

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

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OCTOBER 23, 2018

Art Williams
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MEMBERS PRESENT: Philip Grande, Sr., Chairman
Nick Mastrangelo
Michael Visnic
Michael Richetelli (via cell phone)

ALSO PRESENT: Art Williams, Treasurer
Robert Brinton, Town Engineer
R. Scott Allen, Administrator
Vin Marino, Attorney

Chairman Grande called the special meeting to order at 3:31 PM to review and discuss two (2) sewer contract operations and maintenance proposals received in response to the town's RFP. He then noted that Commissioner Richetelli was out of town; however contactable on his cell phone. Having Commissioner Richetelli on the cell phone, the meeting proceeded.

Chairman Grande noted that no single person responded to our RFP published in local papers. However, two (2) responses were received; one from Veolia Water and the other from the City of West Haven. Chairman Grande went on to note that Veolia Water was very clear and concise on its proposal totaling \$160,485 with West Haven submitting an estimate for services totaling \$172,044.

Chairman Grande reported that he and Scott Allen had met with Veolia Water's representative and walked through all sites, whereas West Haven saw the main pump station only. At this point, concerns were raised as to going with West Haven since we already have an ongoing relationship with the city.

After discussion/review of the proposals received, it was the consensus of the Commissioners that Veolia Water is capable, very thorough and professional with its proposal and should be given the opportunity to fill the sewer operations and maintenance position. Additionally, Town Engineer Brinton noted that we would be serviced out of Veolia Water's North Haven office and that he had checked with other communities using Veolia and was given excellent feedback.

Chairman Grande questioned if funds were available to pay the costs and if the rate would need to be increased. Treasurer Williams confirmed that funds are available, that an increase in the rate will be required and that we should consider setting a new rate soon.

At this point, a motion was made by Commissioner Mastrangelo and seconded by Commissioner Visnic to accept the proposal of Veolia Water with the provision that the Chairman is authorized to enter into additional negotiations with Veolia Water concerning the amount to be charged for additional services, if needed. A short discussion ensued wherein it was noted that the contract is for a term of two (2) years which could be extended twice by us. With no further discussion needed, the motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn was made and the meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara L. Howard
Recording Secretary

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cc: WPCA Members, Administrator, Town Treasurer, Town Engineer,
Sylvie Napoli
