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MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY 100 WINDSORVILLE ROAD

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7:30 p.m.

Attendees: Ken Boynton, Joseph Greco and Ray Weaver. Also present: Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Lori Carriero and William Brault, Tighe & Bond; Justin C. Roy and Andrew Solek, Baltazar Contractors, Inc.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Weaver at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regarding a letter submitted from Mark Longo, 363 Meadowbrook Drive, Manchester, CT Chairman Weaver said that the Town of Ellington is investigating deduct meters and the Authority is waiting for the results.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 27, 2023

Mr. Boynton seconded by Mr. Greco made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

UPDATE ON TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE

Mr. Brault updated the Authority and answered questions on the progress of the upgrade during the past month. He reported that the project schedule is 90% complete by time to the current expected substantial completion date in September. Work continued in/on the Influent Pump Station, Chemical Regen Building, Aeration Tanks, RAS Building, Primary Thickened Sludge and Secondary Sludge buildings. There were no safety issues to report. Mr. Boske updated the Authority on completion of the carbon reduction process. A Construction Progress Meeting No. 99 Summary, Construction Progress Meeting No. 100 Agenda, Three Week Look Ahead and Change Order Summary was distributed to the Authority.

DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

Ms. Carriero said that the contract for Exit 66 Sewer Extension has been awarded to Baltazar Contractors, Inc. and she will schedule a pre-construction meeting next week with Mr. Boske. Chairman Weaver asked about funding for the project. Regarding Exit 67 Ms. Carriero said that DOT approval was received the week of May 8th; the sewer design is complete and the pump station design is nearly complete. Discussion took place. Ms. Carriero updated the Authority regarding the contract for spot repairs to the sanitary sewer. Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Greco made a motion that after review by Tighe & Bond, the Water Pollution Control Authority approves the bid from Paramount Construction LLC, 49 Hollow Tree Lane, Newington, CT for

Contract #2109-Sanitary Sewer Replacement in the amount of \$232,575.00 to be paid from the Capital Projects Fund. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

Mr. Greco seconded by Mr. Boynton made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the proposal dated May 4, 2023 from Tighe & Bond to provide construction phase engineering services related to Sanitary Sewer Contract #2109 in the amount of \$44,300 to be paid from the Capital Projects Fund. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

Ms. Carriero updated the Authority on Contract 2118 - Sewer Lining and discussion took place. Mr. Boynton seconded by Mr. Greco made a motion that after review by Tighe & Bond, the Water Pollution Control Authority approves the bid from Insituform Technologies, LLC for Contract #2118-Sanitary Sewer Lining in the amount of \$382,594.40 to be paid from the Capital Projects Fund. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

Mr. Greco seconded by Mr. Boynton made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the proposal dated May 4, 2023 from Tighe & Bond to provide construction phase engineering services related to Sanitary Sewer Lining Contract #2118 in the amount of \$44,300 to be paid from the Capital Projects Fund. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske updated the Authority and answered questions regarding the processes at the treatment facility during the past month. Discussion took place relative to the disc filters, polymer, as well as copper and zinc limits. Mr. Boske also updated the Authority about tasks and work at the facility during the upgrade. Chairman Weaver commended Mr. Boske and staff for keeping the facility running well during the upgrade.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Greco made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority refunds \$105.97 to 51 Chelsea Ridge due to an overpayment of the April 1, 2023 sewer use bill, Account #9148. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

Mr. Greco, seconded by Mr. Boynton made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority write off the April 1, 2021 sewer use charge in the amount of \$1,618.50 consisting of \$1,164.50 in principle and \$454.11 in interest for Account #8974, 100 Bentley Drive, Manchester, CT.

An April 2023 Billing Summary prepared by Heathersyn Breton was presented to the Authority.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARING

None.

GROVE STREET EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR

Mr. Boske provided background information on this item and answered questions. Chairman Weaver requested a report from the original contractor and that reimbursement should be pursued from the original contractor as well. Mr. Boske said that he will investigate and discussion took place. Mr. Boynton seconded by Mr. Greco made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves the emergency sewer repair work on Grove Street by VMS Construction Company, Vernon, CT, in accordance with their Invoice # 2023-1400-122 dated May 22, 2023 in the amount of \$9,250.00 and funds for said purpose will come from the sewer connection account. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

WEIR WASHING QUOTE FROM THE MAHER CORPORATION

Mr. Boske provided details regarding weir washing procedures at the facility and answered questions about launder covers. Discussion took place. Mr. Boske said that launder covers were part of the upgrade but were removed by value engineering. The Authority requested additional quotes and information on different systems. No action was taken on this item.

BID WAIVER FOR FILTER PANELS AND NOZZLE FOR CLOTH MEDIA FILTERS

Mr. Boske provided background information and noted that this is a propriety product and is for maintenance purposes. Mr. Greco, seconded by Mr. Boynton, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves the purchase of nozzles and media filters from Veolia dba Kruger of Raleigh, NC in accordance with their proposal dated May 15, 2023 in the amount of \$46,904.30 and said funds will come from the sewer connection account. Chairman Weaver asked that going forward, this kind of expense be included in the maintenance budget and at least one filter per year should be budgeted for. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).


ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

It was the consensus of the Authority to return to receiving hard copies of the agenda packet.

ADJOURN

Chairman Weaver seconded by Mr. Boynton made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost
Secretary, Water Pollution Control