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

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Plant Administration Building

Members Present: George Kolba
Edward Crumb
Stephen Andrew - Remote Visual & Audio
Bruce King

Members Absent: Chris Papastrat
Ron Lake

Also Present: Elliott Wagner, Superintendent
Billie J. Goodson, Business Manager
Clarence Shager, Fiscal Officer and City of Binghamton, Comptroller
Clark Giblin, Village of Johnson City Trustee
Larry Travis, Electrical Engineer
Michele Cuevas, Confidential Secretary

Chairman Kolba called the meeting to order at 3:36 PM. Sign in sheet was passed. Four (4) 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.

TPS Project

Mr. Shager went over in detail the progress of the TPS Project. Mr. Shager has sat down with both Mayors and reviewed the options, and they agree on how to move ahead with this TPS project. The City of Binghamton will be advertising engineering services on Monday and the City of Binghamton will be the Lead Agency on the project. Both Mayors were also in agreement to have a TPS Committee with representation from the City, Village, Facility, and the Joint Sewage Board. The cost of the design will be paid from some of the settlement monies received by the Owners.

Mr. Shager suggested that a joint venture between the City of Binghamton and the Village of Johnson City apply to the EFC hardship loan program, which would have 0% interest. Both Mayors agreed to submit a loan application through EFC. Both municipalities must approve a bond ordinance, which must be submitted to the legislative bodies. This all needs to be approved before 06/14/2024. Mr. Shager suggested that Superintendent Wagner from facility will need to do more explaining to both legislative bodies. Both Mayors also agree to have a grant-type person do the work for submission of paperwork. The Joint Sewage Board also suggested having an independent Clerk of the Works to oversee this project from start to finish. The Board thanked Mr. Shager for his effort on this project.

Motion by board member Crumb to designate the Chairman of the Joint Sewage Board (presently, Mr. George Kolba) for the TPS Project committee member.

Motion seconded by Bruce King.

Motion carried. 4/0/2 (CP, RL absent)

IWPP Contract

There was only one (1) proposal received that was from the current vendor, GHD. There was a short discussion on the proposed 3% cost increase every year. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to award a one-year increment and revisit the 3% increase the next year.

Motion by board member Bruce King to approve the proposal submitted by GHD for the IWPP contract in an amount not to exceed \$90,200 [including Direct Expenses] for a period of one (1) year [from April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025] with an option to review each year upon mutual agreement for up to four renewal years.

Seconded by Edward Crumb.

Motion carried. 4/0/2 (CP, RL absent)

Workers Compensation Broker Services

There were two (2) proposals received: from HF&C and Mirabito

Motion by board member Edward Crumb that we approve a contract for Workers Compensation Broker services with Haylor Freyer & Coon (an Alera Group Company) with respect to the underlying coverage contract period of 07/01/2024-07/01/2025 with 4 one-year extensions upon mutual agreement with no change in terms or conditions.

Seconded by Stephen Andrew.

Motion carried. 4/0/2 (CP, RL absent)

Adjournment

George Kolba made a motion to adjourn.

Motion seconded by Steve Andrew.

Motion carried. 4/0/2 (CP, RL absent)

Meeting adjourned at 4:15PM.

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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