

ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF
August 13, 2020

The closed session Resolution 20-075 of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority meeting regarding the contract negotiation of Contract 35 Rebid 2 – CM #1 was held on Thursday August 13, 2020 at 7:08 p.m. in the meeting room of the Authority Administration Building.

The following Board Members were present: Messrs. Andes of Township of Denville, Cegelka of Borough of Victory Gardens, Guadagno of Township of Randolph, Isselin of Town of Dover, Farrell of Township of Boonton, Recchia of Town of Boonton, Rossi of Borough of Rockaway, Zuppa of City of Jersey City

Absent was: Corbett of Borough of Wharton, Schorno of Township of Rockaway

Also, present was Diane Alexander, Esq. of Maraziti Falcon LLP

JoAnn Mondsini, Robert Bocchino and Janice Fox from the Authority staff.

JoAnn Mondsini:

- The crossing of Washington St.- The contractor could not get an engineer to sign off on the bypassing the flow using the extended siphon to utilized the bypass piping that's already embedded up Monroe St., through connections in the Monroe St. pump station.
- Mott MacDonald, Bob, JoAnn and the contractor met several times, and we also met with the Infrastructure Committee. The contractor is more comfortable utilizing the bypass pumping rather than extending the siphon. He could not get another engineering firm to sign off on it, which is required by our contract. He put forth a proposal to do bypass pumping. He would bypass the flow but not by using pumps like it was set forth in the contract.

Commissioner Recchia:

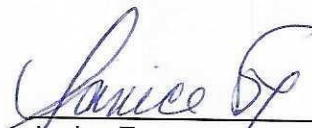
- The contractor felt it wasn't feasible to do for several reasons, one being safety issues and the other being the uncertainties of the successful outcome.

JoAnn Mondsini:

- Because of the condition of the siphon inlet chamber that's located in Canal Park, and not being able to safely plug either barrels, because of extensive corrosion there, he suggested, and we all agreed, that a new doghouse manhole to be installed in Canal Park, so that he can safely plug and utilize that for his suction in the bypassing of the flow.
- RVRSA did a lot of work, along with Mott MacDonald and our attorneys, to get the Green Acres approval and we have a signed amended Green Acres contract with Boonton, for access and construction in the Green Acres Park. We had a contract for Pocket Park, but we had to amend it to include Canal Park.

- The total increase to the contract is \$109,871.79. We got the full credit of the \$145,000.
- The signed change order was sent to the Infrastructure Committee and the Board.
- Mott MacDonald reviewed everything and approved it. We have the memo from them agreeing that its better to do the bypass pumping instead of the way we originally had the contract designed, which was to extend the siphon and to bypass the flow without pumps.
- We did expect two more change orders:
 1. To move the gas service that the contractor found across Washington that runs along our saved trench, that couldn't stay there. We got in touch with New Jersey Natural Gas and they gave a quote of \$3,500 to do that so we won't need the change order. They may waive that fee because we are a public entity.
 2. The new odor control would go in the siphon chamber, but they won't know where until the chamber comes in.
- In order to approve this change order for the \$109,871.79, we need to amend our capital budget. The loan monies we have for this project was in Contract 35 Re-bid. That contract ended and we took some credits back because not all of the work was completed. The loan had an extra \$1.2 million left in the loan. The \$109,871.79 will be coming from our retained earnings so it won't be covered by the loan.
- Because of the delay to get this all negotiated, Mott MacDonald recommended an increase of 45 days not compensable to their project.
- No inspections have been done as of yet.

The closed session portion ended at 7:27 p.m.



Janice Fox
Assistant Board Secretary