

Cecil Township Municipal Authority
Special Meeting
November 1st, 2022

The Cecil Township Municipal Authority held a special monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 1st, 2022. Chairman Donald V. Gennuso attending via Zoom called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with, Eron Barnes attending via Zoom, Rosanne Rodgers, J. Craig Roach, and Darlene Barni in attendance. Also present were Attorney Christine Seymour of Gaitens, Tucceri, and Nicholas; Kevin Brett of Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineers (LSSE) attending via Zoom; Larry Lennon Jr. of Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineers (LSSE); Shana Durig, Business Manager, and Michael J. Zrenchak, Authority Manager.

An audio tape of this meeting is available on the Cecil Township web site.

UPDATE OF LAWRENCE PROJECT

Mr. Gennuso asked Mr. Lennon and Mr. Brett of Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineers (LSSE) to update the board on the issues that have occurred with the Lawrence project since the last Authority meeting and to recommend suggestions and recommendations on how to proceed.

Mr. Lennon went over communications with Pennvest regarding the project, awarding of the bids, funding requirements, and the changes made to the plant contract rebid. He discussed the funding increase, the Letter of No Prejudice (LONP), and the resolution for interim funding. He discussed the PaDEP requirements for amending the permit. The permit amendment has already been submitted and PaDEP is working to expedite the approval process. Mr. Gennuso asked questions for clarification of various items during the discussion.

Mr. Gennuso asked Mr. Lennon and Mr. Brett of Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineers (LSSE) to update the board on what the time issues are for awarding the contracts.

Mr. Lennon first discussed contract No. 2017-06 Construction of Village of Lawrence Sanitary Sewers and Appurtenances in which the Authority had 90 days to award (November 11th, 2022) or 120 days to award (December 10th, 2022) if there was an issue with a governmental agency.

Mr. Lennon then discussed contract No. 21-STP1 Treatment Plant and Lift Station Construction. The contractor has granted an extension to award until November 11th, 2022. The contractor was asked for an additional extension to hold pricing until December 10th, 2022. The contractor requested a Letter of Intent to Award from the Authority to be able to order materials to lock in pricing. This is a risk involved in granting the contractors request.

Mr. Gennuso stated that his understating of what has been explained, the Authority

has until November 11th, 2022 to award the treatment plant contract.

Mr. Lennon presented the 3 options available for awarding the contracts. The first option is a partial Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) approval process which entails risks. The second option is to award both contracts after the full Letter of No Prejudice (LONP) is approved (likely after December 10th, 2022), which would be prior to the Pennvest consideration of the additional funding request from the Authority, and after receipt of the amended permit from the PaDEP. The final option would be rejecting both bids and rebid both projects in January since the Pennvest board would have met, and the Authority would know if the addition funding request was approved.

Mr. Lennon updated the board on the status of the 1 million dollar grant from Senator Casey. The EPA has requested a meeting to discuss the requirements for the grant.

Discussion between Mr. Gennuso and Mr. Lennon about what happens if the rebid in January come in higher, it would require going back to Pennvest to ask for additional funding, just like we are doing currently. The worst-case scenario is that the Authority would be responsible for the additional 4 million dollars currently needed if Pennvest would not approve the additional funding request. Mr. Lennon said yes.

Mr. Brett of Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineers (LSSE) stated it is a 50/50 split on whether the bids would come in higher or lower. He believes that the bids would be better on the sewer line contract. It is possible that the treatment plant contract will increase, but it would not be substantial. There is a risk involved by rejecting and rebidding.

Discussion between Mr. Gennuso, Mrs. Rodgers, and Mr. Brett about lost time on the rebid, what happens if the decision to award tonight is delayed, the worst-case scenario regarding the additional 4 million dollars, what the financial options are for the additional funds needed for the project, and how the EPA Grant would fit into the project, since it is not currently included in the financing.

Mr. Gennuso stated that he would prefer to delay this until next week, to be able to explore other options for financing if Pennvest would turn down our request and analyze the risks involved with a rebid. Mr. Gennuso asked Ms. Seymour to contact Sean Garin to schedule a meeting to discuss financing options.

Mr. Gennuso suggested to hold another special meeting next week to discuss the results of the additional information needed to make a decision. Mrs. Rodgers agreed with the recommendation.

MOTION TO AWARD/REJECT THE BID FOR TREATMENT PLANT AND LIFT STATION CONSTRUCTION

The board tabled action on this item.

**MOTION TO TABLE AWARDING THE BID FOR VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE
SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION**

The board tabled action on this item.

**MOTION TO APPROVE LETTER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PENNVEST
FUNDING APPLICATION**

Mr. Gennuso called for a motion on this item .

The Board unanimously voted on a motion by Darlene Barni, and seconded by Rosanne Rodgers, approved the Letter of Responsibility for the Pennvest Funding Application.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION TO PENNVEST (REIMBURSEMENT
RESOLUTION REVISED PER PENNVEST COMMENTS)**

The board tabled action on this item.

**MOTION TO SUBMIT LETTER OF NO PREJUDICE TO PENNVEST
(REVISED PER PENNVEST COMMENTS)**

The board tabled action on this item.

Mr. Gennuso called for discussion to pick a date for the special meeting. After some discussion, the consensus of everyone was to schedule the meeting for Thursday November 10th, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Board by a unanimous vote on a motion by Eron Barnes, and a second by J. Craig Roach, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 P.M.


Secretary