

APPROVED MINUTES

SARATOGA COUNTY SEWER COMMISSION No. 1 MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2019 3:00 PM at the Treatment Plant

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Howe, Bisnett, Doyle, Fillion, Keegan, Hotaling, Loewenstein and Thompson

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Cannon

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Rourke P.E., Executive Director; Anne Gorman, Confidential Secretary; Grant Eaton, Maintenance Manager; William Bills, Assistant Maintenance Manager; Chad M. Cooke P.E., Deputy County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, Assistant County Attorney

Chairman Howe called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Hotaling

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Chairman Howe wished everyone a Happy New Year. He introduced Kyle Fillion, the newest Commission member who will be representing the Town of Wilton. The Commission welcomed Commissioner Fillion and Chairman Howe said they all look forward to working with him.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of December 6, 2018. *Commissioner Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of December 6, 2018. Commissioner Hotaling seconded the motion. No discussion. The minutes of December 6, 2018 were approved. 7 Ayes, 1 Absent, 1 Abstain, 0 Nays.*

2017 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Round Lake, Moe Road and MTP Pump Station Design – Executive Director Rourke reported the final walkthrough was done today. Maintenance Manager Eaton and Assistant Maintenance Manager Bills went out to inspect each site and noted there are some minor punch list items that needed to be wrapped up along with some paving in the spring. Executive Director Rourke said the project went well, it came in on budget and there will be a negative change order coming in the next few months for unused allowance funds.

2018 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Regional Biosolids Handling Facility – Executive Director Rourke informed The Commission that interviews were scheduled for tomorrow, January 8, 2019 with two (2) proposers. The next Joint Regional Biosolids Board (JRBB) meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2019 at the Albany County Water Purification District (ACWPD). The JRBB will discuss the proposals and the interviews and come up with an award recommendation for the project, which will then come back to this Commission on February 7, 2019 for

a discussion and action as well. Executive Director Rourke also added that as of January 1, 2019 he became Chairman of the JRBB and Executive Director Murphy is now Vice Chair due to an odd/even year switch.

Ammonia Capacity Analysis and Aerations Upgrades/ Hudson River Sampling – Executive Director Rourke informed that he is waiting for data from the samples that were taken from the Hudson River at the end of November 2018. A meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2019 with NYS DEC to go over the results and some of the modeling to determine if the current limits are acceptable and either utilize our existing engineering report or modify that report should the limits be more stringent.

Executive Director Rourke also informed that Global foundries revised their ammonia projections again. He said because they are higher again, this will likely lead to having to redo and/or revise the engineer report. The Commission inquired if Global Foundries is going to contribute to the cost of the study if it needs to be modified or done again due to the changing of their parameters. Executive Director Rourke said we are utilizing their permit to re-coup costs and future costs are being negotiated. Executive Director Rourke said he has met with them multiple times; they have put in a lot of effort and it's their belief that improvement is not viable or feasible for them to do on their end and we are working through that right now. Commissioner Loewenstein said he is in favor of cost sharing down the road, including any update to the design to help the Sewer District in implementing a solution. Executive Director Rourke informed that the County has prepared a draft letter asking for reimbursement of costs for chemicals that the Sewer District had to use this past summer to maintain a stable process due to the high ammonia loads. He added that discussions will be forthcoming and he is anticipating negotiations.

Clifton Park Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation – Executive Director Rourke informed there were six (6) bids received for the Clifton Park Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Project. A recommendation letter from the engineering consultant, Weston & Sampson, PE, LS, LA PC was attached to the agenda packet along with a bid breakdown for the Commissioners to review. The high bid was \$3,431,795.80 and the low bid was \$2,092,925.00. Weston & Sampson reviewed the proposals and recommended the Sewer District award the project to the low bidder, Green Mountain Pipeline Services. Executive Director Rourke relayed he was a little nervous about the bypass pumping number that the low bidder proposed as it was half of what the other bidders proposed. He had discussions with the engineer and the contractor to make sure they could perform the job. The contractor reviewed their numbers, checked with their suppliers and said they were confident they could perform all requirements. Executive Director Rourke asked the engineer to draft a letter to the contractor insuring that they understand their contractual requirements and obligations for the bypass pumping portion of the project. The contractor affixed his signature to the letter assuring that the provisions with the contract are understood and would be met. Chairman Howe entertained a motion to recommend an award to Green Mountain Pipeline Services.

Commissioner Loewenstein made a motion to forward a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to authorize an agreement with Green Mountain Pipeline Services in the amount of \$2,092,925.00 for the Clifton Park Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Construction Project. Commissioner Doyle seconded the motion. Discussion involved the proposals, scoring, budget constraints, contractor experience, bypass pumping management, age of infrastructure and any anticipated problems. Motion passed: 7 Ayes, 1 Absent, 1 Abstain, 0 Nays.

Interceptor Rehabilitation Design – Executive Director Rourke reported that the preliminary report is on schedule to be submitted by the end of this month. He said once we get that we will have more of an idea on cost estimates, scheduling and bonding for the project.

SCADA Upgrade RFP – Executive Director Rourke reported that the contractor, General Controls received licensing today and they are finishing up installing the SCADA system on their server. The goal is to have them here at the WWTP next week to provide us with the new servers.

MICELLANEOUS

Adirondack Environmental Contract for Lab Testing Services – Executive Director Rourke informed there was a house keeping item for our yearly lab services that are required for our NYS SPDES testing. He requested a motion to renew our agreement with Adirondack Environmental Services to provide lab testing and wastewater analysis services and ensure compliance with the Sewer District's SPDES Permit in the amount of \$65,000.00 for a two (2) year term of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020. Executive Director Rourke said last year's contract amount was a little inflated due to additional testing that was required by NYSDEC. Chairman Howe entertained a motion to recommend a renewal agreement with Adirondack Environmental Services, Inc.

Commissioner Bisnett made a motion to forward a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to authorize a renewal agreement with Adirondack Environmental Service, Inc. in the amount of \$65,000.00 to provide lab testing and wastewater analysis service to ensure compliance with the Sewer District's SPDES permit, for the term of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020. Commissioner Hotaling seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed: 8 Ayes, 1 Absent, 0 Nays.

ATTORNEY REPORT – None

DEDICATIONS – None

COMMITTEES

Chairman Howe informed there was a 2019 Committee List attached to the agenda packet. He said the Committees will stand as they are and any future Committees will be appointed on an as needed basis.

QA PROGRAM COMMITTEE – Chairman Loewenstein informed that the next Committee meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2019.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Howe and seconded by Commissioner Thompson. No discussion. The motion passed.

**Next meeting February 7, 2019
3:00 P.M. at the Treatment Plant**