

APPROVED MINUTES

SARATOGACOUNTYSEWER COMMISSION No. 1

MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2020

3:00 PM at the COUNTY OFFICES

Via video conference

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Howe, Bisnett, Cannon, Fillion, Hotaling, Keegan, Loewenstein

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Doyle and Thompson

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Rourke P.E., Executive Director; William Bills, Maintenance Manager; Andrew Marsden, Assistant Maintenance Manager; Chad M. Cooke P.E., Deputy County Administrator; Michael P. Naughton, Assistant County Attorney

Executive Director Rourke welcomed everyone in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of March 5, 2020. *Commissioner Loewenstein made a motion to approve the minutes of March 5, 2020. Commissioner Hotaling seconded the motion. No discussion. The minutes of March 5, 2020 were approved. 7 Ayes, 2 Absent, 0 Nays.*

2018 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Regional Biosolids Handling Facility – Executive Director Rourke reported design is progressing smoothly. We received the final technical memo on the different technologies and final sludge processing solutions. A dryer is being recommended, and we are awaiting a proposal from the engineer for the work associated with installing a dryer. He said we are also waiting to update our bond resolution to the new contract amount, but have put that on hold because of possible SEQR ramifications of adding the dryer. We need a determination if the bond resolution will need to be modified because of the dryer inclusion. He said hopefully this will be determined by next month’s meeting.

Ammonia Related WWTP Upgrades – Executive Director Rourke reported we are still working through pilot issues and will be requesting an extension to the May 29, 2020 schedule of compliance deadline with NYSDE soon, once the path forward is a little better defined.

Interceptor Rehabilitation Design – Executive Director Rourke reported the final design is progressing and we are still working through meeting with the Towns. He said we have met with both the Town of Malta and the Town of Ballston. Both meetings went very well and we will continue to meet with other municipalities in the near future.

2019 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Knox Woods (HM) and Riverside #1 (ST) Pump Station Upgrades – Executive Director Rourke reported this project is currently out to bid for construction contracts. The bids are due May 21, 2020 and we should be able to begin the award process at our June meeting.

Interceptor Rehabilitation Phase VIIA – Executive Director Rourke reported there was a change order to perform extra work associated with the locations where we slip lined and damaged the sub base where the County Planning Department was going to pave. Due to a warmer winter, equipment drove over the soil and stone and got organic material mixed into compromising the sub base. Executive Director Rourke said the weather was mainly to blame here, and this change order allows Luizzi who is doing the paving, to also prepare the sub base and warranty the work. County planning will handle any warranty issues with this section of the trail restoration directly with Luizzi now, as opposed to SCSD being involved. The change order amount is \$177, 975.00. This got us 4” proper sub base for 14,880 linear feet. The overall contract amount was \$5,938,195.00. This increased the contract amount to \$6,116,170.00 and the change order is 3% so we do not need Commission action.

2020 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Environmental Benefit Project (EBP) Service Agreement – Executive Director Rourke informed this project is tied to our current consent order with NYSDEC. To continue forward, the next step in our contract with National Grid and SmartWatt is to pass a payment resolution through this commission and the Board of Supervisors. Executive Director Rourke said this project is tied to our current consent order with NYSDEC. To continue forward the next step in our contract with National Grid and Smartwatt is to pass a payment resolution though this commission and the board of supervisors. This payment is based on the engineering, material, labor cost and contingencies for the entire project not including the NYSED A refund we will be receiving. The payment resolution is for an amount not to exceed \$1,730,000.00. The amount needed to satisfy the consent order is an actual expenditure of \$1.3M. In order to spend the 1.3M we had to actually do a \$1.56M dollar project. There are two reasons it is at 1.73M. First reason, NYSEG is requiring a Coordinated Electrical System Interconnection Review (CESIR) study which could lead to unintended and unknown costs associated with connecting to the grid. We wanted to move forward as the study could delay us up to 90 days. Worst case NYSEGs requirements would cost SCSD another \$150,000. We are also receiving a rebate from NYSEDA for this project, about \$261,000. If you subtract these two amounts from the \$1.73M is brings us approximately to the \$1.3M. Currently have system commissioning on the schedule for 12/15/20; the proposed solar array was also emailed earlier today for a visual. Executive Director Rourke requested a Motion to Recommend Payment Task Order with Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation DBA National Grid for the construction of the Solar Energy System Environmental Benefit Project.

Commissioner Bisnett made a motion to forward a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to authorize a Task Order with Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation DBA National Grid in the amount of \$1,730,000.00 for purposes of paying all subcontractors involved in the construction of the Solar System for the Environmental Benefit Project. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion. Discussion involved Commissioner Bisnett’s inquiry if we knew about the additional \$1.3M cost to satisfy the consent order. Executive Director Rourke said yes we knew we had to spend \$1.3M but did not know about the \$150,000.00 until we applied with NYSEG earlier this year. Executive Director Rourke said in order to keep this moving and be completed by the end of the year, which is in our consent order, he thought it prudent to approve

those costs now and review later as we move on through finalized design and construction. Commissioner Bisnett thanked Executive Director Rourke for explaining that. Motion passed: 7 Ayes, 2 Absent, 0 Nays.

Storage Building/HVAC and Roof Replacement Design – Executive Director Rourke informed this is one of the RFP’s that went out earlier this year for design of a new storage building and replacement of an HVAC system and roof replacement for our existing administration building. He said he along with and Maintenance Manager, William Bills reviewed and scored the proposals for the new storage building and HVAC Upgrades. Attached to the packet for review was the cost breakdown for all of the proposals received. There was a wide range in costs, mainly because Executive Director Rourke said he thought the firms took some liberty in envisioning what the building would consist of, and that drove construction costs up, driving the engineering fees up. He informed we are only looking for a concrete foundation and a pre fab steel building with a wash bay for storage, we are not looking to get to spend a lot of money on finishes, architectural aspects etc. After reviewing the proposals, Greenman Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) had a strong proposal. Executive Director Rourke said he spoke with the County DPW Department, who has used GPI religiously on these style projects and they spoke highly of them. He also said he liked the fact they had mechanical/HVAC engineering staff within GPI to perform our HVAC upgrade, so we don’t have to rely on coordination with another engineering firm on something that has caused us a lot of headaches in the past. Executive Director Rourke added GPI is also the low bidder, and right now with some revenue unknowns, a qualified low proposer may be prudent to award to. Therefore, he recommended a motion to award to GPI for engineering services related to the storage building and HVAC upgraded at the WWTP in the amount of \$228,627.00.

Commissioner Hotaling made a motion to forward a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to authorize an agreement with Greenman Pedersen, Inc. in the amount of \$228,627.00 for the design, construction administration and construction inspection services for upgrades to the roofing system, HVAC systems and construction of a new storage building at the Sewer District’s WWTP. Commissioner Bisnett seconded the motion. Discussion involved Commissioner Loewenstein’s inquiry on price discrepancy between proposers and if the low bidder was confident they could complete the task at the cost that was proposed. Executive Director Rourke said he spoke with GPI and was reassured that everything we were asking for could be done at the cost that was proposed. Motion passed: 7 Ayes, 2 Absent, 0 Nays.

Executive Director Rourke said he wanted to reiterate that with possible unknowns of revenue and expenses he wanted to let everyone know that there was a pretty big force main break in the Town of Halfmoon. It was an 18” force main and fortunately a section that does not necessarily run pressurized so we did not lose a lot of wastewater on the ground. He said we are in the process of investigating and coming up with a repair plan. With that being said, one thing with the storage building is it’s not something that is absolutely necessary right now, so we can wait and put that on hold. He said he wanted to send that reassurance out to the Commission as well.

Chairman Howe thanked Executive Director Rourke.

ATTORNEY REPORT – No Report

DEDICATIONS

Paar Estates – Town of Halfmoon – Paar Estates, LLC requested dedication of the sanitary sewer infrastructure and pump station servicing Paar Estates in the Town of Halfmoon. *A motion to accept Resolution 3-2020 dedication of Paar Estates was made by Commissioner Hotaling and seconded by*

Commissioner Loewenstein. No discussion. Resolution 3-2020 accepting dedication of Paar Estates consisting of a pump station, (28) manholes, approximately 3,754 ft of 8" SDR-26 gravity main and approximately 3,250 ft of 4" DR-11 force main in Town of Halfmoon passed: 7 Ayes, 2 Absent, 0 Nays.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Hotaling and seconded by Commissioner Cannon. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEXT COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, June 4, 2020
3:00 P.M. Place TBD**