

Municipal Building FAQ Update March, 2022

Who was awarded the contract for the construction of the new municipal building and how much was the winning bid?

The Mayor and Council, after an extensive due diligence investigation, awarded the construction contract for our two-story Police HQ and Court/Council Chambers to GPC, Inc. a woman owned business enterprise with substantial experience out of Millburn, NJ.

GPC has been a leading force in the construction industry since 1950 and is a certified woman owned business enterprise based in Millburn, NJ. They have substantial experience constructing courthouses, hospitals, police facilities and other municipal buildings. Leonia looks forward to working with them on this important project.

What was the bidding process like and did we secure a good cost for the project?

Bidding was very competitive. On March 1st on the ground floor of our library, Anthony Iovino our architect for this project opened the submitted bids at a public session beginning at 11:00 am. Because there was extraordinary interest in the project, Leonia attracted 16 qualified contractors who submitted formal bids.

Going into the session, we anticipated likely building construction costs at approximately \$9.1 million. Because of the extraordinary competition to secure this work a majority of the 16 bids were lower than the \$9.1 million we expected--which was very good news for the taxpayers of Leonia.

GPC, Inc. Commercial contractors was determined to be the lowest responsible bidder at \$7.298 million-- approximately 20% below our expectations which is a big deal to a small municipality like Leonia. This is a very real 20% savings to Leonia taxpayers representing \$1.8 million actual savings over anticipated cost.

When will construction commence?

Actual construction on the site will begin around the end of April. The Mayor and Council will have a formal "groundbreaking" ceremony as part of the Leonia Day Festivities on Sunday, May 15th. All Leonians are invited to enjoy the festivities in

Wood Park on Leonia Day and to join together at the site of our new Police HQ and Court/Council Chambers for a traditional groundbreaking.