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Transcript of Proceedings taken before the Board of Control, taken by the undersigned, Shannon Roberts, a Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, at the offices of North Canton City Hall, 145 North Main Street, North Canton, Ohio, on Monday, the 27th day of August, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

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APPEARANCES:

- Catherine Farina, Coordinator
- Rob Graham, City Engineer
- David Held, Mayor
- Laura Brown, Finance Director
- Timothy Fox, Director of Law
- Patrick DeOrio, Director of Administration
- Jeff Peters, President of Council
- Marcia Kiesling, Council Person At-Large

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1 MR. DEORIO: It is 6:30 on Monday, August
2 27, 2018. I'd like to call to order the
3 meeting of the Board of Control. I'm going
4 to call the roll.

5 Member Fox.

6 MR. FOX: Here.

7 MR. DEORIO: Member Held.

8 MR. HELD: Here.

9 MR. DEORIO: Member Brown.

10 MS. BROWN: Here.

11 MR. DEORIO: Member DeOrio is here.

12 Everybody should -- can you pass that down?

13 MR. FOX: Yeah.

14 MR. HELD: Thank you.

15 MR. DEORIO: We have two items on the
16 agenda for tonight. First is a review of the
17 minutes from the July 12, 2018 Board of
18 Control meeting. Are there any comments?

19 MR. GRAHAM: No comments.

20 MR. FOX: Okay.

21 MR. DEORIO: Ready?

22 MR. FOX: I entertain a motion to approve
23 the minutes as submitted.

24 MR. DEORIO: There is a motion by
25 Mr. Fox. Is there a second?

1 MS. BROWN: Second.

2 MR. DEORIO: A second by Member Brown.

3 All those in favor, signify by saying "aye."

4 MR. FOX: Aye.

5 MR. DEORIO: Aye.

6 MR. HELD: Aye.

7 MS. BROWN: Aye.

8 MR. DEORIO: All those opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. DEORIO: Motion carries.

11 Item two on the agenda, authorizing the
12 Director of Administration to recommend to
13 the Board of Control to enter into a contract
14 for the water line replacement at Eastbury
15 Avenue, Northeast.

16 I'd like Rob Graham, City Engineer, who
17 is also present, to have an opportunity to
18 address the Board.

19 MR. GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. DeOrio. We
20 opened bids for this project back on Friday,
21 August 3rd. We had eight bidders. We had
22 nine plan holders, eight bidders.

23 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry, Rob, I'm having
24 trouble hearing you.

25 MR. GRAHAM: So we had nine plan holders,

1 eight bidders. And we had our bid opening
2 back on Friday, August 3rd.

3 And the project cost estimate and our
4 allocation was \$700,000. And the low bid was
5 received from Easton Construction, Inc., in
6 the amount of \$553,789.50. And we also had a
7 bid range clear up over \$900,000. Three that
8 were over 900-. And we kind of thought this
9 might happen.

10 But what we did is we made the completion
11 date May 15th of next spring. That way we
12 wouldn't artificially rush the contractor.
13 And I think that really paid off. We had two
14 bids under 600-. We had three way over the
15 estimate. So with that, we had --

16 MR. HELD: I'm sorry. What was the date
17 you said you wanted the project done by?

18 MR. GRAHAM: The completion date will be
19 May 15th, 2019.

20 MR. HELD: So explain why you think the
21 bid came in lower.

22 MR. GRAHAM: A lot of contractors this
23 time of year, later in the year, are quite
24 busy. And we thought -- in looking at the
25 condition of our water line, we thought we

1 would squeeze a few more months out of it.

2 But we --

3 MR. HELD: Okay.

4 MR. GRAHAM: -- artificially drive up our
5 prices.

6 We thought, in talking with Mr. Hill, our
7 operations manager on the water side, let's
8 try a May 15th, you know, next spring, to get
9 the asphalt and everything in. And they can
10 do this sort of winter work. Contractors
11 really look to keep the employees busy all
12 year, so they don't lose guys to other firms
13 or whatever in the off-season. And it
14 appears to have paid off.

15 So if the residents could just bear with
16 us for a few more months, we'll give them a
17 good product, and, actually, maybe even
18 better, because that trench -- water line
19 work should start in November, and that
20 trench would sit --

21 MR. HELD: And so the --

22 MR. GRAHAM: -- and we'll pave when the
23 asphalt people open in the spring.

24 MR. HELD: So the water line would
25 be replaced --

1 MR. GRAHAM: The water line will be
2 completely replaced.

3 MR. HELD: So, really, the patience is
4 just going to be required to that May --

5 MR. GRAHAM: Yes. Right.

6 MR. HELD: And we'll just put, like, a
7 temporary patch over it --

8 MR. GRAHAM: Yes. We'll pave asphalt
9 over it, and take us --

10 MR. HELD: Yeah.

11 MR. GRAHAM: -- Christmastime, roughly,
12 to get that in, and clean up, curb work.
13 Concrete we can do in the winter, so long as
14 it doesn't freeze, and then --

15 MR. HELD: In the spring, the whole
16 street will be paved?

17 MR. GRAHAM: Yes. We'll re-pave it in
18 the spring.

19 MR. HELD: Great idea.

20 MR. GRAHAM: With that, I'll recommend to
21 the Board of Control that they go ahead and
22 award the Eastbury Avenue water line
23 replacement project to Easton Construction,
24 Inc., in that low bid amount of \$553,789.50.

25 MR. HELD: I think this is a great move

1 made by doing it in stages like this, and
2 it's clear it has been beneficial to the
3 City. The most important thing is they'll do
4 the water line right away. So if they have
5 any tuberculation or any problems with the
6 line, that will be taken care of right away.

7 So I will make a motion to approve the
8 Eastbury water line.

9 MS. BROWN: I'll second that.

10 MR. DEORIO: So there is a motion on the
11 floor by Member Brown to award the contract
12 to Easton Corporation for the Eastbury
13 Avenue --

14 MR. HELD: I made a motion, and Laura
15 seconded it.

16 MR. DEORIO: Oh, you did? My apologies.

17 MR. FOX: Easton Corporation is the best
18 bidder.

19 MR. DEORIO: We have a motion --

20 MR. HELD: I make a motion to approve
21 the -- make it --

22 MR. FOX: Easton Corporation.

23 MR. HELD: -- Easton Corporation to do
24 the water line --

25 MR. GRAHAM: Eastbury.

1 MR. HELD: -- Eastbury line.
2 MR. DEORIO: Seconded by Member Brown.
3 MS. BROWN: Correct.
4 MR. DEORIO: We'll do a roll call vote.
5 Member Fox.
6 MR. FOX: Yes.
7 MR. DEORIO: DeOrio, yes.
8 Member Brown.
9 MS. BROWN: Yes.
10 MR. DEORIO: Member Held.
11 MR. HELD: Yes.
12 MR. DEORIO: The motion passes.
13 With no other business on the agenda, do
14 I have a motion to adjourn?
15 MR. FOX: Motion to adjourn.
16 MR. DEORIO: By Member Fox.
17 MS. BROWN: Second.
18 MR. DEORIO: Seconded by Member Brown.
19 All those in favor, signify by saying "aye."
20 MR. HELD: Aye.
21 MS. BROWN: Aye.
22 MR. FOX: Aye.
23 MR. DEORIO: Aye.
24 MR. DEORIO: Meeting adjourned, 6:37.
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(This proceeding concluded at 6:37 p.m.)

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STARK COUNTY.)

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Shannon Roberts, Notary Public
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