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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BINGHAMTON - JOHNSON CITY JOINT SEWAGE BOARD

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

Conference Room, Office Building, JSTP

Members Present: George Kolba, Jr., Chairman VIA FACETIME
Edward Crumb
Ronald Davis
Steve Andrew VIA FACETIME
Gary Holmes
Ray Standish

Also Present: Cathy (Aingworth) Young, Superintendent
Michele Cuevas, Confidential Secretary
Howard Reeve, Facilities Engineer
Charles Pearsall, Business Manager
Chuck Shager, Fiscal Officer and City of Binghamton Comptroller
Marty Meaney – Village of Johnson City Trustee
Alfred Paniccia, Jr., Esq., Co-Counsel
Laura Lee Perkins, Transcriptionist

Chairman George Kolba called the meeting to order at 4 PM. All Board Members were present. Sign-in sheet passed for signatures. Fire exits identified.

The Superintendent informed the Board that, as previously reported by e-mail, the Thickener #3 Drive Unit had failed on March 16th; she is requesting an Emergency Declaration for Procurement of a Replacement in like kind.

Handed out was a proposal from Ovivo, the manufacturer of the drive unit that is in Thickener #3 right now. Asking to replace it in like kind. Received a quote of \$62,202.00 plus travel and misc. expenses for Field Service Representative.

The Thickener units were installed in 1966 and 1970, respectively. Thickener #1 is not used at present. The Plant's capability of processing sludge is greatly diminished without Thickener #3 in that the present working capacity is halved and there is no backup system should Thickener #2 fail.

All thickeners were scheduled to be rehabilitated in the upgrade, but not with a like kind system. As the Lead Agency's Project Manager Gary Holmes was asked whether the schedule for the rehabilitation of Thickener #3 could be expedited. Mr. Holmes determined that would not be possible. Accordingly, Superintendent Young is requesting replacement of at least the drive units.

Howard Reeve stated he has called around but only gotten one response – from LeChase – for \$157,000 for installation (including removal of the failed drive).

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to declare an emergency for purposes of procurement of a replacement drive unit for Thickener #3 specifically, a C60LT drive unit, from Ovivo on the basis that at the present time the Plant does not meet the Ten States Standards requirement for having an operational redundant sludge thickening system and, as a result, further failure or large solids flow would result in jeopardy to the public health because solids would back up into the Settling Tanks, could turn septic and there would be potential for carryover to the river to the detriment of everyone downstream, and that this condition requires immediate action to procure this like kind replacement drive unit because of the 6 to 8 week lead time for the drive to be manufactured and delivered.

Ronald Davis seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to authorize the Superintendent or her designee to execute a Purchase Order to Ovivo to purchase a replacement drive unit C60LT including the field service checkout for an Ovivo serviceman visit of 1-day onsite to perform start up, checkout, and that the total for both items be in the not to exceed amount of \$65,000 to be encumbered against and paid for from budget line J8130.54621 (Equipment and Pump Repairs - Mechanical).

Stephen Andrew seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

After discussion, the Board's consensus was that it should pursue going out to bid for the installation work while awaiting delivery of the replacement drive unit, with proposed bid documents to be developed and presented to the Board at a future meeting.

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to extend the existing construction oversight agreement with RamTech Engineers of Syracuse, P.C. through December 31, 2016 and authorize the Superintendent to seek assistance, if needed, in connection with developing the specifications for the drive unit replacement work for Thickener #3, maintaining the existing encumbrance on budget line J8130.54418 (Phase III Clerk of the Works).

Stephen Andrew seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss pending administrative proceedings.

Stephen Andrew seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

The Board entered Executive Session at 4:32 PM.

Ronald Davis made a motion for the Board to exit Executive Session.

Gary Holmes seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

The Board exited Executive Session at 4:53 PM. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Stephen Andrew made a motion for the Board to adjourn

Ronald Davis seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Meeting ended at 4:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Transcriptionist

cc: Board Members
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