not be waived. Additionally, the defect can not be cured once a bid is opened. Mr. Klonis recommended awarding the bid to the next lowest bidder, J. P. Mascaro & Sons, or to reject all the bids and re-advertise for bids.

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After a brief discussion, Dr. Bentz made a motion to reject all the bids received. This motion was seconded by Mr. Mountz, and duly carried. Following the rejection of the bids, Dr. Bentz made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Michalik, and unanimously approved authorizing the preparation of the specifications and to advertise, once again, for bids.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Dr. Michalik, and duly carried at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan M. Boyd  
Borough Secretary