

RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Engineering Committee Meeting

Minutes

November 5, 2015

Commissioner Greet, Engineering Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Greet read the statement on “Open Public Meetings Law”.

“In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the inclusion of the date, time and place in a Notice forwarded to The Star Ledger, the Home News Tribune and the Clerk of each of the eleven member municipalities on January 28, 2015.

If any member of this body believes that this meeting is being held in violation of the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, please state your objection and the reasons for same at this time.”

.... Hearing no objections, we shall proceed with our regularly scheduled meeting.

The Chairman requested that everyone stand to salute the Flag and a moment of silence.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Mark P. Dugan	for the Township of Cranford
Michael Furci	for the Township of Springfield
Stephen D. Greet	for the Borough of Garwood
Robert B. LaCosta	for the Township of Scotch Plains
Attilio S. Venturo	for the Borough of Roselle Park

The following members were absent:

Richard J. LoForte	for the Borough of Kenilworth
Robert Rachlin	for the City of Rahway
Allen Chin	for the Town of Westfield
Scott L. Thompson	for the Township of Woodbridge
Frank G. Mazzarella	for the Township of Clark
John J. Tomaine	for the Borough of Mountainside

The following were also present:

James J. Meehan	Executive Director
Robert J. Materna	Secretary-Treasurer
Joanne Grimes	Purchasing Agent / Office Manager
Howard Matteson, PE	Cons. Engineer, CDM Smith, Inc.
Dennis A. Estis, Esq.	General Counsel, Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis
Robert Valent	Deputy Director
John Buonocore	Chief Engineer
Dan Ward	Manager, Plant Maintenance
Anthony Gencarelli	Manager of Regulatory Compliance

New Business**Contract #173 – Codigestion/Liquid Waste**

The Request For Proposals for a Public Private Partnership to Design, Build and Administer a Liquid Waste Receiving Enterprise was advertised. Proposals were received and are being reviewed. This matter may be discussed further, in Closed Session.

Contract #1519A – Commodity Natural Gas (9 Meters)

The Authority participated in a reverse online auction for the purchase of commodity natural gas. The rebid auction was held 10/20/15 for the Authority's plant meters. A contract has been entered into with Infinite Energy for the plant meters with a fixed rate of \$0.4500/therm for a 24 month period. Action on this contract will be on the November 12th agenda.

Contract #1519B – Commodity Natural Gas (Cogen)

The Authority participated in a reverse online auction for the purchase of commodity natural gas for the Cogeneration Facility Meter on 11/5/15. The contract documents are being reviewed. Action to formalize the award will be on the November 12th agenda.

Contract #1600 – 2016 Litigation Counsel Services

As discussed at the October meeting, there was a problem with the proposal submitted by Weiner Lesniak under the Non Fair and Open process. We will be re-soliciting proposals for this work, under the Fair and Open process.

Contract #1616-Rebid #1 – 2016-2017 Furnish & Deliver Emulsion Polymer

Notice to Bidders was advertised in the Star Ledger and was posted on the Authority's website. Three companies obtained bid packages and on November 5, 2015 two bids were received:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Coyne Chemical Croydon, PA	\$0.9805/lb x 6.9/lb WT = \$257,087.10 \$0.9805/lb x 30 lb DT = \$257,087.10
Polydyne, Inc. Riceboro, GA	\$0.80/lb x 14.95/lb WT = \$454,480.00 \$0.80/lb x 65/lb DT = \$454,480.00
Kemira Water Solutions Lawrence, KS	No bid

Joanne Grimes, QPA, reviewed the bids and found them both to be in order. Performance tests will be done next week on the products proposed. Action will be on the November 12th agenda.

Contract #1618-Rebid #1 – 2016-2017 Furnish & Deliver UV Parts

Notice to Bidders was advertised in the Star Ledger and was posted on the Authority's website.

One company obtained a bid package and on November 5, 2015 the following bid was received.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Xylem Charlotte, NC	\$221,646.21 (25 Items)

The contract for 2014-2015 awarded to Xylem was in an amount of \$231,593.00, of which \$3,928.00 was spent.

Joanne Grimes, QPA, reviewed the bid and found it to be in order. Action will be on the November 12th agenda.

Engineering Bills:

Contractor	Contract Number	Contract Name	Invoice Amount
CDM Smith	1507	Consulting Engineer Retainer - September 2015	1,289.00
	171	Digester Gas Cleaning System - September 2015	1,396.00
	175	Digester Lids Replacement & Waste Gas Burner - September 2015	17,674.32
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith	1501	Retainer - October 2015	792.00
	1501	General Counsel - September 2015	657.90
	1501	US Healthworks - September 2015	461.10
	1501	RVSA vs JH Reid - September 2015	183.60
Hawkins, Delafield & Wood	1504-B	Special Counsel - RFP for Food Waste - August 2015	5,007.77
	1504	Special Counsel - RFP for Food Waste - August 2015 *	8,849.43
	1504	Special Counsel - RFP for Food Waste - September 2015	9,808.75
OSK Design Partners, P.A.	174-A	Administration Building - Lower Level Renovations	3,596.67
Spectraserv	171	Digester Gas Cleaning System - October 2015	868,302.05
Weiner Lesniak	1500	Special Counsel - Caterpillar Foley - September 2015	2,403.00

Mr. Greet asked what the status was of Contract #171. Mr. Buonocore responded that all components have been received and most have been installed. He added that the piping is now being done.

Report of Consulting Engineer

Howard Matteson of CDM Smith, Inc. submitted the following report covering the period of October 2015.

- A. Retainer Services
During the period, CDM Smith prepared the monthly report and attended the October Engineering Committee Meeting.
- B. Miscellaneous Engineering Services
During the period, CDM Smith assisted RVSA in evaluating the bids received for the Liquid Waste Receiving Enterprise.
- C. Biosolids Hauling and Reuse Contract Assistance
No activity during the period.
- D. Digester Gas Treatment System Design – Construction Services
During the period, CDM Smith performed the following:
 - Attended a progress meeting
 - Coordinated with staff on technical issues and Requests for Information related to the ongoing field work for the concrete placement and HVAC systems.
- E. Digester Covers and Waste Gas Burner Replacement – Design, Bidding, and Construction
During the period, CDM Smith performed the following:
 - Continued to coordinate regarding the Title V modification and prepare for submission to NJDEP.
 - Completed the 90% design and submitted same to RVSA for review.
 - Met with the City of Rahway to discuss proposed compliance with relevant building codes.

Report of General Counsel

Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis submitted the following report covering the period from October 15, 2015 through November 5, 2015.

1. General
 - A. Flow Rights
The memo that I indicated that I will be sending to each of you will be ready for the regular meeting. By that time, we will have a final number with regard to municipalities exceeding their flow rights.
 - B. Treatment of Organic Waste
No change.
 - C. Local Contracts Law

I was consulted by the Authority as it relates to reconsideration of the issue involving Certification of No Iranian Investments. After reviewing this issue again, my recommendation to disqualify the low bidder did not change.

D. OPRA

No change.

E. US Healthworks

We will discuss this under closed session.

F. Telephone Contract

We reached an agreement on the terms of the contract with Blueprint Technology. As of the time I prepared this report, we were still negotiating the terms of the contract with NetAccess.

G. ODI Monitoring

We are negotiating the terms of the Access Agreement permitting Quala's environmental engineer to install wells on RVSA property.

H. Gas Contract

We negotiated the terms of this contract and it was fully signed last week.

2. Contract #105 - Cogeneration Facility

We will discuss this matter in closed session. Mediation is scheduled for December 1st.

Report of Litigation Counsel

No report.

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No report.

Closed Session

Mr. Dugan made a motion to go into closed session at 7:19 p.m. for discussion of legal matters, specifically the Contract #105 – Cogeneration Facility Litigation, acquisition of the US Healthcare property, and the potential PPP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Furci and unanimously approved by those present. Mr. LoForte, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Chin, Mr. Rachlin, Mr. Mazzarella and Mr. Tomaine were absent.

Regular Order of Business

Mr. Dugan made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaCosta, to return to the Regular Order of Business

at 7:23 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved by those present. Mr. LoForte, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Chin, Mr. Rachlin, Mr. Mazzarella and Mr. Tomaine were absent.

There was discussion after closed session regarding the Assembly Bill on the 2% cap for Authorities.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, on motion of Mr. Dugan, seconded by Mr. Furci, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved by those present. Mr. LoForte, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Chin, Mr. Rachlin, Mr. Mazzarella and Mr. Tomaine were absent.

Chairman

Robert J. Materna
Robert J. Materna, Secretary-Treasurer