The Bloomfield Borough Water Authority held a special meeting on September 15, 2026 at the Borough Building. The following were present: Larry Weller, Jim Swenson, George Dorundo, Alex Bender, Pete Fleszar, Jerry Philpott, Larry Fisher, and Denice Fisher.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Larry Weller at 5:05pm.

Jerry said that you have to accept the lowest bid if it is responsive and responsible. If there is material non-responsiveness then you can reject the bid. The one contractor used two different prices on Phase A and B. They are not allowed to do that. They have to be consistent. As solicitor, I can justify the Board rejecting the lowest bid and go with the second lowest bid. The lowest bidder can sue being rejected as lowest bidder. I advise that the Board does not award the bid until the financing is straightened out. This meeting is for deciding about what you want to do about the nonresponsive low bid and whether the second lowest bid is acceptable.

Pete said that PennDOT gave us $353,900 and the cost of their items is $573,399. The shortfall is $219,499. There is more shortfall than that because of the things that were not included in the bid. Per the DGS agreement, you need to provide a 4-inch meter. It is more expensive than a residential meter. I recommend that you go back to DGS. Call LB Water to find out how much a 4-inch meter will cost. Contact DGS for additional funds for the shortfall and the cost of a 4-inch meter, plus a 5% construction contingency. These three numbers should be close to the additional $300,000. Tell DGS if they don't give us the additional money, we do not have the money to do the project.

The $270,000 in the second column is the leftover grant money. The shortfall is $506,382.50. The amount of $204,847.50 is the areas north of High Street. When you take that off the shortfall of $506,382 then there is a remaining shortfall of $301,535. We will need $300,000 from PennDOT plus another $300,000 from the Authority. Another option is to work with the lowest contractor (Mid State) to trim the bid back further. The items from the A item list (PennDOT) will get you past Perry Stambaugh's Office, make a turn and start going up Cold Storage Road. The $270,000 funding in Item B (Grant) should get you to Cold Storage Road after working it out with the contractor.

Pete and Jerry are going to write something to PennDOT (DGS) for additional funding. Larry will call LB Water to get a price on the 4-inch meter.

A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Alex to reject the lowest bid as nonresponsive and accept the second lowest bid, subject to receiving additional funds from PennDOT (DGS). Subject to solicitor's review. Motion passed.

Jerry will write up a letter for the lowest bidder stating that this is a material nonresponsive bid and the reasons.

We received an email regarding the Lakeside Development requesting a will serve letter. Larry said there is no problem supplying them with water. He is not sure how they want to bring the water in yet, but he would like to bring the main from Patio Court to the dead end at Lakeside. It will take care of that dead end. They are taking out the storm water pipes and replacing them. The Authority will include the stipulation in the will serve letter.

For the grant application for East Main Street, Pete held off on inputting the dollar amounts until he saw the amounts for the current projects. He can now plug in the numbers. The application is due the end of November.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 5:32pm was made by George, seconded by Alex. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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