



RAYNHAM BOARD of SEWER COMMISSIONERS

RAYNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 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, October 10, 2019

Mr. Bickel recommended a spacing correction on page 4.

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Kelleher and seconded by Mr. Bickel to accept the Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2019 as recommended. Discussion: None. Vote: 3-0

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Rob Carey

Phase 7, Contract 1

Mr. Carey informed that the pump station work continues with the siding and roofing being complete. The electric service is active as well as the phone line and the plumbing work is nearly complete. The pump station start-up is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2019. During the last meeting, Mr. Carey discussed the possible delay in natural gas to the pump station and the conversion of the generator and unit heaters to propane. The manufacturer of the generator informed that the generator was not a dual fuel generator and could not or would not be warranted if converted. Mr. Carey had conversations with the gas company regarding gas service and made substantial progress with them. The gas company initially stated that gas could not be provided until the April 2020. The gas service has now moved through the engineering process and has been released to construction. The Department of Public Utilities has also agreed to allow them to perform this work and the line is scheduled to be installed early next week.

Paving on Deniz Drive, Lounsbury and Hewitt Drive has all been completed by the Raynham Highway Department.

A project meeting was held today for the remaining work and punch list items needed for the completion of the projects. The next project meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 10:00am.

Mr. Bettencourt clarified the discussion and decision the Board made during the last meeting regarding the natural gas/propane installation to the pump station. Mr. Bettencourt thanked Mr. Carey for his efforts in getting this done.

Phase 7, Contract 2

All mandrel testing on the sewer mains were performed today on Courtney Way and Mill Street and CJP will build manhole inverts next week. This will complete Contract 2 except for a few minor punch list items.

Paramount Drive Pump Station

The new 480-volt transformer was installed by TMLP. During the installation of the transformer, the pump station was operated by stand-by pumps provided by the contractor. The old generator has been decommissioned and removed from the building. The mason work should be completed by tomorrow. Once the mason work is complete, the new generator is on site and will be set in the building. The remaining work, which will be completed next week, will be the installation of the louvers, generator exhaust system, and wiring associated to generator.

Doe Run Project

The contractor has completed the installation of the sewer main and sewer service on Pine Street up to their second entrance. Vacuum testing has begun with a few failures to be corrected. Testing will resume next week with mandrel inverts to be built after that.

Fall Town Meeting

All Sewer Department Articles were approved at the Fall Town Meeting.

A tentative meeting was scheduled with Taunton for November 25, 2019 which will need to be re-scheduled. Mr. Bettencourt informed that the meeting is to continue discussions regarding DEP and sewer plant construction.

Mr. Carey submitted photos to the Board of the deconstruction of the Paramount Pump Station and Park Drive Pump Station.

NEW BUSINESS

Partial substantial completion-Phase 7, Contract 1

The partial completion of Phase 7, Contract 1 is due to the pump station completion. We would not be accepting the pumping station or sewer pipes in the area. There is a small punch list that remains.

Mr. Carey recommended approving

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Bickel and seconded by Mr. Kelleher to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of a partial substantial completion of Phase 7, Contract 1 as agreed upon by Tighe & Bond, the contractor and Superintendent. Discussion: None. Vote: 3-0

Substantial completion-Phase 7, Contract 2

The substantial completion of Phase 7, Contract 2 is due to the testing on Courtney Way and Mill Street.

MOTION: Moved by Mr. Bickel and seconded by Mr. Kelleher to accept the Superintendent's recommendation of a substantial completion of Phase 7, Contract 2 as agreed upon by Tighe & Bond, the contractor and Superintendent. Discussion: None. Vote: 3-0

Mr. Bettencourt informed that most of Contract 2 was basically gravity. The contract included addition of Courtney Way and the contractor was able to complete the project on time. Mr. Carey informed that there may be a time extension request for grading and paving.

OLD BUSINESS

Residential Low-Pressure Pump Contribution

Mr. Carey informed that there was a total of nine (9) properties on Phase 6, Contract 3. The betterment for Contract 3 was \$6,970. Only one property has tied in since the completion of the project. The current cost of a pump is \$5,000. The betterment for Phase 7 is \$5,476. Mr. Carey suggested \$4,500 as a contribution amount. Phase 7 has a total of sixteen (16) residential homes.

Mr. Bettencourt would like to create a policy for the contribution to residents for low-pressure pumps.

Mr. Bettencourt discussed the possibility of using a percentage for the contribution based on the betterment costs. Mr. Kelleher asked if the Board should honor the remaining eight (8) properties on Phase 6 in the amount of \$5,000.

Mr. Bickel asked if the Board should purchase a couple of pumps this year so that the Sewer Department can be ready when a homeowner is ready to tie in. The type of pump recommended is the E-1 Pump. The only issue with purchasing is the storage of the pumps as they are rather large.

Mr. Bickel likes the idea of a percentage.

The recommendation for a contribution to residents for low-pressure pumps would not include vacant lots. Mr. Carey informed that historically, the lot is vacant when the Board made the decision, therefore, the lot would not be considered.

Mr. Bettencourt recommended tabling discussions for one month.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Mr. Bettencourt wished his fellow Commissioners, the Superintendent and the entire community a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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 November 14, 2019 at 6:48pm 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

Next Meeting date:

Thursday, December 12, 2019 @ 6:00pm
