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Honorable Supervisors:

I would like to make the following statement during public comment period tomorrow night. Statement is regarding Agenda Item B1-9: Authorization to accept a proposal from Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc., for Supplement No. 2 to continue to provide Final Design Engineering Services as it relates to the Township's Stormwater Management Program Development.

I understand, from Mr Pries, that HRG has requested an additional \$197,000 for this project. This is in addition to the original \$771,000 and the change order approved June 23, 2009, for \$80,500. The total for engineering services so far - should this request be approved - would then be \$1,048,500. We must ensure we are getting fair value for such extremely high investment.

I most strongly request you table this issue until such time as a third party, licensed engineer - duly qualified in bidding, managing and designing similar projects - be retained. Said engineer should review all work orders to date, including time and rate estimates. Only at such time as that engineer submits written approval for this change order should it be approved. If this engineer does not find the sum of all fees - including this change order - in line with the efforts to date and those anticipated, the proposal should be declined outright. I respectfully request, and as a civil engineer strongly recommend, that this process is followed for each future substantial consultant expenditure.

For future mid- and large-scale public works/infrastructure projects, I request we use a better method of procurement. We must enlist the services of an independent engineer to act as our municipal engineering advocate. Our municipal engineer should be contracted to develop an RFP, and then to review and recommend the best submittal, on behalf of us taxpayers. All supplements, if any, should also be sent to this independent engineer for review, comment and recommendation. This procedure will better ensure maximum utilization of taxpayer funds. Of course, this might not be cost effective on smaller expenditures. But with projects with substantial expenditures, I feel we need a system of checks and balances.

Thank you for keeping a good eye on how our tax money is spent.

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Please briefly describe Agenda Item B1-9: Authorization to accept a proposal from Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc., for Supplement No. 2 to continue to provide Final Design Engineering Services as it relates to the Township's Stormwater Management Program Development.

Is this another change order? If so, what is the justification?

Thanks for your time.

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