

BOROUGH OF RED BANK  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH  
RESOLUTION NO. 16-33

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PROPRIETARY GOODS  
(WATER METERS) PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13(d) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.1

Councilwoman Schwabenbauer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Red Bank’s ( the “Borough”) Water Utility is in need of new water meters to replace its existing antiquated water meters; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13(d) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.1 authorize the advertisement for bids for goods and services on a proprietary basis provided that the goods are of a specialized nature and necessary for the conduct of the affairs of the local unit; and

**WHEREAS**, after extensive investigation and research of meter systems and contacting other Municipal Water Departments, the Borough has determined that that it is in need of a proprietary water meter system and software (Neptune T-10 E-Coder Meters and R900 system Data Collection Hardware & Software);

**WHEREAS**, the purpose to which (Neptune T-10 E-Coder Meters and R900 system Data Collection Hardware & Software) will be used has the following unique characteristics that are only capable of meeting the Borough’s needs:

- Neptune Meters are not dependent on internet which results in substantial savings in monthly usage.
- Neptune Meters utilize all bronze body and do not utilize plastic thereby reducing costs for current and future installation costs as well as providing recyclable material at the end of its useful life.
- Neptune Meters are capable of operating simultaneously in walk-by using a hand held device, drive-by mobile equipment or by a fully fixed radio antennae system without the need for reprogramming of meters.

**WHEREAS**, the proprietary nature of (Neptune T-10 E-Coder Meters and R900 system Data Collection Hardware & Software) is necessary for the conduct of the Borough’s affairs for the following reasons:

- Neptune Meters are compatible with the Borough Financial software which is important for its use in billing and recordkeeping\
- Upgrades of this system software are compatible with current versions of installed data collection software and hardware and do not require replacement of equipment
- The Borough is making a substantial investment in upgrading water meters and it is necessary to have one brand of meter throughout the Borough which utilizes one common software, replacement parts and is compatible with the reading and billing system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Red Bank that the Borough Administrator be and is hereby authorized and directed to advertise, as required by law, in the Borough’s officially designated newspapers an Invitation for Bidders for sealed proposals to be received by the Borough Administrator for the Borough’s installation and purchase of the proprietary water meter product (Neptune T-10 E-Coder Meters and R900 system Data Collection Hardware & Software). All bidders shall be provided with specifications for the proprietary water meter equipment and software. Sealed proposals for purchase and installation will be opened and read in public at Borough Hall, 90 Monmouth Street, Red Bank, New Jersey on a date to be determined by the Borough Administrator.

Seconded by Councilwoman Horgan and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Burnham	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Councilman Zipprich	( )	( )	( )	( x )
Councilwoman Horgan	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Councilwoman Schwabenbauer	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Councilman Taylor	( x )	( )	( )	( )
Councilman Whelan	( x )	( )	( )	( )

Dated: January 27, 2016

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of Red Bank, in the County of Monmouth, at a meeting held on January 27, 2016.

Pamela Borghi, Municipal Clerk