

**WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION 2020-111**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF PROPRIETARY GOODS (T-10 NEPTUNE 900 WATER METERS)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of West Deptford (hereinafter referred to as "Township") has determined there exists a need to replace existing antiquated water meters with new water meters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township initiated a water meter replacement program in 2013, that replaced older meters with T-10 Neptune 900 meters which provided the ability to read the meters from outside the properties standardizing the use and reading of water meters installed within the Township's water distribution system; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, the Township solicited bids for the procurement of 5/8-inch, 3/4-inch and 1-inch water meters and subsequently awarded a contract for the purchase of approximately 1,500 T-10 Neptune 900 meters, with remote radio-read capability; and

**WHEREAS**, to date, approximately 1,200 of the 1,500 meters have been installed by the Township's Water Department personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of a pilot program in 2018, an additional 315 5/8-inch and 1-inch T-10 Neptune 900 meters were purchased and approximately 141 of the 315 were installed by the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, to date, nearly a third of the total water meters installed within the Township's system are T-10 Neptune 900 water meters; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the Township's current investment made in Neptune meters to date with radio-read heads to enable remote readings that are integrated with the existing Edmunds Financial Software purchased by the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township intends to build upon its recent efforts since 2013 to standardize the use and reading of water meters in the entire distribution system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township also intends to modernize the metering of the system with a single meter manufacturer for the remaining approximate 4,435 accounts; and

**WHEREAS**, the overall benefit of installing the T-10 Neptune 900 meters with radio-read heads shall be standardization of a system that will give the Township an accurate tool to:

- Increase accuracy and equitable metering
- Reduce reading operations expense
- Reduce administrative time and errors entering meter read data
- Reduce estimated bills
- Provide enhanced customer service including leak detection and high use notification capabilities
- Possible future transition to more frequent billing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township is in the process of acquiring funding from the New Jersey Water Bank (NJWB), Clean Water Program, to standardize their water meters with a single meter that can be read remotely and be integrated with their billing system; and

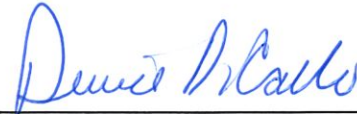
**WHEREAS**, the proprietary nature of T-10 Neptune 900 meters is necessary for the conduct of the Township's affairs due to the above listed reasons; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13(d) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.1 authorizes contracting units to 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.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey that the Township of West Deptford does hereby approve and authorize to advertise, as required by law, in the Township's officially designated newspapers an Invitation for Bidders for sealed proposals to be received by the Township Administrator for the Township's installation and purchase of the proprietary water meter product T-10 Neptune 900.

**ADOPTED** at the meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford held on February 29, 2020.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD



DENICE DICARLO, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Lee Ann DeHart, Registered Municipal Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Lee Ann DeHart, Registered Municipal Clerk, of the Township of West Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at the meeting of the Township of West Deptford held on February 29, 2020.



Lee Ann DeHart, Registered Municipal Clerk