

PRESENT:

Richard B. Hatheway, Mayor  
Sandra F. Brennan, Deputy Mayor  
Matthew P. Cook, Trustee  
Margaret Duff, Trustee  
Mary V. Rutigliano, Trustee

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk/Treasurer

ALSO PRESENT:

Stuart Bailey – MRB

1. MEETING OPENED:

Mayor Hatheway opened the session at 4:30 PM stating that the meeting was called to consider bids received for the filter media replacement project at the water plant. Notice of the meeting was sent to the Livingston County News, the Genesee Sun and posted on the Genesee Building bulletin board and the website [geneseony.org](http://geneseony.org).

2. WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTER MEDIA REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

The bids were scheduled to be opened on June 24. Only one bid was received at that time. Stuart explained some of the reasons why only one bid (in the amount of \$166,758 from Koester Associates in Canastota) was received. It has to do with the suppliers of the material and expertise. He feels that we have the right people involved in the project under one umbrella. The bid submitted by Koester is a management contract with Koester Associates acting as the head contractor with their fee included for that work. The three main players for a project like this are Koester, Calgon and West Tech. Calgon specializes in media replacement while West Tech specializes in sand replacement. They have worked together to get projects like this one accomplished. There are no other companies that do this in western NY. It is more of a specialty service project rather than a typical one where many companies compete in the market place.

The plan of work is that once the contract preparation has been completed, Koester will oversee the process of changing over one filter per week. The first day they will remove the filter media of carbon and sand, the second day they will inspect the filter,(drains, gaskets, seals and supports), and fix anything that needs to be repaired. New sand will then be placed in the filter and the filter bed will be filled with water above the sand. A water sample will be taken and sent to the lab with a twelve hour turnaround. If all is well, then the new carbon will be placed on top of the sand and a cycle will run for 12-24 hours for the carbon (that is pre-chlorinated) to get soaked. The plan is that within the Monday-Friday schedule, one filter will be finished, tested and put back on line. The next week the media of the second filter will be replaced, and the third week the third filter will be done. By mid July (the project starts after the 4<sup>th</sup>) the plant should be back to 'normal' with two refurbished filters running while finishing the media replacement on the third.

Mayor Hatheway added that the project is an emergency situation. Testing results of samples taken in May in the towns of Genesee and York have alerted operators and DOH that the water we are producing does not meet state standards, indicating the need for improved filtration that will be accomplished by new sand and filter media. The life of the sand is generally about twenty years. The sand in our filters has been in place since

the water filtration plant was placed online in 1995. The granulated activated carbon has a life of about five years; that was last changed in 2010. Thus, we have reached our limits. The Health Department has encouraged us to change the filter media in the hope this will solve the system-wide problem. It is critical to do it now because the College is not in session, because the media replacement has to be finished before the next water quality sampling occurs in August, and because the quality of the raw water from the lake deteriorates as it warms up.

Discussion followed. Trustee Brennan asked about the lack of bios for safety officers, a requirement of the bid that was not included. Stuart said they will make sure to get the other bios. It will be a West Tech person that will be responsible for the safety measures.

It was thought originally that the project would cost about \$150,000 or \$50,000 per filter. The physical work was estimated to have been around \$140,000 but the management fee brings it up to the level that was quoted. Stuart is extremely confident that we have the right team to do the job. If the project were to be re-bid, it would take a minimum of an additional 5 weeks, and the results would not change. In addition, we would be close to when college students are coming back. Water demand is lower now in comparison to mid-August. System flushing (dictated by DOH) and hydrants are scheduled to be tested in the beginning of August, increasing the demand significantly. Deputy Mayor Brennan wondered if the \$5,000 allowance included in the bid price would cover any contingencies. Stuart replied that it would except for any unforeseen situations that might be found when the sand is removed from the filters.

Deputy Mayor Brennan moved to accept the bid from Koester Associates and to have the Mayor sign the notice to proceed for a total bid price of \$166,758. Trustee Cook seconded the motion. It was noted again that the project involves a specialized service with a limited number of contractors and there is a very real need to get the project done by mid-July. The vote was as follows: Deputy Mayor Brennan-Aye, Trustee Cook-Aye, Trustee Duff-Aye, Trustee Rutigliano-Aye, and Mayor Hatheway-Aye. Stuart noted that there will be a pre-start meeting to make sure everything is in place.

### 3. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Regarding the wastewater treatment plant upgrade project, Stuart reported that they are finishing up the draft report to DEC and will be updating the Board on that soon.

### 4. ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Cook moved to adjourn the meeting with second from Trustee Duff. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.

Marsha B. Merrick, Village Clerk