

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2016 IN COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, 85 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410.**

Present

John Perrotti, Chairman; Matthew Bowman, Steve Carroll, Ken Cianci, Mark Kasinskas, Tom Scannell, James Sima.

Staff: Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer; Attorney Joseph B. Schwartz, Murtha & Cullina.

Guest: Don Chelton, AECOM.

Chairman Perrotti called the meeting to order at 8:47 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Gancarz reported the PW Department has received calls about the sewer use fee bills, mostly from commercial water users. The bills are based on water usage and meter readings. There was a call from the CVS store, which had unusually high water bills and usage, and this is being looked into with the Regional Water Authority.

2. APPLICATIONS

- a. **Talmadge 66-14 - Feasibility Application (continued)
Public Hearing continued to January 25, 2017.**

3. Projects

- a. **AECOM invoice #37847635 dated December 9, 2016 in the amount of \$31,064.67**

MOTION by Mr. Carroll; seconded by Mr. Bowman

MOVED that the WPCA approves the AECOM invoice #37847635 dated December 9, 2016 in the amount of \$31,064.67.

Discussion

Mr. Gancarz said the bulk of the work is for record drawings and he recommends payment approval.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

- b. **AECOM Amendment No. 2 dated December 7, 2016 for a contract increase of \$68,014.00.**

Discussion

There were additional AECOM costs throughout the project, i.e. PCB's which drove up the costs. Several months ago there was amendment #1, \$70,000, reviewed and approved, and at that time the determination of the final number was unknown.

Mr. Gancarz said we are approaching the finish line, and AECOM has submitted an additional estimate of \$68,014. There is one issue which impacts this. When the Town received additional phosphorus funding, there was an interim closing for this, and it was a good idea due to the State's financial situation at that time. The Legislature could have changed its mind and taken the funding back. \$1.5 million was tied down for phosphorous; there was a bill for legal expenses of \$24,000 from the bond counsel; and that was put on the Town. At this time there is \$60,000, and Mr. Gancarz recommends modifying the increase to be \$60,000, and consideration of the \$8,000 later on.

It was stated by Mr. Chelton that the \$8,000 must be recognized further down the road. The record drawings are doing better than estimated.

MOTION by Mr. Scannell; seconded by Mr. Sima.

MOVED that the WPCA approves the AECOM Amendment No. 2 dated December 7, 2016 for a contract increase modified to \$60,000.00.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Chelton stated he will revise the amendment and submit to the WPCA.

c. Carlin Contracting Application 31, dated 11/30/16 in the amount of \$15,298.27

MOTION by Mr. Scannell; seconded by Mr. Bowman.

MOVED to approve Carlin Contracting Application 31, dated 11/30/16 in the amount of \$15,298.27.

Discussion

Mr. Gancarz stated this is the final application; it closes out the job; and he recommends payment approval.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

d. Carlin Contracting close out documents.

Mr. Gancarz reported documents have been received and the contract is closing out formally.

e. Contingency status as of December 15, 2016.

Mr. Gancarz reported the contingency is \$5,399 which includes the \$68,000 AECOM invoice, reduced to \$60,000, that is available in the unencumbered funds. This will all be rectified with the Finance Department.

4. Superintendent's Report

a. Status of Plant Operations

Mr. Gancarz reported the plant is running very well; flows continue to be down even; the recent rainfall is not impacting the plant due to the very dry ground; 1.6 MGD is the average flow. Supt. Dievert is doing budget calculations on electrical costs, chemical costs, and with the first full year of plant operations there should be more accurate numbers. The Digesters are working very well.

A question was raised by Mr. Sima regarding the generator and taking this into account for the budget.

Mr. Gancarz said this will be taken into account for the budget. He noted septige fees and connection fees have increased.

When looking at the operating data, Mr. Chelton said to keep in mind the numbers of electricity costs etc. this year...which are low due to a very dry year, low flow year. Next year could be a wet year, and costs will increase.

5. Town Engineer Report

a. Solar Landfill RFP due 12/28/16

The RFP was put out last month; proposals are due December 28th; one proposal has been received to date.

6. New Business

a. Chesprocott Letter dated 11/21/16

The letter is in the packets.

Chairman Perrotti commented on the e-mail from Tim Pelton on the information flyer that received from Southington CT...about what should and should not go into a public sewer system.

b. Other new business of the WPCA

Application from AECOM to finish the West Johnson Pump Station so it can go out to bid...it was approved at referendum in November 2016.

Mr. Gancarz informed the Authority that he recommends approval and going ahead with the 90% drawings, bidding services to get out to bid, addressing comments, and being able to evaluate the bids that come in. There are some questions on some of the construction administration items, and Mr. Gancarz said they will be worked on by staff.

MOTION by Mr. Carroll; seconded by Mr. Bowman.

MOVED that the WPCA recommends approval of amendment #3 to the AECOM agreement for items proceeding to 100% of construction drawings for the West Johnson Pump Station and performance of the bidding services cost of \$118,870.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

7. Old Business

a. Other business of the WPCA.

8. Approval of minutes, Regular Meeting Held November 16, 2016.

MOTION by Mr. Bowman; seconded by Mr. Scannell.

MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2016 subject to corrections, additions, deletions.

Correction: page #2 should read "Mr. Sima" (not Simon).

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Bowman; seconded by Mr. Sima.

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk