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

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Plant Administration Building

Members Present: George Kolba
 Edward Crumb
 Chris Papastrat
 Stephen Andrew - Remote
 Ron Lake
 Bruce King

Also Present: Elliott Wagner, Superintendent
 Billie J. Goodson, Business Manager
 Alfred Paniccia, Jr., Esq., Co-Counsel
 Ron Warwick, Asst. Superintendent
 Howard Reeve, Facility Engineer
 Larry Travis, E.E., Electrical Engineer
 Scott Soliday, Safety Coordinator/Industrial Hygienist
 Michele Cuevas, Confidential Secretary
 Nate Hotchkiss, COB Councilman - Remote Audio

Chairman Kolba called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Sign in sheet was passed. All six (6) Board members were present. Confidential Secretary Cuevas read aloud roll call. Chairman Kolba confirmed all present signed in, identified fire exits and requested cell phones be turned off or silenced during the meeting. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Polymer Contract

Business Manager Billie Goodson went over in detail the polymer contract. Co-counsel Paniccia has reviewed the contract and has suggested changes, which have been added. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to go ahead with the contract. Superintendent Wagner stated that it may be prudent to consider going out to bid for years after 2024.

Edward Crumb made a motion that the Board approves the letter agreement presented in the Board Folders to piggyback off Oneida County Bid Ref #2258 for liquid polymer for a twelve-month period from 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024 at a cost of \$1.31 per pound, with an additional option to renew the contract for four additional one-year increments upon the same terms and conditions, but subject to a unit price adjustment in subsequent years determined based on the Consumer Price Index.

**Motion seconded by Bruce King.
Motion carried. 6/0**

Ramboll Microturbine Report

Board Member Lake stated that after reviewing the report all the notations have been removed and we can move forward to paying Ramboll for the report.

Ronald Lake made a motion that the Board approves the Ramboll Microturbine Heat Recovery Piping Recommendations report and authorizes payment in accordance with the contract.

**Motion seconded by Bruce King.
Motion carried. 6/0**

EFPR Group-Audit Services

Board Member Crumb stated that some questions have not been answered yet. We could possibly ask for an extension of the previous agreement, or the Board could go out for a new RFQ-RFP for audit services. Board Member Crumb stated that the EFPR Group is very familiar with our facility and accounting, the ongoing capital projects, and the FEMA recovery process. Board Member King stressed strongly that we should stay with the EFPR Group this year and next year prepare an RFP for audit services.

EFPR Group-Audit Services-cont.

Edward Crumb made a motion that the Board approves the engagement letter from the EFPR Group, CPA dated January 3, 2024, to provide audit and related services to the Board for the year ending December 31, 2023, subject to addition of the “RESPONSE” wording prepared by Co-Counsel Paniccia stating the effect and order of precedence of the engagement letter in relation to the underlying Agreement.

Motion seconded by Bruce King.

Motion carried. 6/0

TPS Project

Chairman Kolba asked if any information was received from the comptroller Mr. Shager to Board Member Lake, and he responded that there has been no new information. Mr. Shager is still trying to get the grant money.

Board Member Crumb stated that there is fund balance money on account, and maybe it could be used for this project. Otherwise, the Owners would need to bond for this project.

No decisions were made on this subject.

The next regular Board meeting is February 13, 2024, at 3:30PM.

Adjournment

Ronald Lake made a motion to adjourn.

Motion seconded by Steve Andrew.

Motion carried. 6/0

Meeting adjourned at 3:32PM.

Michele Cuevas
Confidential Secretary

cc: Board Members
Mayor Kraham, City of Binghamton
Mayor Meaney, Village of Johnson City
City Clerk, City of Binghamton
Village Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Johnson City
Alfred Paniccia, Esq.
Clarence Shager, Fiscal Officer
Elliott Wagner, Superintendent
Brown & Brown Empire State
Haylor, Freyer & Coon
Joshua Holland, Village of Johnson City Director of Public Services
Ronald B. Lake, P.E., City of Binghamton Engineer
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