

**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020**

**ROLL CALL:** Chairman Jason Wittek called the Board of Public Works meeting to order at 4:31 pm in the Common Council Chamber at the City Hall. Members present: Alderman Mike Gasper, Alderman Pat Tearney, Phill Bruno, and Alderman John Sigwart. Also, present were: City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven, City Administrator Tony Brown, Wastewater Supt. Dan Buehler, Water Supt. Leo Duffrin, and Street Commissioner JD Hoile. Absent and excused: Jim Haley and Forestry Supervisor Jon Crain. Alderman Dan Benning was present in the audience and City Attorney Eric Eberhardt was on the phone.

**Chairman's Business:** There was none.

**Approval of Minutes for June 9, 2020: MOTION BY JOHN SIGWART AND SECONDED BY PAT TEARNEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Comments/Appearances:** There was none.

**Old Business:** There was none.

**New Business:**

**A. Approve Bid For North Breakwater Walkway Construction Project:** City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven reviewed this item with the Board Members. He stated that Michels Corporation is the low bidder. The proposed improvement to the final 1,000' of walkway leading to the lighthouse consists of removing the loose concrete, anchoring steel plating into the sides of the breakwater, installing new concrete base, and finishing the walkway with precast reinforced concrete panels. Michel submitted with their bid a request for substitution of the precast panels with poured in place reinforced concrete and a price reduction of \$260,000. Foth is recommending that the City accept that request for substitution. This work is scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2021. Michels Base Bid was \$1,458,586.00, The substitution deduct was \$260,000. The revised total was \$1,198,586.00, the DNR Grant is \$550,000.00, and the City's share will be \$648,586 plus contingencies. \$750,000.00 was budgeted. City Attorney Eric Eberhardt had comments regarding the bid from Michels. He stated that the bids were open on Friday, July 10, 2020. On Monday, July 13, 2020, City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven contacted Michels regarding their bid and item #8. Item #8 was listed as \$5.00 for the Bid Unit Price. It was supposed to read \$15.00 for the Bid Unit Price. The total for the amount came out for \$15.00. City Engineer Vanden Noven asked Michels for a clarification of this amount. Michels stated that it was \$15.00, and that the intent was for it to be \$15.00. Michels provided clarification and affidavits to the amount being \$15.00. This satisfied the City Attorney that the amount was to be \$15.00. The explanation is clear and satisfaction of the evidence. The total bid did not change. Staff recommends to the Board of Public Works to approve the bid with clarification from Michels and award the bid to Michels. **MOTION BY JOHN SIGWART AND SECONDED BY MIKE GASPER to approve the bid for \$1,458,589.00 less the substitution deduct for \$260,000.00 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**B. Request To Bid North Lake Street Headwall Improvements:** City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven reviewed this item with the Board Members. He stated that plans and specifications for the trash rack construction at the headwall of the North Lake Street box culvert have been finalized. During previous Board of Public Works meeting, discussions had been to consider the City Street Department to consider constructing these improvements. After reviewing the plans and specs, it is the City Engineer's recommendation that this project be advertised for bids as public construction due to the complexity of the work and time demands it would place on City staff. \$70,000 has been budget for this work. The Board of Public Works members discussed this item and agreed with the City Engineer to have this project be advertised for public construction.

**C. Discuss Options For Sanitary Sewer Repairs At Life Station 1:** City Engineer Rob Vanden Noven reviewed this item with the Board Members. He stated that last year, the Board of Public Works approved a proposal from Visu Sewer for the lining of the 8" sanitary sewer (vitrified clay pipe) between the cul-de-sac at the end of Main Street and Lift Station #1 in the City-owned parking lot behind Duluth Trading. In the summer of 2019, Visu-Sewer informed Staff that they were no longer confident that they could perform the work necessary to prep the pipe for lining, i.e., seal the leaking cracks and joints by pressure grouting. The elevation of the pipe is below the current lake level, and excessive infiltration is coming through several joints and cracks in the pipe. Staff have discussed dewatering the area surrounding the pipe but were concerned that dewatering would be costly and potentially ineffective. Michels Corporation was contacted to see if they were capable of grouting and lining the sewer. They have more sophisticated methods and equipment; they are confident that they can perform the work. The cost for Michels to do this work is substantially more expensive, considering that the sewer serves only two customers. A third option Staff is considering is abandonment of the sewer in the parking lot, installation of a grinder pump in the Dockside Deli building, installation of a pressure pipe emptying into the existing manhole in Main Street (halfway between Franklin Street and the cul de sac), and construction of a new gravity sewer connected to Franklin Street. Staff is estimating this option to cost approximately \$40,000, and although it would require operation and maintenance of a grinder pump by the owners of the Dockside Deli building, it would eliminate concerns of basement back-ups which have occurred in severe storm events due to the high lake level which raises the bypass elevation at the lift station. The fourth option is revisiting the dewatering option with Michels. More information on this item will be forthcoming after sitting down with Michels and discussing this project.

**Project Updates:**

- a. **Spinnaker West Stormwater Pond Design:** Eng. Vanden Noven reviewed this item with the Board Members. He stated that paperwork was submitted to the WDNR two months ago for clarification of the water way as to if it is a damn or not. Staff should be getting information back from the WDNR soon and then the final report will be done.

**Forthcoming Events:** There were none

**ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY PAT TEARNEY AND SECONDED BY MIKE GASPER to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**