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TOWN OF EDGARTOWN BOARD OF WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 19, 2014

WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mr. Glen S. Searle, Chairman
Mr. Sean E. Murphy, Commissioner

WASTE WATER COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Mr. Scott Ellis, Commissioner

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 held a Special Meeting on Thursday, June 19, 2014, 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. Chairman Glen S. Searle called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSS/VOTE: ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR SLUDGE CAKE TRANSPORT.

Chairman Searle announced that the Board had received three bids in response to the "Invitation For Bids for the Transportation of Dewatered Sludge Cake to Disposal Facility" issued by the Department and having a deadline of 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2014. Present at the opening of the bids, continued the Chairman, had been Facilities Manager David Thompson, Commissioner Sean E. Murphy and Assistant/Operator Shelley G. Reed. The three bids, in descending order, were as follows: R.M. Packer Co., Inc. of Tisbury, Mass. at \$1,675 per container; Bruno's Rolloff, Inc. of Edgartown, Mass. at \$1,450; and Howland Disposal Services of Plymouth, Mass. at \$1,270.

Chairman Searle pointed to correspondence dated June 18, 2014 and hand-delivered the same day from the high bidder Ralph M. Packer. The letter read in part: "We find that if

we could meet with a representative at the Treatment Facility, hopefully we could develop a bid proposal that is probably less costly than *[sic]* the bid that we previously submitted.” Facilities Manager Thompson characterized the letter as “basically irrelevant ... like closing the barn door after the horse is out.”

Regarding low bidder Howland Disposal Services, Commissioner Murphy expressed concern that the company was not based on the Island. Mr. Thompson responded that he suspected the bidder had done “due diligence” and was aware of the complexities of Island travel arrangements, having done business here in the past.

What would happen, Commissioner Murphy wondered, if Howland were awarded the contract and then three weeks later, the operation failed to measure up. The Facilities Manager related that he had been assured that the Howland people were familiar with the Steamship Authority booking process. If they were non-performing, the Department could get someone else. Commissioner Murphy observed that under such circumstances the provisions for an emergency procurement would be met and the strictures of the bidding laws would be relaxed somewhat.

Facilities Manager Thompson stressed that Howland was the low bidder and that absent any substantial objections, awarding them the contract was the right thing to do. He had checked out the company and learned that Howland was to Plymouth and the South Shore what Bruno’s Rolloff was to the Island. There had been no suggestion of anything untoward about the business.

The Facilities Manager pointed to the contract he had worked up. Once he had received approval from the Board, he could begin lining up the players, one of which was Synagro Northeast LLC, the firm in Woonsocket, R.I. that incinerated the plant’s sludge cake. Answering a query from Commissioner Murphy, Mr. Thompson explained the typical cycle of scheduling and pickup of the containers. Commissioner Murphy suggested that the Commissioners include in their motion authorization for Mr. Thompson to take appropriate emergency measures to arrange for sludge cake transport if the arrangement with Howland was not successful. Chairman Searle agreed.

The Facilities Manager described how in July 2013 the Synagro facility had shut down for three weeks. Yet the Department had managed.

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to vote to award the contract for the “Transportation of Dewatered Sludge Cake to Disposal Facility” to Howland Disposal Services; and further, to authorize the Facilities Manager to take appropriate emergency measures to arrange for sludge cake transportation if the arrangement with Howland Disposal Services did not work out. Chairman Searle provided a second, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or comment, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn. Chairman Searle offered a motion to adjourn, and Commissioner Murphy seconded it.


The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Chairman Searle adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

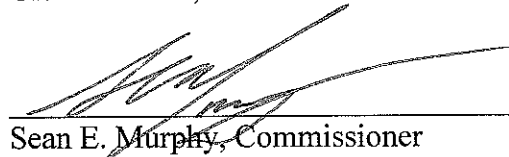
Pia Webster
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

BOARD OF WASTE WATER COMMISSIONERS
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Glen S. Searle, Chairman



Sean E. Murphy, Commissioner