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TOWN OF EDGARTOWN BOARD OF WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2015

WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mr. Scott Ellis, Acting Chairman
Mr. Sean E. Murphy, Commissioner

WASTE WATER COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Mr. Glen S. Searle, Chairman

EWWD STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. David Thompson, Facilities Manager
Mrs. Pia Webster, Administrative Assistant

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The Board of Waste Water Commissioners of the Town of Edgartown scheduled a Regular Meeting for Thursday, November 12, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Edgartown Waste Water Treatment Facility, located at 330 West Tisbury Road, Edgartown, Mass. At 4:00 p.m. Acting Chairman Scott Ellis called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE VOTE: CONDITION ASSESSMENT – GHD, INC.

Facilities Manager David Thompson reminded the Board that under 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article 74, the Town had appropriated \$90,000.00 for a Condition Assessment of the Waste Water Facility to (a) comply with a condition of its Groundwater Discharge Permit in 2018 and (b) determine a replacement schedule for capital assets as the 20-year mark of the permit approached. He had been talking, he said, to Marc Drainville of GHD, Inc., who had revised his earlier proposal in view of the clarifier drives project's getting done. The new proposal – at a lump sum of \$80,000.00 – was now before them.

The proposal contained the following recommendation on page 3: "We suggest that the Town allocate \$10,000 for additional work that may be determined to be needed after the initial evaluation is concluded." This raised the probable total cost to \$90,000.00.

Mr. Thompson continued that the Department was allowed to choose its own engineer and that GHD, Inc. had been "the only one that stepped up." He added that "Marc knows how it works over here." Further, when Mr. Thompson had spoken to the DEP, he said, he had been advised to "find someone who knows your plant and stick with them."

So this Assessment serves a dual purpose, to satisfy the DEP and the Selectmen? asked Waste Water Commissioner Sean E. Murphy. Yes, answered the Facilities Manager. As for deadlines, he related, the Assessment had to go to the DEP by September 2017. Another good outcome of the Assessment, Mr. Thompson pointed out, was that its results would expedite business with the Capital Programs Committee.

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve the selection of GHD, Inc. of Hyannis, Mass., to perform the Condition Assessment for a lump sum of \$80,000.00 as presented in the Proposal for Professional Services dated October 28, 2015. Acting Chairman Ellis provided a second, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Thompson reiterated that the independence of the engineer was a key element in their choice. By way of emphasis he pointed to a final note under the Scope of Work in a July 16, 2015 e-mail exchange with Procurement Office Juliet Mulinarre, which stated: "Being intended as an independent assessment, it should be made clear that its execution would be exclusive of any further participation in projects related to the Assessment and the engineering Report." *[Statement underscored and in bold print.]*

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION: DRAFT ARTICLES FOR APRIL 2016 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

Facilities Manager Thompson went over three Warrant Articles he had formulated for the April 2016 Special Town Meeting that customarily preceded the Annual Town Meeting. Article One sought to appropriate \$20,000.00 from Free Cash to supplement the Equip, Repair, Replace & Upgrade Account (0144006 / 585010) in the FY16 Operating Budget, which had been depleted by the emergency replacement of the electric supply cables for the Dock Street Pump Station.

Article Two would reimburse the Financial Advisory Committee for the \$20,000.00 the Department hoped to have transferred from the Reserve Fund this month. Administrative Assistant Pia Webster noted that it would not be the FinCom that would be reimbursed but the Reserve Fund itself and that Mr. Thompson ought to ask the Town Administrator about the mechanism for this reimbursement. The Facilities Manager responded that these articles were going to be "cleaned up" and the language fine-tuned.

Mr. Thompson elaborated that Gail Avakian, the FinCom's Administrative Assistant, had informed him that the Reserve Fund had in fact only \$40,000.00 available and that there were a number of applicants vying for those funds. So the outcome of the Department's request, and

thus the figure for Article Two, would remain unsettled until at least the occasion of the FinCom's hearing on November 18.

Lastly, Article Three sought to appropriate \$20,456.00 for sludge cake disposal (0144005 / 529004). Discussion turned to whether this amount, which would provide for eight additional sludge containers, would meet the needs of the current fiscal year. Mr. Thompson thought so and said he hoped that he might be able to cancel one or two of those depending on winter volume.

DISCUSSION/VOTE: DRAFT ARTICLES FOR APRIL 2016 TOWN MEETING.

The Facilities Manager presented five Warrant Articles for the 2016 Annual Town Meeting. Article One would provide for additional funds from the Town to make up for the difference between the revised low bid for the Dock Street Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project and the remaining engineering costs. Mr. Thompson said he was "pretty sure" he would have a figure for the Board at their Special Meeting on November 19. Article Two asked for \$6,500.00 for costs associated with the audit of the FEMA grant, an expense which could not be paid with Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds.

Article Three requested \$72,000.00 to rebuild and replace worn-out parts of the Facility's mechanical bar screen. Mr. Thompson related that back in 2007 or 2008, former Facilities Manager Joseph Alosso had asked for this but then had used the funds for another purpose. In the meantime, Mr. Thompson had "MacGyvered" the one they had to keep it in service. "I had it in Capital Programs in [FY]2018 for a hundred thousand dollars," he said.

Mr. Thompson had then spoken to Rick Hoeksema at Hydro Dyne Engineering, a copy of whose proposal for the "Remanufacture of WFS Style Filter Screens" the Commissioners had before them. The Facilities Manager explained that Hydro Dyne now owned the patent on this type of mechanical bar screen. Since the going rate for a new screen was \$100,000.00 to \$120,000.00, the proposal for remanufacture at about \$72,000.00 seemed reasonable. He noted that he would have to write an RFP for the work.

Article Four was the standard request for \$50,000.00 for the Equip, Repair, Replace & Upgrade Account in FY17. Article Five sought \$17,000.00 for a failed 18-inch effluent-bed valve, as well as several process valves on the verge of failure. Mr. Thompson explained that Keystone, the maker of the aging valves, was out of business. An industry standard prevailed, though, and Mueller valves could replace the Keystones, he said. "Some of this may come up in the Condition Assessment," the Facilities Manager added, "but I need it now."

OTHER BUSINESS:

FACILITIES MANAGER'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2015.

Mr. Thompson went over some highlights of his Chief Operator's Report for October 2015. On October 2, a lightning storm tripped out power for the Dock Street Pump Station. Due to a sheared linkage coupling to the engine, the generator at Town Hall did not respond. In addition,

a bad transformer caused utility power to fail for several hours. The end result was a Sanitary Sewer Overflow of 2,000 to 3,000 gallons, which the Facilities Manager reported to the DEP.

Mr. Thompson recounted how after further meteorological mishaps, the Department had borrowed a portable generator from the Oak Bluffs Wastewater Department to keep the Dock Street Pump Station in service. He scheduled a cable replacement with Powers Electric, Inc. for October 10, a job that unexpectedly ran into a second day. "We were back on line by the sixteenth," Mr. Thompson said.

The Facilities Manager also reported that Secondary Clarifier Drives Replacement Project was complete.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Acting Chairman Ellis offered a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Murphy seconded it, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The Acting Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pia Webster
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

BOARD OF WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS
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Scott Ellis, Acting Chairman



Sean E. Murphy, Commissioner