

**TOWN OF CASTLETON**  
**SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**Monday, August 14, 2023 6:30 p.m.**  
**Fire Department Community Room**

**Zoom Meeting Recording Link:**

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**ATTENDING:** Mike Jones, Town Manager, James Leamy, Chair, Richard Combs, Joseph Mark, Parliamentarian, Mary Lee Harris, David Fabricious, Tom Kearns

**Attending Via Zoom:** Robert Spaulding, John Burke, Allison Harvey, Recording Secretary

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Select Board Chair, Jim Leamy at 6:35 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ML Harris made a motion to approve the agenda. J. Mark seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 7/10/23**

**ML Harris made a motion to approve the minutes of 7/10/23 as presented. J. Mark seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

**TRENCH BOX PROPOSAL**

D. Fabricious stated they need a trench box for a project and they are proposing one be purchased from TrenchTech, Inc. It is an OSHA regulation that one be used and without one they can't go in a hole more than 4 feet deep. He is recommending they use the TrenchTech option, as it is most reasonable and will serve their purpose. The Board briefly discussed the options and whether a purchase or other options such as rental or borrowing one would be most beneficial. **ML Harris made a motion to approve the TrenchTech, Inc quote for a trench box at the cost of \$9,052.00. J. Mark seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

**PENTA QUOTE FOR REPLACEMENT OF VALVES AT SUCKER BROOK PUMP STATION**

M. Jones stated that this pump station has had ongoing issues. They need to get the pump out and send it out for repair. The problem is the valves are frozen so they can't get the pumps out, so they will have to replace the valves to get the pumps out for repair. The quote is to change out the valves to then change out the pumps. There is some urgency, as this station is running on one pump right now, if they have a problem with that one, it will be nonoperational. **J. Mark made a motion to authorize the Town manager to engage in a contract with Penta corporation to replace the valves at the Sucker Brook Pump Station as presented for the cost of \$6,450. R. Combs seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

**BOMOSEEN PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT**

M. Jones explained past action taken by this Board as to pump station replacement. He researched with what motions were made, and how to move forward. Jason Booth at Aldrich and Elliott has provided information for the bond capacity rather than using sewer reserves to do the replacement. The dollar figures will not change for the bond if used and the proposal improves the setup of the pump station placement being above ground versus underground. The Board will have to come back to this to decide. M. Jones will put better numbers together and what the remaining bond capacity would be after this is included. This is the Prospect Point station, and it would make sense to use the bond capacity rather than sewer reserves. The bond is a 20-year bond, goes into effect in August or September of next year.

### **TELEWISE SEWER LINES FOR DETERIORATION UNDERNEATH CASTLETON FOUR CORNERS AND CRYSTAL HAVEN**

M. Jones stated he cannot get anyone local to touch this project, which he has mentioned to the Board before. They have reached out to Green Mountain Pipeline Services. They have indicated it could take 3-5 days, with a cost of \$4,500/day. This will help with the water infiltration issue they have somewhere between these two points. The funds are under other purchased services in the sewer budget. **R. Combs made a motion to approve the contract with Green Mountain Pipeline Services at the cost of \$18,000 to televise the sewer lines. J. Mark seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried 5-0.**

### **SEWER EXPANSION PRIORITIES AND FUNDING**

Discussion on the factors involved in each section and what more information the Board would need to decide on where to expand and how it would be paid for on the Creek Road and Depot Terrace proposals. R. Spaulding stated it should be kept in mind that Woodard's is a seasonal business, Brown's is a year-round business. J. Mark stated they should also consider that ARPA funds should benefit all taxpayers, not a select few sewer users. It was questioned whether users should be required to pay a percentage of the trunk line installation to connect to the sewer line as has been done in the past. Discussion on the proposals for expansion and what the numbers and cost sharing with users would be.

### **SEWER BOARD COMMENTS AND/OR CONCERNS**

None at this time.

### **6:55 pm-ADJOURN**

**ML Harris made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. R. Combs seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted

Allison Harvey  
Recording Secretary