

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Town of Trumbull
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**APRIL 28, 2021
MINUTES**

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

Present: Richard Boggs, Chairman, Jon Greene, Vice-Chairman, Frank Regnery, Andrew Palo

Absent: Charles Berezin and Scott Thornton, Alternate

Also Present: William Maurer, Town Engineer/Sewer Administrator, Town Attorney James Nugent, and Christine Kurtz of Wright Pierce

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Palo, seconded by Regnery to approve the March 24, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent

Moved by Palo, seconded by Regnery to approve the April 8, 2021 special meeting minutes as presented. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent

New Business:

- RFP #6402 Bid Evaluation – Kovacs Construction Corp. and;
- Reservoir Avenue & Old Town Road Pump Station Award

Mr. Maurer explained there were 10 bidders in attendance at the pre-bid meeting and they received 2 bids, Kovacs and True Blue.

Kovacs bid = \$3,180,065

True Blue bid = \$3,199,485

A difference of approximately \$19,000.

Kovacs was the contractor used for the Beardsley pump station upgrade and WPCA is well versed on their abilities. Mr. Maurer recommended Kovacs, it is the lowest bid and WPCA has the most experience with them

The location of the pump stations creates a very limited work area. It is a compact area which is why there were so few bidders. How they would have execute the construction scared off more vendors. The total of this bid is less than what was budgeted.

Mr. Maurer stated Kovacs was very helpful in the Beardsley pump station upgrade project, during the force main break and some of the items they came across during construction. They were very helpful in solving the problems. Their change-orders were very reasonable, and there were many credits received as well.

Line 4A is a bid alternate for the Reservoir Avenue sewer replacement. The main in the street needs to change from an 8" to a 10" pipe. Commissioner Palo stated there is a significant difference between the two (2) bids on that line item. Mr. Maurer explained the line needs to be replaced; it is something that cannot not be done. Looking at the other two (2) items the subtotals represent a significant savings which makes up for the disparity on 4A. Commissioner Greene stated sometimes line item bids are strategy and sometimes there is an incongruity between what the two firms think the requirement is. Mr. Maurer believed this is a strategic bidding process. The bottom lines came out to what is expected in the overall assumption, the engineer's opinion of probable cost, which was more than both bids. The estimate did include the alternates.

Arcadis has submitted a change-order to their original contract design for construction administration in the amount of \$237,539. Construction administration was not included in the original quote. Which is approximately 7% of the construction cost which is reasonable. The Chair noted these should be two different motions, one for the bid and the other for the change-order.

Moved by Regnery, seconded by Palo to accept Kovacs Construction Corp. bid for the work at Reservoir Avenue and Old Town Road pump stations. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

Moved by Regnery, seconded by Palo to approve the Arcadis change-order #1 in the amount of \$237,539.00. Mr. Maurer confirmed for Attorney Nugent that the project is still under budget, there are funds to cover the change-order. There is no more work to be done. The change-order represents construction administration not in the original project cost. The original project with Arcadis was for design only. The Chair explained they were hired to do additional work presumed to be necessary, a different firm wouldn't be hired to do construction administration. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

Old Business:

- FY2022 Budget Update – BOF Level:
Mr. Maurer reported the original budget was reduced by \$50,000 for Alternate Flow and the BOF reinstated it to the budget. Currently the BOF has approved all the rest of the items as submitted and are awaiting to go to Town Council for approval.
- Old Town and Reservoir Avenue Pump Stations Update: Discussed in detail under New Business. There will be a pre-award meeting with the contractor. The contractor has to submit a schedule and from there it will be worked out, the bid package includes an end date not a start date. There is a clause included that from a certain number of days from when the contract is signed they would commence work. The end date is January 2022. A Notice of Award is issued and then a Notice to Proceed is issued. The supply chain is an unknown, the pumps have to come from Sweden.

- Beardsley Force Main Update:
Mr. Maurer reported Arcadis ran some numbers for replacing the force main in the same location and in a new location. The prices came in close and it is Arcadis's recommendation to go in a different location. They would be able to keep the existing force main in service and when they make the final connection they would bypass. There will be less pumping by replacing in a different location. They would have 50% of the plans completed by the next meeting and we will have more information in May. Rock excavation has been taken into account, they did include numbers for that and it outweighed the replacement time. Test pits on Stelson will start next week. This is to find the force main, so we won't dig blind in Bridgeport. They hydro excavate and vacuum excavate an 8" hole.

- Alternate Flow:
Mr. Maurer indicated they are still looking at alternate flow options and suggested going into executive session.
Moved by Regnery, seconded by Palo to Enter into Executive Session based on CGS 1-210b-7 to present engineering or feasibility estimates relative to the public supply construction costs. VOTE: VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

The Trumbull Water Pollution Control Authority ENTERED into Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. based on CGS 1-210b-7 to present engineering or feasibility estimates relative to the public supply construction costs with the following people present:
WPCA Commissioners Richard Boggs, Chairman, Jon Greene, Vice-Chairman, Frank Regnery, Andrew Palo, William Maurer, Town Attorney James Nugent and Christine Kurtz of Wright Pierce.

Moved by Regnery, seconded by Greene to END Executive Session at 8:38 p.m.
VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

Adjournment – There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Palo, seconded by Regnery the Trumbull Water Pollution Control Authority adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni
WPCA Clerk