

Minutes
of
The Foxborough Water & Sewer Commissioners Meeting
March 5, 2012

Members in Attendance: Chairman W. Euerle, Vice Chairman M. Stanton, Clerk R. Pacella, DPW Director R Hill, Superintendent L Potter, Finance Director R. Scollins, Town Counsel Rod Hoffman, AECOM Bob Bell, Robert Worthley, Ted Galiota

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

The minutes of January 23, 2012 and February 6, 2012 were approved 3-0. The minutes of February 21st were reviewed.

At 7:05 the Board voted by Role Call Vote to go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase, exchange or lease of real property with the intention of coming back into regular session at the conclusion, M. Stanton – yes, R. Pacella – yes, W. Euerle – yes.

The Board returned to regular session at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Olson of 15 Bird Street came before the Board to discuss 11 Bird Street, this was formerly a doctor's office and he has now submitted plans for an eight chair salon. He proposes using 1.9 per gallon showerheads and other low flow fixtures. The building is permitted for 975 GPD and is currently using 276 GPD.

A motion to approve the request with conditions that low flow showerhead and sinks be used was approved 3-0.

R. Hill stated that four candidates have been interviewed for the Water and Sewer Operations Manager position and he invited who he felt was the most qualified candidate Robert Worthley to tonight's meeting. He has been the Superintendent in Westford for the past five years and was previously the operator of the treatment plant plus he worked in Dedham for seventeen years. He has dual C4 licenses. There was one other candidate that was very good also; the other two did not meet the license requirements. R. Pacella stated that Mr. Worthley did have an impressive resume; he was under the impression that the top two candidates would be re-interviewed. R. Hill stated that he has spoken with the Town Manager and he will support the Board's recommendation.

Bob Bell stated that he felt that Mr. Worthley would be better with the chemicals and would be able to teach the employees without sending them to classes. The other candidate did seem to be better at public speaking.

The Board discussed the hiring of the new Operations Manager and will support Mr. Hill's recommendation of Mr. Worthley at an annual salary of \$95,825.60.

The Oak Street bonding will be going out for \$6.5 million which includes the bid, engineering and contingency fund of \$500,000. The department does have unspent bond funds of \$382,000 from the Route 1 Pressure District that can be re-appropriated to this project at Town Meeting which would defray the bonding to \$6.15 million. R. Scollins recommends this approach.

R. Scollins also stated that the town was able to renegotiate bond rates for the reuse tanks, pressure district and other town projects to a lower rate and save the town \$713,000 in interest over the life of the loans. This will reduce the W & S debt service starting with FY13 by \$10,000. He is also hoping to get a low rate if the Oak Street project can be combined with the library expansion project with non-SRF funding. The contract hasn't been awarded yet and an amount is needed to get financing by April.

R. Scollins also discussed the OPEB (Other Post Employee Benefits) that the town is responsible for. The current amount that was calculated two years ago was \$62.2 million unfunded; this needs to be addressed by the town to fully fund this amount. Over \$1 million was appropriated at Town Meeting which included \$300,000 from the meals tax and \$47,000 from the water department. R. Scollins recommends appropriating the same amount and will have the 2011 numbers in the next month or so.

A motion to support the Water and Sewer share of the OPEB was approved 3-0.

A motion to approve L. Potter's invoice number 26 in the amount of \$3,109.38 was approved 3-0.

B. Bell has spoken to Todd Hassett in regards to the Rate Study and is waiting on the RFQ.

The Butterfly Conservation restriction has been sent to Town Counsel.

In regards to the Oak Street bids, Weston and Sampson was the low bidder with Barbato being the second lowest bid. B. Bell did an analysis by sending out nine questions on the two low bidders. R. Hill is recommending awarding the contract to Barbato based on the answers to these questions. Weston and Sampson have some projects that they are behind in payments to vendors and subcontractors. This was not disclosed and they had to be asked about it. The difference in price is not significant (\$33,000), but the recommendation needs to be approved by Friday. DCAM regulations state that the bid should be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder for your project. R. Hill sees the lack of disclosure by Weston and Sampson as an ethical violation and is not in the best interest of the town.

A motion to recommend Barbato as the lowest responsible bidder was approved 2-0-1 with R. Pacella abstaining as he has a professional relationship with both bidders.

The Board discussed placing a press release for the Oak Street funding to clear up the SRF matter.

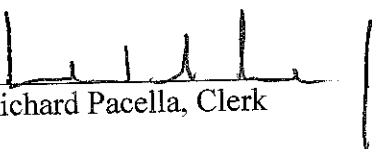
The next IMA meeting is March 12th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana M. Gray

These minutes of March 5, 2012 were approved as amended on April 9, 2012.


Richard Pacella, Clerk