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Minutes
May 9, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners was held in room 203. Members in attendance were, Commissioners: Elaine Fiore, William Watson, and Superintendent Dave Walsh. Joining virtually from CDM Smith, Tom Casey and Joseph Maalouf, Greg Galbraith from Methuen Construction.

Ms. Fiore called the meeting to order at 4:30pm

APPOINTMENTS: CDM Smith & Methuen Construction

Mr. Casey provided a status of the progress at the plant.

The diffusers in SBR tanks 1 & 2 will be replaced rather than repaired. The demolition of existing equipment labor, 4 weeks of extended general conditions and any overhead is included in the Project Change Order (PCO). The cost to date is \$140,000. The new substantial completion date is June 12, 2023, but that does not include the replacement of SBR tanks 1 & 2. That will happen once diffusers are on site, installed and accepted. This work is expected to take up to 6 weeks to complete, 3 weeks for each tank. Substantial project completion is expected in August rather than May.

General Conditions for Methuen on site has been negotiated down to approximately \$7,300 per week rather than \$40,000.00.

After much discussion about the SBR tank demo, replacement and General Conditions

Upon a MOTION made by Ms. Fiore and SECONDED by Mr. Watson, it was unanimously VOTED to authorize up to \$142,000.00 for Project Change Order 091.

New Business:

Plant updates:

Superintendent Walsh stated last Thursday night one of the mixer motors in tank 3 failed. It was a mechanical problem caused by a heat issue with the wires. A crane was on site along with electricians to pull the motor up and repair it. They re-wired the motor and both motors were up and running by Monday afternoon.

Ms. Fiore inquired about the ability to process septage from haulers. Superintendent Walsh stated this time of year, the Plant takes in approximately 17-20,000 gallons a day. Keeping a close eye on lab reports. Recently two lab reports came back with numbers way off, but it was a lab mistake, the plant numbers were fine.

Davis Property:

Ms. Fiore acknowledged the Article at Town Meeting to fund the leaching fields was not successful. She stated we can check with DEP to see if we can get an extension of the funding approval and bring the article back to another Town Meeting in the future. Mr. Watson agreed.



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Staff:

The Assistant Superintendent position was posted on Monday. Carl Ingeme, current employee at the Wastewater Treatment Plant has shown an interest and will be applying for the position.

Reorganize:

Ms. Fiore suggested waiting until there was a full Board to vote on reorganization. Mr. Watson agreed.

Ms. Fiore mentioned Lloyd Geisinger maybe making a presentation at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting. He has discussed the Wastewater Department managing the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the proposed development on the Sacred Heart land. Mr. Watson doesn't support the Department managing the proposed development's wastewater needs. Ms. Fiore added the wastewater plant on the Sacred Hear property would probably remain private.

Adjourn: Upon a MOTION made by Mr. Watson and SECONDED by Ms. Fiore, it was unanimously VOTED to adjourn at 5:28PM.