

## DELANCO TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE AWARDS CONCRETE & RELATED CONTRACT

At an October 26 special meeting, the Township Committee awarded a \$123,310 contract to low bidder Charles Marandino Inc. of Milmay, NJ for concrete work along with related work such as asphalt repair and tree removal. There are three projects involved which were combined in one larger bid for the anticipated cost savings, time savings and sharing of funding.

The major project is construction/reconstruction of accessible curb ramps at four intersections, one of which includes the removal of two large trees that interfere with the needed work. The second project is replacement of lifted/heaved sidewalk due to tree roots at a large number of locations within the age restricted "over 55" Newton's Landing development. Included to avoid future sidewalk heaving is the removal of a large number of trees that impact those sidewalks (most are Ash trees that are susceptible to Ash Borer disease) and installation of tree root barriers where trees are not removed. The final project is the replacement of the unsafe curb on Walnut St. in front of the Walnut Street Elementary School.

The breakdown of costs for the contract are as follows:

Handicapped ramps at Lilac & 3rd, Lilac & 2nd., Edgewood & 3rd  
and Walnut & Burlington: \$72,400.00

Newton's Landing work: \$37,950.00

Curb Replacement on Walnut at School: \$12,960.00

Total: \$123,310.00

Funding for the accessible curb ramps and for a portion of the sidewalk work in Newton's Landing is from a \$78,000 Federal Community Development Block Grant administered by the Burlington County Community Development Office. Both the Ramp work and the sidewalk work in Newton's Landing are eligible for this funding which covers any public work to serve handicapped persons or for senior citizen areas. Unfortunately, the costs for the two projects came in over budget so that funds from a recent Township capital appropriation for sidewalk work has been made available to insure the projects are done in a timely way.

Funding for the curb work at the school comes from an uncommitted balance of a 2012 road repair capital ordinance. The need for that work was recently brought to the Township's attention by the School District. The existing curb can be a tripping hazard for those being dropped off and picked up from school.

The goal in moving quickly on these projects is to have them completed before winter weather prevents concrete work from being successfully done, and to meet strict CDBG project completion deadlines. FURTHER DETAILS ON THESE PROJECTS WILL BE POSTED AS SOON AS THE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.