

The Seneca Falls Town Board held a Special (Emergency) Meeting on Friday, May 23, 2014 in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 81 W. Bayard Street.

Present were Supervisor Donald Earle, Councilpersons Emil Bove, Chad Sanderson, David DeLelys and Duane Moore. Also present were Patrick Morrell, Attorney for the Town; Michael Pickard, WWTP Operator; John Condino of Barton & Loguidice and a Member of the local media.

Supervisor Earle called the Special Meeting to order at 11:05 A.M. All Board Members were present; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Mr. Earle stated the Special Meeting was called for an emergency consideration for a replacement of pipe at the Auburn Road water tower. He gave an overview of the project which is the replacement of inlet pipe at the water tower. As they drained the water tower, they were able to look into the 12" outlet pipe; the corrosion level was equal to the corrosion level in the 8" inlet pipe (50%).

Mr. Condino reviewed the situation with Mr. Pickard. He said it is difficult to predict the exact integrity of that pipe; from observations, it appears to be fairly corroded inside. There is a good contractor on site, and Mr. Pickard reported that he is very happy with their performance. In addition, the contractor has taken the opportunity to take a look at the interior of the tank which is in very good shape. Mr. Condino stated the contractor reports that it should be a fairly straight-forward job. In addition, they also took a look at the third pipe that goes up through the center. It has a little rust on the upper end, and the contractor will repair that at no extra charge. Mr. Condino stated this 12" pipe certainly looks deteriorated to the point where you cannot predict how much life is has in it. He added certainly the repair of the pipe is well worth the investment in getting this done now. Mr. Earle stated the cost is \$97,000.00 to replace the 12" pipe. He thinks the Board is justified to go ahead and authorize this additional repair.

Mr. Morrell stated given the magnitude of the expense involved, it is basically duplicating the entire project that was undertaken initially - the project that was initially put out to public bid; being that it is a larger pipe, it is actually greater than the expense for the original contract. He added given that it does affect the water supply for the Town, both in terms of health and drinking water, but also proper pressurization for fire hydrants and emergency response teams, he prepared a resolution to authorize these contracts on an emergency basis which would be an exception to the public bidding requirements.

Mr. Morrell stated the other important part which hasn't been discussed is the pumps that are now on site on State Street which have been rented under the original contract and are in place now. He added it's a question of extending the time period rather than bringing them in, putting them on site and hooking them up again - those pumps now are keeping the system running.

A motion was made by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys to adopt the following resolution authorizing awarding of emergency contract for the replacement of the 12" outlet pipe from the Auburn Road Water Tower:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 103(4) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, the Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls does hereby find and determine that a public emergency exists in the Town of Seneca Falls arising out of an unforeseen condition whereby circumstances affecting the health and safety of the residents of the Town of Seneca Falls require immediate action which cannot await competitive bidding, to wit: While performing other work on the 8" inlet pipe to the Auburn Road Water Tower, it was discovered that the 12" outlet pipe is corroded to the point that allowing it to remain in place could subject the Town to potential contamination or failure of the Town's water supply system as outlined in an e-mail from the Town's Chief Operator, which is attached to this resolution.
2. The Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls has determined that it is essential that the 12" outlet pipe from the Auburn Road Water Tower be installed at the earliest possible moment in order to protect the health and safety of the Town of Seneca Falls residents. An informal bid was solicited by the Chief Operator of the Town of Seneca Falls from the contractor and pump rental company who are currently on site performing the work originally contracted through the public bidding procedure required by Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.
3. The proposal from Global Contracting & Painting would cost \$97,000.00, as contained in the attached quote. The equipment rental of pumps from Godwin Pumps, which are ensuring the continued operation of the Town's water supply while the work at the Auburn Road Water Tower is ongoing, would cost approximately \$10,000.00.
4. The Town Board of the Town of Seneca Falls therefore authorizes the awarding of a contract for this public work to said firms, with work to begin immediately.

Mr. Moore asked if there were any other potential situations like this in our Water District. Mr. Pickard replied they don't know - they haven't had the VanRensselaer tank down, and won't know until they get in there. He said they do have a DVD that shows what it looked like when they cleaned it.

Mr. Pickard stated the contractor is ahead of schedule on the 8" pipe replacement; two more weeks is what he would need to complete the 12" pipe also. He said being ahead of schedule, we may be able to save some time and some cost regarding the pumps. Lengthy discussion followed.

The above motion made by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys authorizing awarding of emergency contract for the replacement of the 12" outlet pipe from the Auburn Road Water Tower was carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Earle stated the Hall of Fame has requested that the Board send them a letter of support for them to apply for another CFA grant for their restoration project; this has to be in before May 30th. He added it means nothing to the Board as far as cost, commitment or obligation. Mr. Morrell stated the Board sent a similar letter last August supporting their CFA grant application. He said they basically want the Board to redo that letter.

A motion was made to write a letter of support for the Hall of Fame for their CFA grant application by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Emil Bove. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by Chad Sanderson and seconded by Dave DeLelys. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

NICALETTA J. GREER  
Town Clerk