

**Utility Committee Minutes
December 13, 2023
9:30 a.m. Newburgh Town Council Chambers**

Steve Shoemaker, Chris Wischer, Russell Powell (by phone), Leroy Goldsberry, Susan Helms, Rebeka Kaufman, Drew Flamion, Christy Powell, and Julie Lee.

Opening of Quote

8268-8288 GSV Sanitary Sewer Extension – Quote Opening

Motion by Christy Powell to close bid quote for 8268-8288 Green Springs Valley Sewer Extension.

Seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: None

Motion passed Unanimously

Motion by Christy Powell to open bid quotes for 8268-8288 Green Springs Valley Sewer Extension.

Seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: There were 3 quotes received and are listed below:

Hydromax - \$62,883.46

Luttrell and Sons, LLC - \$78,275.00

SLB Pipe Solutions - \$127,280.00

Mr. Flamion stated that the engineering estimate was \$105,000.00

Motion passed Unanimously

Motion by Christy Powell to take bid quotes under advisement for engineering and legal review.

Seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: None

Motion passed unanimously

Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present

None

Consent Agenda

1. Monthly Tracking Report
2. Inspection Status Report
3. Sewer Repairs Report
4. Tap Report
5. Financial Report
6. Monthly Sewer Adjustment
7. Approval of November 1, 2023 Minutes

Motion: Christy Powell moved to approve the consent agenda.

Motion seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: No additional discussion.

Motion passed unanimously

Committee Discussion Items

Wastewater Treatment Facility Superintendent, Russell Powell

- 1. Request for recommendation to council for approval of FOG permit #111323 for China Village, 8423 Bell Oaks Road, Newburgh, IN 47630.**

Motion: Susan Helms moved to recommend to Council to approve FOG Permit #111323 for China Village, 8423 Bell Oaks Road, Newburgh, IN 47630

Motion seconded: Christy Powell

Discussion: This permit is for China Village due to owner changes. The existing grease interceptor is 1500 gallons. Our calculations require 1620 gallons but this facility has been in compliance with no violations.

Motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Request for recommendation to Council for approval of purchase of a pump for the SBR waste-activated sludge for the WWTP. This will be a spare for the 3 newest SBR WAS pumps that are roughly 14 years old, Costs \$15,994.30 plus \$1001.00 freight. Total \$16,995.30 from Xylem Water Solutions USA.**

Motion: Susan Helms moved to recommend to Council to approve the purchase of a pump for the SBR waste-activated sludge for the WWTP. This will be a spare for the 3 newest SBR WAS pumps which are roughly 14 years old. The cost is \$16,995.30 from Xylem Water Solutions.

Motion seconded: Christy Powell

Discussion: This is a new pump in case of pump failure on the 14-year-old pumps.

Motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Request for recommendation to Council for approval of Commonwealth Engineers Inc. Task order 2024-01 for Miscellaneous Sewer Retainer. This retainer is \$3000 per month, which is the same as the last 5 years. Approval now will keep projects and workflow progressing smoothly.**

Motion: Susan Helms moved to recommend to Council to approve the Task Order 2024-01 from Commonwealth Engineering for miscellaneous Sewer Retainer. This retainer is \$3000 per month, which has been the same for the last 5 years. Approval now will keep projects and workflow progressing smoothly.

Motion Seconded: Christy Powell

Discussion: Mr. Shoemaker wanted to go on record stating that Commonwealth does such a great job for us and that their price hasn't increased in 5 years.

Motion Passed unanimously.

4. **Request for recommendation to Council for approval of Commonwealth Engineers Inc. amendment to the Bartlett St. Sanitary Sewer relocation Contract. This amendment is for additional RPR services due to additional sewer work found during the Town's storm sewer project. An additional sewer main extension was found to be needed along Admas Street to eliminate a common lateral and allow proper grade for storm sewers. Costs is Hourly, not to exceed \$26,275.**

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Motion Seconded: Christy Powell

Discussion – None

Motion passed unanimously

5. **Request for recommendation to Council for approval of Commonwealth Engineers Inc. contract for Powers and Colonial Hills Model recalibration. This study and recalibration are needed to update the model and will be used to develop the best long-term approach to servicing the Willow Pond area as well as address capacity in the Powers LS and Colonial Hills Lift stations. This will be in coordination with the current Sewer Utility Improvement Plan. Costs are \$57,500 lump sum.**

Motion: Susan Helms moved for recommendation to Council for approval of Commonwealth Engineers Inc. contract for Powers and Colonial Hills Model recalibration. This study and recalibration are needed to update the model and will be used to develop the best long-term approach to servicing the Willow Pond area as well as address capacity in the Powers LS and Colonial Hills Lift stations. This will be in coordination with the current Sewer Utility Improvement Plan. Costs are \$57,500 lump sum.

Motion Seconded: Christy Powell

Discussion: Mr. Flamion stated that the Town employees had conducted all the metering for this project for the last 4 months which saved the Sewer Department money.

Commonwealth will take this data and it will be used for the Master Plan.

Motion passed unanimously

Engineer Report, Drew Flamion

1. Lakevale SS Improvements Project – Change Order #01

Motion: Susan Helms moved to recommend to Council to approve the Lakevale Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project Change Order #1 for a final quantity adjustment decrease of \$30,740.

Motion seconded: Christy Powell

Discussion: The decrease is due to a quantity adjustment and a lateral that did not need to be replaced.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Green Springs Valley Update

Mr. Flamion stated that the completion date was September 21, 2023, and that there had been some concerns with the contractor. These concerns have been addressed and have since seen

improvement in the work. Mr. Powell asked if the \$6000 that the contractor had requested had been discussed. Mr. Flamion stated that the liquidation damages and the penalty for late completion had caused the discussion from the contractor regarding the \$6000 to cease.

Mr. Flamion also commented that the Sewer Utility Master Plan was making very good progress on the hydraulic model and by January 2024 we should have a good foundation for the Master Plan.

Utility Chairman, Steve Shoemaker

Mr. Shoemaker asked about the status of 4333 Spruce Drive. Mr. Wischer stated that the issue was still ongoing and more information to follow.

Town Attorney, Chris Wischer

Mr. Wischer commented that the Blue Lake & GSV litigations had all been settled. No additional money would be needed. He felt that both outcomes were good for the Town and for the residents.

Town Manager, Christy Powell

None

Utility Manager, Susan Helms

Susan Helms stated that the Sewer Operating Account balance is \$5,943,354.58. Ms. Helms stated Lakevale will be paid out of the operating account until those funds get low.

Mr. Shoemaker adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Motion: Christy Powell moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded Susan Helms

Discussion: No additional discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approved this 10 day of January, ²⁰²⁴~~2023~~.






