

Town of Norfolk
Special Meeting of the Town Board
Sewer Project Bids
February 20, 2014

The Norfolk Town Board held a special meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 5:00 PM at the Norfolk Town Hall to review the bids received for the sewer project.

Present were Supervisor Charles Pernice, Deputy Supervisor Kevin Enslow, Councilwoman Jean Gang, Councilman Robert Harvey, and Town Engineer Aaron Jarvis.

Mr. Jarvis distributed a record of the bids received to the Board for review. He stated that the bids came in over budget by \$980,000.00. He distributed a spreadsheet of possible savings to be reviewed. Mr. Jarvis and the Board went through the spreadsheet line by line discussing the possible changes and savings to the project. Many of the items listed for reduction were extra items that would be nice to complete but not necessary for the project. If all cost savings listed were approved, the project would still be over budget by \$82,280.00. Mr. Jarvis thinks he can still get the costs under budget and not have to borrow more money.

There was discussion on borrowing more money. Supervisor Pernice noted that EFC has stated that it would be a minimum of June before they would reach a final decision if the Town were to borrow more money. This would delay the project considerably.

Deputy Supervisor Enslow noted that the old building for the sewer system could become a storage building for the sewer equipment and that it would not be a part of the project.

Mr. Jarvis recommended that Contract 1 (general contract) be re-bid. He noted that he has spoken with Town Attorney Eric Gustafson who recommended that the whole project be re-bid. The Board members did not want to delay the project any longer than necessary. Mr. Jarvis noted that Contractor TJ Fiacco submitted his bid on the wrong form and his bid

cannot be considered at all. There was discussion on the other contracts; Contract #2 (mechanical), Contract #3 (plumbing), Contract #4 (electrical) and Contract #5 (collection). Mr. Jarvis had recommended that the manhole rehab in the amount of \$297,000.00 be eliminated from Contract #5. The manholes have had some work done on them and they are not in that bad of shape.

Mr. Jarvis stated he would need two weeks to have all of the information ready to go out for bid again, and then three more weeks for the bids to be submitted. There was more discussion on which contracts to have re-bid. Mr. Jarvis stated that if there are some of the \$200,000.00 contingency funds left after the project, those funds can be used for some of the extra work.

Supervisor Pernice stated that he has approximately \$200,000.00 in a capitol reserve fund for sewer that has been collected from sewer rates. Some of those funds can be used for some of the extra work after the project is complete.

A motion was made by Supervisor Pernice and Deputy Supervisor Enslow to approve having Contract #1 (general) re-bid and awarding Contract #2 (mechanical), Contract #3 (plumbing), Contract #4 (electrical), and Contract #5 (collection), to the low bidders with changes to reduce costs approved except they will leave the submersible mixers in Contract #1.

All in Favor – Carried

The meeting was adjourned.

Supervisor – Charles Pernice

Deputy Supervisor – Kevin Enslow

Councilwoman – Jean Gang

Councilman – Robert Harvey

Dated: February 20, 2014

Kathy M. Emlaw – Norfolk Town Clerk

