



RAYNHAM BOARD of SEWER COMMISSIONERS

RAYNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 12, 2023

PRESENT: Mr. Joseph Bettencourt-Chairman; Mr. Jeff Kelleher–Commissioner; Mr. Joseph Bickel – Commissioner and Mr. Rob Carey, Raynham Sewer Superintendent

CALLED TO ORDER:

Mr. Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2023

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Kelleher and seconded by Mr. Bettencourt to approve the Sewer Commission Meeting minutes of September 14, 2023 as printed. Discussion: None. Vote: 2-0 (Mr. Bickel abstained)

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Rob Carey

Department Operations

The Sewer Department has been busy cleaning and pressure washing pump station buildings along with the pump enclosure on the can stations.

Brandon Daniels and Shawn Hayden both attended a trench safety class this past week that was held at the Water Department.

Joseph Correia who has been on workmen’s compensation has been cleared to return to work, unrestricted, on November 1st.

Sewer building generator

Mr. Carey is awaiting delivery of the generator, hopefully by next week.

Sewer Use Billing

Vadar has created a link to export the billing data files into the system to process bills. The bills are well over a month late due to the exporting of files. Customers should expect the bills within a couple of weeks.

Sewer Connections

Last month there was three new sewer connections, for a total of twenty-nine connections since the beginning of the year.

Rt. 44 Diesel Tank Replacement Project

Mr. Carey received the bidder evaluation and recommendation to award the project from Tighe & Bond. The lowest bid for the project was MECO Environmental Services in the amount of \$183,888.

ARPA Generator Project

The project was awarded to Tilton Electric Incorporated and the contractor signed the contract back in August. During the project kickoff meeting held on October 4th, the contractor acknowledged he didn't realize there was proprietary bid spec for Kohler Generators when priced out. Mr. Carey is waiting on a response from Tilton to see if he can do the project with the required Kohler Generators. If this is not possible, Fall River Electric was the second lowest bidder with an additional \$3,688. If Mr. Carey needs to go with Fall River Electric, he will confirm the bid pricing does include Kohler Generators.

Fall Special Town Meeting Articles

Fall Special Meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2023. Mr. Barnes, Town Administrator informed that they will be meeting with Capital Planning on Monday, October 16, 2023 to discuss the Articles.

Article 1 – Transfer of \$50,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings Account for the Rt. 44 Diesel Tank Replacement. The one bid received for the project was over the originally allocated amount of \$175,000.

Article 2 – Transfer of \$15,500 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings Account toward the implementation of the Raynham Sewer Geological Information System set-up.

This is the initial step to the process and will include Phase 6 & 7.

Article 3 – Transfer of \$300,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings Account to Raynham Sewer Department Stabilization Account pursuant to Massachusetts GL Ch 40, Section 5B.

Mill Street culvert replacement

The Highway Department project has begun on Mill Street. The Sewer Department has been involved in the initial setup for the project with the sewer main being temporarily relocated in preparation to remove the existing culvert. The temporary sewer main is a 6 inch and the new sewer main to be installed will be increased to 8-inches

Raynham Highway Superintendent

Mr. Ed Buckley announced his retirement with his last day being November 25, 2023.

Raynham Gaming Facility

The vacuum testing of the manholes and pressure testing of the gravity line has been completed with everything passing. The project is awaiting parts for the clean out manhole structure and air release structure. Pressure testing on these and the force main will be completed once those parts are received and installed.

River Walk Project, Rt. 44

RICO Excavating has been hired to install the infrastructure in the complex. Installation of the low-pressure sewer system is ongoing with a pump chamber being installed for the first cluster of buildings, with one building currently under construction. Pressure testing of the sewer line was performed which will be utilized for the first cluster of buildings.

New BusinessBroadway Crossing 40B Project

Mr. Carey received a request for a continuance until the next meeting.

Old BusinessBidder Evaluation – Rt. 44 Diesel Tank Replacement

Lowest bidder was MECO Environmental in the amount of \$183,888, Green Sight Services in the amount of \$206,200. Upon bid evaluation conducted by Tighe & Bond, Tighe & Bond recommends awarding the contract for the Rt. 44 Diesel Tank Replacement to MECO Environmental.

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Kelleher and seconded by Mr. Bickel to authorize the Sewer Department Superintendent to move forward with the awarding of the contract to MECO Environmental in the amount of \$183,888 for the Rt. 44 Diesel Tank Replacement. Vote: 3-0-0

The Commissioners wished Mr. Buckley a happy retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bettencourt asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Bickel and seconded by Mr. Kelleher to adjourn from the Raynham Sewer Commission Meeting of October 12, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. for the performance of administrative duties only. Vote: 3-0-0

Transcribed from Recording

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Caradonna
Recording Secretary

Documents provided to the Sewer Commission

Mr. Carey's Report
Rt. 44 Diesel Tank Replacement Bid Evaluation

Next Meeting date:

Thursday, November 9, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.
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