

**RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

**Engineering Committee Meeting**

**Minutes**

**June 8, 2017**

Commissioner Frank Mazzarella, Engineering Committee Member, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Mazzarella 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 February 14, 2017.

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 asked everyone to stand for a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

**Roll Call**

The following members were present:

Loren Harms	for the Borough of Roselle Park
Robert B. LaCosta	for the Township of Scotch Plains
Richard J. LoForte	for the Borough of Kenilworth
Frank G. Mazzarella	for the Township of Clark
Robert Rachlin	for the City of Rahway
John J. Tomaine	for the Borough of Mountainside

The following members were absent:

Michael Furci	for the Township of Springfield
Louis C. Lambe	for the Township of Cranford
Michael J. Gelin	for the Township of Woodbridge
Stephen D. Greet	for the Borough of Garwood
No representative	for the Town of Westfield

The following were also present:

James J. Meehan	Executive Director
Robert J. Materna	Secretary-Treasurer
Joanne Grimes	Board Secretary/Office Manager/QPA
Dennis Estis, Esq.	General Counsel, Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith
Howard Matteson, P.E.	Consulting Engineer, CDM Smith, Inc.
Dan Ward	Superintendent
John Buonocore	Chief Engineer/Assistant Superintendent
Anthony Gencarelli	Manager of Regulatory Compliance

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

The NJEIT has provided the Authority with information regarding a required amendment to this contract in order to qualify for financing. Mr. Meehan will discuss this further. A copy of the resolution and amendment will be provided to the Commissioners.

**Contract #175 – Digester Cover Replacement and Relocation of the Waste Gas Burner**

A Notice to Bidders was advertised in the Star Ledger and was posted on the Authority's website. Eleven companies purchased bid packages and on May 18, 2017, five bids were received:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Base Bid Amount</u>	<u>Alternate Bid Items Amount</u>
Tomar Construction East Brunswick, NJ	\$3,196,200.00	\$363,600.00
Coppola Services Ringwood, NJ	\$3,733,794.00	\$285,892.00
Spectraserv South Kearny, NJ	\$4,020,000.00	\$279,930.00
Pact Two, LLC Ringoos, NJ	\$4,132,000.00	\$269,200.00
Rapid Pump & Meter Paterson, NJ	\$4,313,840.00	\$256,405.00
Allied Construction Group Parlin, NJ	No bid	
IEW Construction Group Hamilton, NJ	No bid	
Iron Hills Construction Wayne, NJ	No bid	
Stone Hill Contracting Doylestown, PA	No bid	
Construction Market Data Norcross, GA	No bid	
Quad Construction Lumberton, NJ	No bid	

Joanne Grimes, QPA, as well as John Buonocore, Chief Engineer/Asst. Superintendent, and Howard Matteson, the Authority's Consulting Engineer, reviewed the bids. The low bid submitted by Tomar Construction was found to be in order. It is recommended to award the contract to Tomar Construction in an amount of \$3,559,800.00.

Mr. Meehan stated that he received an email from Commissioner Lambe which he subsequently forwarded to all Commissioners. Mr. Lambe noted in his email that he has had previous experience with Tomar Construction and that Tomar has been reported to do good work, however, Mr. Lambe feels we will need supervision on this contractor. Mr. Meehan added that he and Mr. Lambe feel that the cost of supervision will be money well spent.

Mr. Mazzarella asked who would oversee this contract. Mr. Meehan replied that CDM Smith would oversee the job with John Buonocore responsible for the day to day oversight.

#### Contract #1707 – NJHDG Technical Services

The Authority is a member of the New Jersey Harbor Dischargers Group (NJHDG). The Group engages various consultants to perform work on the NY Harbor Estuary. Bergen County U.A., the lead agency for this work, solicited and received a proposal under the NJ Local Public Contracts Law – Non Fair and Open process from Great Lakes Environmental Commission (GLEC) for Technical Advisory work related to the Estuary. The total proposed amount is \$130,000.00 of which Rahway Valley's share is 8.3% or \$10,790.00. Anthony Gencarelli, Manager of Regulatory Compliance, recommends approval of the continued participation in the Group and award of this contract. This contract is for the period June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018.

#### Contract #1725 – H2S Media Removal and Replacement for the Gas Cleaning System

A Notice to Bidders was advertised in the Star Ledger and was posted on the Authority's website. Two companies purchased bid packages and on May 9, 2017, two bids were received:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Base Bid Amount</u>	<u>Alt. A Non-Haz. Disposal</u>	<u>Alt. B Haz. Disposal</u>
General Carbon Corp. Patterson, NJ	\$181,190.00	\$12,336.00	\$22,000.00
Nichem Company Newark, NJ	\$191,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$136,000.00

Joanne Grimes, QPA, reviewed the bids and found them to be in order. Ms. Grimes in concurrence with John Buonocore, Chief Engineer/Asst. Superintendent, recommends awarding the contract to General Carbon of Paterson, NJ, in the base bid amount of \$181,190.00 for Cabot/Norit BG-1 Product, plus the cost for Hazardous Disposal. If the product is found to be non-hazardous, the Authority will dispose of the used media through its current hauling and disposal contract.

#### Monthly Reports

The Engineering Bills & Claims and Litigation Cost reports have been received and were distributed to the Commissioners.

**Report of Consulting Engineer**

This report covers the following work activities for the month of May 2017.

1. Retainer Services  
During the period, CDM Smith prepared the monthly report for May 2017 and attended the May 2017 Board Meeting.
2. Miscellaneous Engineering Services  
During the period, CDM Smith performed the following:
  - Submitted 60% design documents for the Cogeneration Engines – Emergency Diesel Generators Synchronization (“Black Start”) to RVSA for review and provided response to preliminary questions on same.
3. Biosolids Hauling and Reuse Contract Assistance  
No activity during the period.
4. Digester Gas Treatment System Design – Construction Services  
No activity during the period.
5. Digester Covers and Waste Gas Burner Replacement – Design, Bidding, and Construction  
During the period, CDM Smith performed the following:
  - Attended the bid opening on May 18, 2017.
  - Performed bid review of 3 lowest bids, and coordination with RVSA staff on review of same.

**Report of General Counsel**

The following report covers from May 18, 2017 through June 8, 2017:

1. General
  - A. Flow Rights  
I have sent John Johnson, Counsel to Springfield yet another email requesting that I receive the engineer’s report by next Monday at the latest. In addition, I have provided him with several dates again to schedule a meeting with me, Mr. Johnson, the Township Engineer and appropriate representatives of the governing body, as well as Jim Meehan and John Buonocore to discuss the form ordinance and how it can be utilized at very little cost. I have given him until next Monday to provide several dates.
  - B. Local Contracts Law/Open Public Meetings Act  
My office, as well as myself, have discussed with John Buonocore and others a

bid submission received within the last two weeks.

- C. QDI Monitoring and Pride Solvents Monitoring  
 Quala has acknowledged that it is solely responsible for remediating the contamination found on the US Healthworks site. Quala submitted its proposal to the NJDEP a year ago and we are still trying to determine the status of that proposal with the NJDEP. As it relates to Pride Solvents, we have advised Pride's attorney that he should contact the NJDEP for copies of the Quala results since he has asked for the results of the QDI monitoring.
2. Cogeneration Facility  
 Robert Flanagan of my office is working with the forensic accountant and Joanne Grimes has been gathering the necessary documentation. I am reaching out to the accountant to get a status report, which will be discussed under closed session.
3. Personnel Committee  
 No change.
4. Rahway – Union County Park  
 I will rely on Jim Meehan's report.
5. Annual Audit  
 I reviewed certain aspects of the Annual Audit as it relates to the Cogeneration Litigation and Arbitration.

### Closed Session

Mr. LaCosta made a motion to go into closed session at 7:22 p.m. for discussion of pending and/or anticipated legal matters, specifically the Rahway Park Siphon. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rachlin and approved by those present. Mr. Furci, Mr. Gelin, Mr. Greet and Mr. Lambe were absent.

### Regular Order of Business

Mr. LaCosta made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tomaine, to return to the Regular Order of Business at 7:32 p.m. The motion was approved by those present. Mr. Furci, Mr. Gelin, Mr. Greet and Mr. Lambe were absent.

### Adjournment

As there was no further business, on motion of Mr. LaCosta, seconded by Mr. Tomaine, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. The motion was approved by those present. Mr. Furci, Mr. Gelin, Mr. Greet and Mr. Lambe were absent.

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