

**Town of Castleton  
Board of Sewer Commissioners Meeting  
Minutes of October 4, 2017  
Town Offices**

Members Present: R. Combs, J. Bruno, J. Leamy, Z. Holzworth, R. Spaulding

Others present: M. Shea, Town Manager

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Chairmen J. Bruno.

**AGENDA FOR APPROVAL**

**MOTION:** J. Leamy made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Z. Holzworth. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**ROUTE 30 SEWER PROJECT- A & E PRESENTATION & BID ANALYSIS AND BID AWARD  
- A & E Engineers - JASON BOOTH & JOE KRUPA**

J. Booth stated they have not started the bid analysis yet, part of the analysis is going to be understanding how the Select Board wants to proceed. We have not put our recommendation together yet. Belden Company was the only bidder. The bid price was \$505,225.00. This puts the project outside of the total bonding capacity.

J. Bruno asked what the difference was.

J. Booth replied \$102,000.00. He continued stating that with the projections (that come from the town) the total estimated cost of the project at this point is \$642,000.00. The total bond capacity is \$540,000.00, which lands the overrun of the project at \$102,396.00. He also stated that the 5% contingent being carried on the project is reflected in the bid price.

J. Bruno asked if there were any line items in the bid that could be negotiated.

J. Booth said he did have a conversation with Belden about areas of flexibility, traffic control was a major chunk of money. Belden stated that there could be a significant savings to the town if the road could be closed for 5 days. VTRANS was contacted and said that they would not allow the road to be closed for 5 days. He handed out an option sheet to the members.

The sheet was reviewed by the members and J. Booth & J. Krupa.

If the Town decides to rebid the project, the State requires that something change in the project bid.

J. Booth did inform the members that because the Town went thru the QBS process early on, the Town is eligible on this loan from the State for 50% forgiveness on final design and preliminary engineering. Also, eligible for \$300,000.00 in loan subsidy on the direct construction related cost. So, essentially the Town is looking at .50 cent on the \$1.00 for this project.

J. Bruno asked to see a breakdown of the bid.

J. Bruno wants to see what part of the project did A & E underestimate and when A & E presents costs they are usually high and now you are \$102,000.00 low.

J. Booth stated they did have a bid tabulation and it was emailed to M. Shea.

M. Shea replied he did receive it.

J. Leamy has a concern over 1 bid, and the 30% increase in price.

J. Leamy asked if something had changed and this was a rush project, as the original timeline was construction in Spring 2018. The original time line proposed by A & E was 2018.

J. Krupa relied that when the investigation was done by wastewater, there was a concern over the integrity of the pipe and the Board became nervous and it became a priority.

J. Bruno stated that we were never really nervous, that we were going by the direction that W. Elliott had given us, telling us about the asbestos pipe, the transite pipe, how the top of it was crumbling. Also when connection was made at the manhole, this also needed to be fixed.

J. Booth stated that the condition of the pipe has not changed from then to now.

J. Bruno stated that the Town hired a professional engineering company to give us some estimates that you obviously way under estimated and the town now has to make decisions on how to move forward. He continued asking what point does A & E take responsibility for underestimating this project.

J. Booth explains that you need to get thru the layout and preliminary engineering to really define the project and that was not even done at the point that this project was bonded.

J. Bruno asked what the Town was getting for the money they have spent.

R. Combs asked if there was flexibility in the bid to make it more attractive to bidders, would something with the timeline help, i. e: "project to be finished by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>".

J. Booth replied that might make it more attractive to the contractor, so they will be able to fit it into their schedule. The contract would have to say that once they started the project they stay until it is completed.

J. Bruno we need to meet again and discuss this, maybe quickly before the next Select Board meeting on Monday.

R. Combs asked J. Krupa to email the bid tabulation to him and he will forward it to the members.

#### **WWTF ROOF REPAIR – BID AWARD**

J. Leamy stated they just received their copies tonight.

R. Combs asked if there was money in the budget to do this repair.

J. Bruno replied that there was money in the budget.

#### **MOTION:**

R. Combs made a motion to award the bid to Premier Roof Solutions for \$15,990.00. Seconded by Z. Holworth. All in favor. Motion Carried.

R. Spaulding asked about the \$2,200.00 full systems warranty.

#### **Amended motion:**

R. Combs made a motion to award the bid to Premier Roof Solutions for \$15,990.00 to include \$2,200.00 for the Full Systems Warranty. Seconded by Z. Holzworth. All in favor. Motion Carried.

#### **ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** R. Combs made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully

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Date of Approval

V. Waldron