

RESOLUTION KENILWORTH, NJ

A RESOLUTION REJECTING THE BIDS TO CONTRACT FOR BOULEVARD SIDEWALKS

WHEREAS, pursuant to authorization by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Kenilworth (the “Borough”), the Borough received bid proposals on April 24, 2025 for the “Boulevard Sidewalk Project” (hereinafter, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough received four (4) bids, which were publicly opened and read aloud; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law requires that competitive bidding contracts be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the lowest responsive, responsible bid received was in a total amount of over \$198,545.00; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the Borough Engineer, the bids indicated that the pricing of the work varied greatly between bidders, evidenced a lack of competition as to pricing, and that the Borough did not budget for such an amount for this particular project, See Bid Review and Recommendation Letter, attached at “Exhibit A”; and

WHEREAS, as all four bids substantially exceeded the Borough Engineer’s estimate for the Project, the Borough Engineer recommends rejecting all bids, and that the Borough of Kenilworth plan to re-bid the projects after further evaluation. Id.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2, Rejection of bids; reasons, a contracting unit may reject all bids where the lowest bid substantially exceeds the cost estimates for the goods or services, substantially exceeds the contracting unit’s appropriation for the goods or services, or the contracting unit wants to substantially revise the specifications for the goods or services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council have concluded that rejecting the bids as submitted is in the best interests of the Borough, and agree with the Borough Engineer’s recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Kenilworth, in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the bids proposals as opened April 24, 2025 as to the “Boulevard Sidewalk Project” all be rejected.
2. That the project be further evaluated, as may be recommended by the Borough Engineer.
3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Patrick Boyle			x			
Councilman Joseph Finistrella	x		x			
Councilwoman Toni Giordano Picerno			x			
Councilman William Mauro			x			
Councilman Douglas Piper			x			
Councilman Savino Scorese		x	x			
Mayor Linda Karlovitch						
ON CONSENT AGENDA	Yes _x	No _				

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Kenilworth at a Meeting held on June 17, 2025.


Laura Reinertsen, Borough Clerk



**RESOLUTION
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“Exhibit A”



May 29, 2025

Ms. Laura Reinertsen
Borough Clerk/Administrative Officer
Borough of Kenilworth
567 Boulevard
Kenilworth, NJ 07033

**RE: Bid Recommendation
Boulevard Sidewalks
N 19th Street to N 22nd Street**

Dear Ms. Reinertsen:

On April 24, 2025, four bids were received for replacement of Boulevard Sidewalks between N19th Street and N22 Street. The bids ranged for \$198,545 to \$389,095 as shown on the attached bid tabulation. The budgeted amount for this project is \$118,320, therefore is our recommendation to reject all bids. The project will be rebid with a reduced the scope of work.

If you should have any questions, please give us a call.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Anthony G. Gallerano', is written over the typed name.

Anthony G. Gallerano, PE, PP
Harbor Consultants, Inc.