

# Rimkunas Engineering, PLLC

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April 27, 2022

Village of Hastings On Hudson  
Hastings Recreation  
44 Main Street  
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

Attn: Mary Beth Murphy

Re: Chemka Pool Storm Damage Recovery  
Hillside Avenue, Hasting-on-Hudson  
Rimkunas Project No. 1148

Gentlemen:

Bids were received on the referenced project on April 20, 2022 and one contractor submitted a proposal. The bid was as follows:

Bidder	Pool Work	Electrical Work	CBS Work	Total Base Bid
Jennosa Pools, Inc.	\$369,000.00	\$395,000.00	\$53,000.00	\$837,000.00

The engineer's estimate was \$450,000 for the total base bid. The bid is far above the engineer's estimate for the base bid. We spoke with the bidder to review the scope of work and the Contractor has stated that he is set in his pricing.

A discussion was had concerning the high bid price. The Contractor clarified that an additional \$150,000 was added to the Base Bid – Swimming Pool Work to accommodate the schedule. The Contractor explained that man power would need to be re-allocated and even sub-ed out on other projects to allow him to complete this one in the projected schedule. He also included expected over time to meet the schedule. While he expected his electrical subcontractor had done the same he did not know his sub's exact cost increase.

Jennosa Pools, Inc. has made no errors in their bid proposal. The bid bond was included.

Jennosa Pools, Inc. is a well known pool contractor having completed many pool projects in the NYC area including Westchester County. They have completed all their projects awarded to them.

Jennosa Pools, Inc. included a letter in their bid indicating that lead times for the electrical panels were 12-16 weeks, after the submittals have been released. Some of the pool equipment was experiencing similar although slightly less lead times. These lead times would prevent the pool from opening this season.

It should be noted that due to the world's current supply chain and material cost increase, lead times and cost estimates have become extraordinarily volatile and nearly impossible to predict. His project lead

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times may change in either direction.

An offer was made to attempt to provide temporary construction but that would have several disadvantages to it. First, we would need WCDOH approval for any temporary work on the pool. There would also be an added expense to finance the temporary construction and remove it before the final construction work would be completed. Finally, we can not state exactly when the pool will open or if the temporary pumps would last the season.

Based on the information provided above and discussions with the Village we are recommending the Village does not move forward to award this bid. We believe it will be in the best interest of the Village to re-bid the project in mid-July for the following reasons:

1. As stated in the Contractor's letter, the schedule would not be met and the pool will most likely not open for this season. In this case, a re-bid to get lower pricing and still be open for the 2023 season is in the best interest of the Village.
2. We can expect a larger number of Contractors will bid the project providing for more competitive pricing. Many of the Contractors contacted for the original bid stated they did not bid because they were too busy or unable to meet the project schedule. By mid-July the majority of pool contractors will be completed with their immediate work.
3. A longer project schedule will allow for the unpredictable material lead times and allow for the contractor to perform a higher quality of work.
4. Additional items may be added to the project to address outstanding maintenance issues and perform proper leak testing and remediation.

We are available to discuss this recommendation at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,



Steve Rimkunas