



RAYNHAM BOARD of SEWER COMMISSIONERS

RAYNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

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

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, August 8, 2019 & Special Meeting, September 5, 2019

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Bickel and seconded by Mr. Bettencourt to approve the minutes of the Raynham Sewer Commission Regular Meeting, August 8, 2019 as printed. Discussion: None. Vote: 2-0-1 (Mr. Kelleher abstained)

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Bickel and seconded by Mr. Kelleher to approve the minutes of the Raynham Sewer Commission Special Meeting, September 5, 2019 as printed. Discussion: None. Vote: 3-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Rob Carey

Phase 7, Contract 1

Mr. Carey informed that aside from one add-on service on Rt. 138, all areas have been completed and tested. Gatsby Drive and Park Place are awaiting the completion of the pumping station. Work at the pumping station site continues with the footings and foundation work being complete. Pumps and control panel have arrived and are in the Sewer Department's garage ready to be installed. All roads in Phase 7 Contract 1 can be accepted aside from Park Place and Gatsby Drive. The next project meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2, 2019.

Phase 7, Contract 2

All sewer mains and service laterals are installed on this project aside from Mill Street where work continues. Brooke Street and Fair Lane have been completed and tested. Cedar Mill and Rose Terrance mandrel testing and inverts will be completed this week. Juniper Hill mandrel testing can be accomplished after the 45 days waiting period which will be October 7th. Mr. Carey proposed a reduction in the waiting period to 30 days for a testing date of September 23rd. This will allow time for the inverts to be built and the road can then be accepted.

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Bickel and seconded by Mr. Kelleher to accept the recommendation from the Superintendent for the reduction of the waiting period from 45 days to 30 days for the completion of the mandrel testing on Juniper Hill. Discussion: None. Vote: 3-0

Paramount Drive Pump Station

The contractor has been on site and the new wet well hatch has been installed as well as the area being cleaned and graded. The gas company is scheduled to install the gas line on September 25th. In preparation of the switch over, a job meeting was held on Tuesday where the sequence on how to accomplish powering the new building and old building together was discussed. TMLP will be switching the transformer to that station from 230 volts to 480 volts. The contractor is trying to obtain a firm date on the delivery of the new generator.

Doe Run Project

The initial phase for this project started on Monday this week. Work should reach Courtney Way next week which will allow the request for the Town's contractor to perform work on Courtney Way.

Courtney Way

With the sewer main installed up to and past Courtney Way, Mr. Carey asked Tighe & Bond to put together a Change Order request to include Courtney Way.

Church Street

Mr. Carey informed that Tighe & Bond is working toward a final report for the Board to review on the wet well evaluation for the Church Street Pumping Station.

Taunton River Bank Stabilization

Tighe & Bond is working towards a finalized geotechnical evaluation of the existing soils and slope stability.

Fall Town Meeting

Mr. Carey submitted to the Commission the list of Articles he gave to the Town for the Town Meeting Warrant. The total amount for the listed Articles were \$618,000. Mr. Carey discussed the possibility of removing \$100,000 from an Article proposed for I&I Repair which can be added to next year's Warrant.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and approve Change Order for Courtney Way

Change Order for Phase 7, Contract 2

Mr. Bettencourt stated that Mr. Dan Holmes, Tighe & Bond submitted the Change Order to the Commission, but wanted to know if CJP has seen and/or agreed to it. Mr. Carey stated that it has been discussed in meetings and CJP is willing to take it on. Mr. Bettencourt suggested that when a Change Order is presented to the Commission, all parties are in agreement.

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Bickel and seconded by Mr. Kelleher to approve and authorize Mr. Carey to sign Change Order #1 for Phase 7, Contract 2, Courtney Way in the amount of \$150,825.25. Discussion: None. Vote: 3-0

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss Fair Acres Avenue easement

The homeowner had previously requested assistance from the Board on additional fees associated with the issue on Fair Acres, whereas the sewer main was installed out of the right-of-way. The total submitted to the Board for attorney's fees amounted to \$1,245. Mr. Bettencourt will follow-up to have this amount paid to Mr. Flanagan.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mr. Bettencourt discussed the assistance that Raynham homeowners received in the past who have a low-pressure system. Previous Boards would grant waivers on betterments due to the installation of an injector pump. At that time, betterments were small compared to the cost of the pumps. The cost of a pump is approximately \$5,200-\$5,300. Currently, betterments are more than the pumps and to grant a waiver would mean giving more to the homeowner than the cost of the pump. Mr. Bettencourt suggested the Board come up with a figure, maybe \$5,000 if they so choose to waive a fee for homeowners with a low-pressure system. Mr. Carey drafted a list of homeowners on low-pressure systems who will be paying a full betterment in addition to the injector pump; a list of waiver amounts granted to homeowners in the past; and the cost of a high-quality injector pump. Mr. Bickel asked if there was a possibility of waiving usage fees for "x" amount for a certain number of years. Mr. Carey stated that the issue with that would be keeping track.

Low-pressure systems could be in Phase 5, 6, or 7. Mr. Bettencourt would like to have a procedure in writing going forward.

Board members took under advisement until the next meeting.

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 September 12, 2019 at 6:38pm for the performance of administrative duties, signing bills with no business to be conducted afterwards. Vote: 3-0

Transcribed from Recording

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Caradonna

Recording Secretary

Documents provided to the Sewer Commission

Mr. Carey's Report

List of Town Meeting Articles

Change Order – Courtney Way

List of low-pressure systems and waivers

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Next Meeting date:

Thursday, October 10, 2019 @ 6:00pm
