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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BINGHAMTON - JOHNSON CITY JOINT SEWAGE BOARD

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Plant Administration Building

- Members Present: George Kolba, Chairman
Chris Papastrat, Vice Chairman
Edward Crumb
Bruce T. King
Stephen Andrew
Ronald Lake
- Also Present: Elliott Wagner, Acting Superintendent
Charles Pearsall, Business Manager
Alfred Paniccia, Jr., Esq., Co-Counsel
Chuck Shager, Fiscal Officer/City of Binghamton Comptroller (Exited at 5:28PM)
Howard Reeve, Facility Engineer (Exited at 6:20PM)
Larry Travis, Acting Electrical Engineer - WWTP
Ron Warwick, Acting Assistant Superintendent
Scott Soliday, Safety Coordinator (Exited at 5:03PM)
Michele Cuevas, Confidential Secretary
Janet Smith, Transcriptionist
- Guests: John LaGorga, P.E., Project Manager, GHD (Exited at 4:08PM)
Clark Giblin, Village of Johnson City Trustee (Audio/Visual) (Exited at 5:46PM)
Vaughn Golden, Reporter, WSKG
Jason Greene, P.E., GHD (Audio/Visual), (Entered at 4:10PM) (Exited at 4:49PM)
Angela Riley, Council Member 4th District, City of Binghamton (Audio/Visual)
(Exited at 5:35PM)

Chairman George Kolba called the meeting to order at 03:31PM. Sign in sheet was passed and attendance was note aloud by Michele Cuevas, Confidential Secretary. Six (6) Board Members were present. Chairman Kolba confirmed all present signed in. Fire exits were identified, and Chairman Kolba requested cell phones be turned off or silenced during the meeting.

Privilege of the Floor

No one wished to speak.

September 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes Approval

Edward Crumb made a motion to approve the submitted September 14, 2021 Draft Board Meeting Minutes with the suggested changes as contained in the Board Folders.

Motion seconded by Steve Andrew.

Motion carried. 6/0

Confidential Secretary announced that going forward the Superintendent's Report will be included in the monthly minutes but not the Weekly Status Report.

Chairman Kolba gave the floor to John LaGorga, P.E., GHD Project Manager, to present his vision and outline of the Terminal Pump Station Project (TPS) improvements. Mr. LaGorga's current mechanical, site, structural, electrical and HVAC project recommendations for the TPS station together with preliminary estimated costs and grant information was distributed in the Board folders. He presented his vision for these improvements and responded to questions. He further reviewed the chart outlining the available 2021 WIIA and IMG project funding grants. Superintendent Wagner interjected briefly detailing some of the specific needs and calling for Board support to go forward with the TPS Project. Mr. Crumb added that it would be prudent for the City and Village to act on the grant application process as the application deadline of November 22nd is not far off. Mr. LaGorga thanked the Board Members for their time and said he appreciated the many good comments and questions brought up; that he will be following through with them and will report back to the Board Members.

Superintendent's Report

Elliott Wagner presented the Superintendent's Report along with the charts and graphs which were distributed in the Board folders. Due to the short work week the Weekly Plant Status report was not available for the Board folders.

Superintendent Wagner first overviewed the Weekly Plant Status verbally first pointing out that almost everything is working fairly well with the exception of the Duperon Compactor which has stopped working and is now out of warranty. The compactor is currently being analyzed by Duperon to find out just why this failure occurred. Facilities Engineer Howard Reeve will be speaking on this issue at a later point in this meeting.

Safety Coordinator/Industrial Hygienist Scott Soliday was introduced. Scott is a former paramedic and currently maintains his credentials as a paramedic.

Superintendent Wagner is working on the process to shift pay scale from higher unfilled Operator positions on a temporary basis into lower-positions which can be filled given their entry-level prior experience requirements. He will be working within the civil service rules to move forward with this change.

Superintendent Wagner wanted to acknowledge the Mechanics and the Staff in the Operations Department for jobs well-done performing much needed cleaning, pressure cleaning, repairs, painting and updates to the Head House delivery dock and pressure cleaning the weirs and troughs. He invited the Board to take a look at the improvements.

There was a discussion on water coolers rental vs. purchase.

Superintendent Wagner continued to overview the report, charts and graphs as well as the large printed spreadsheet depicting number of pounds in, pounds removed, and pounds going in the river. He stated these impressive numbers on the chart reflect diligence on each task performed by the Mechanics and Operators.

Chairman Kolba then gave the floor to GHD Engineer Jason Greene, P.E. to present the GHD IWPP Report for September 2021 distributed in the Board Folders. Mr. Greene stated he has been working on the Industrial Chemical Surveys and has had good response. Many are returning them completed and he has been fielding many questions from others.

Notice of violations have been sent as listed in the Report.

Chairman Kolba raised a question about the dedicated water line at Binghamton Precast and who should be inspecting this line which prompted a brief Board discussion.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Fiscal Officer Chuck Shager reported on the Fiscal Officer's report which was distributed in the Board folders.

Mr. Crumb then presented the Lead Agency Capital Project Chart Report and Graph Report which were distributed in the Board folders. He explained how to review the Chart Report, as well as the color-coding system and the scaling of the graphs in the Graph Report detailing the various lines in the financials.

Mr. Crumb also spoke about the charts depicting quarterly grant summaries and FEMA payments. Because it looks like there are going to be ongoing delays in many FEMA payments, Mr. Crumb is suggesting a FEMA Consultant be retained for 2022.

Chuck Shager continued that all Lead Agency Contractors' claims have been settled with the exception of PC Construction. He also wanted to advise that he did further research and coordination regarding the water bill to the Binghamton Joint Sewage Treatment Plant; the problem was discovered to be the Town of Vestal's misreading of the water meter, is resolved, and the Board should pay the bill.

Mr. Shager reported that the Town of Vestal will no longer invoice the plant for water. The Joint Sewage Board would like this in writing. Further, the City and the Town are working on renegotiating their agreement.

Ron Lake made a motion that the Board authorizes the payment to the City of Binghamton for its water billing on the same adjusted basis as has been followed since August 2010.

Motion seconded by Steve Andrew.

Mr. Kolba stated that he would rather that this matter be fully-resolved, including Vestal's billings for sewer, before proceeding with a vote.

Motion carried. 5/1 (GK)

Business Manager's Report

Mr. Pearsall reported that the 2022 Budget is in MUNIS and ready to go, so no further action is needed.

He also reported that NYS Comp Alliance paid \$1,817.00 as a Member Loyalty Award for the policy year 2020-2021.

Mr. Pearsall is recommending the Board accept the Phosphoric Acid (75%) bid from Coyne as they were the low bidder.

Edward Crumb made a motion that the Board accepts the bid from Coyne Chemical, for Phosphoric Acid (75% solution) in the amount of \$13.452 per gallon delivered for a twelve (12) month supply period beginning November 1, 2021 to be encumbered and paid from the Chemical budget line (J8150.54150).

Motion seconded by Steve Andrew.

Motion carried. 5/1 (RL)

Mr. Pearsall stated there has been some correspondence going around for piggybacking on Oneida County's agreement with Polydyne SNF. Mr. Paniccia questioned whether, legally, we could piggyback on this. Both Polydyne SNF and Edward Crumb found in the writing that one of their clauses is that the intent of this invitation to bid is that all political subdivisions and districts located in the state of New York State be entitled to make purchases of materials, equipment or supplies for/from a resulting bidding award. Mr. Pearsall is recommending that the Board accept piggybacking on the Oneida County agreement for polymers.

Mr. Paniccia stated that he agrees with the language included.

**Edward Crumb made a motion that the Board accepts in accordance with the SNF Polydyne letter revised October 8, 2021 the opportunity to piggyback on the Oneida County bid reference number 2016 in the amount of \$1.32 per liquid pound, at the 2, 000 gallons to less than 3,000 gallon range, for the supply period through December 31, 2021 with two additional one year renewal options remaining.
Motion seconded by Bruce King
Motion carried. 6/0**

Committee Reports

Construction: George Kolba and Steve Andrew – Mr. Andrew had nothing to report. Chairman Kolba wanted to report that he and some employees from the pPlant will be attending a demonstration of equipment like a skid steer scheduled 10/13/2021 at 9:00am at Admar Equipment and invited any of the Board Members attend. He also reports that Burr Trucking is looking into converting plant trucks to be able to haul as a dumpster or a can with an automatic cover.

Finance: Edward Crumb – Previously discussed earlier in meeting. Mr. Crumb also wanted to thank Business Manager Pearsall and Superintendent Wagner along with his staff for the work on the 2022 budget which was finalized with the owners on September 24, 2021. He noted that there will be video conference regarding property and liability insurance on October 14, 2021. Contact Business Manager Pearsall to inquire about any links to attend. In the next few weeks he expects to be receiving information to plug into the underwriting formula workbook for the 2022 health insurance program.

Flow Management: Edward Crumb – nothing new to report.

Personnel: Steve Andrew – Mr. Andrew notified the Union that the contract was-ratified. The Union will make the changes and return the contract to look over before signatures are obtained.

Ad Hoc: Bruce King – Will make his report under New Business.

Correspondence: Michele Cuevas – all previously discussed.

Old Business: Chairman Kolba wanted to discuss Triple Cities Metal Finishing/Town of Kirkwood and allowing the sewage discharge by Triple Cities Metal Finishing (TCMF) to be measured by a sewer meter that TCMF has proposed to install on its property. After a lengthy and intense discussion, Ron Lake made a motion.

**Ron Lake made a motion to approve use of a sewer meter by Triple Cities Metal Finishing.
Motion seconded by Bruce King.
There was continued lengthy discussion.
Motion carried. 4/2 (CP, EC)**

Facilities Engineer, Howard Reeve wanted to discuss his quote submission to the Board, copies of which were distributed in the Board folders. Mr. Reeves spoke about the need for a new compactor.

Ron Lake made a motion to standardize the Bar Rack Compactor System installed as part of the Lead Agency's Restoration and Rehabilitation to Duperon Compactor Equipment for "fit" within the constructed footprint and plumbing for the wastewater stream, as well as connection to the electrical power supply, and interoperability/common parts, maintenance and operating procedures with other installed compactor equipment.

Motion seconded by Steve Andrew

Motion carried. 6/0

Superintendent Wagner is requesting to purchase a new compactor and repair the old compactor as a spare.

Steve Andrew made a motion to purchase a new, like kind Duperon Fine Screen Compactor from Hydro-Dyne Engineering, Inc. in accordance with Quote No. 14103 dated October 1, 2021 at a cost of \$39,288.14, and to procure repair of the existing Duperon Ceomparator by Koester Associates Inc. in accordance with its Proposal #2021-2895 at a total price of \$13,508.17, including travel and expenses. Both to be paid from Budget Line JH8130.554075 (Primary Grit Catching System).

Motion seconded by Ron Lake

Motion carried. 6/0

Superintendent Wagner and Howard Reeve are requesting to purchase a fine screen compactor.

Ron Lake made a motion to Sole Source Hydrodyne Engineering, Inc. for Duperon Compactor augers, updates, gaskets and screens.

Motion seconded by Steve Andrew.

Motion carried. 6/0

Ron Lake made a motion to purchase a new Duperon Compactor augers, updates, gaskets and screens. Budget Line JH813.554075 Primary Grit Catching System Line Sole Source.

Motion seconded by Steve Andrew

Motion carried. 6/0

New Business/Ad Hoc: Bruce King- Mr. King handed out proposed changes to the by-laws for reviewing before the November 9, 2021 Board Meeting. Chairman Kolba wanted to advise that the Schofield leachate discussion will also be placed on the November 9, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Andrew.
Motion seconded by Chris Papastrat.
Motion carried. 6/0**

Meeting adjourned at 6:28PM

The next meeting is November 9, 2021 at 3:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Smith
Transcriptionist

cc: Board Members
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Mayor Greg Deemie, Village of Johnson City
City Clerk, City of Binghamton
Village Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Johnson City
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