

**THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024:218**

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**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, IN  
THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, REJECTING  
ALL OF THE SECOND ROUND BIDS AND AUTHORIZING  
THE TOWNSHIP TO NEGOTIATE THE CONTRACT WITH  
RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS FOR THE L.E.D. LIGHTING  
RETROFIT ON EXISTING POLES AT ATHLETIC FIELDS  
PROJECT**

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**BACKGROUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Pennsauken (the “Township”) has previously authorized the L.E.D. Lighting Retrofit on Existing Poles at Athletic Fields Project (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township first advertised for bids for the Project pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, *et. seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, two (2) bids were received in response to the first advertisement; and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest bid, submitted by Applied Landscape Technologies, in the total amount of \$787,665.00, substantially exceeded the cost estimate of the Project, which the Township estimated at \$126,250 and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. 2024:195, all bids were determined to substantially exceed the cost estimate of the Project, and were consequently rejected consistent with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township advertised a second time for bids for the Project pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, *et seq.*, with the same Scope of Work and Specifications; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 21, 2024, two (2) bids were received in response to the second advertisement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has determined that the lowest bid submitted by Applied Landscape Technologies in the total amount of \$773,760.00 substantially exceeds the cost estimate of the Project, which the Township estimated at \$126,250 and therefore the Township intends to again reject all bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has twice solicited bids for the Project, and both attempts to secure a reasonable price to perform the required work through the public bidding process resulted in bids substantially in excess of the Township’s estimate for performing such work; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3), the Township is authorized to negotiate with the bidders in an effort to reach an agreement to construct the Project for an amount that would more closely meet the Township’s cost projection, but in no event more than the \$773,760.00 bid by Applied Landscape; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township shall notify previous bidders of its intention to negotiate, pursuant to and consistent with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Township hereby rejects all bids as substantially exceeding the estimated cost for the Project, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:13.2(a).

**Section 2.** The Township authorizes the negotiation and execution of a contract for the Project pursuant to and consistent with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3).

**Section 3.** The award of any contract pursuant to said negotiations shall only become effective upon approval and adoption of a Resolution of two-thirds affirmative vote of the authorized membership of the Township.

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption this 6<sup>TH</sup> day of June 2024.

**Recorded Vote**

**AYE**

**NO**

**ABSTAIN**

**ABSENT**

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden, New Jersey on June 6, 2024.

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**PAMELA SCOTT-FORMAN, RMC**  
**Township Clerk**