

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING September 22, 2020

- I. Patrick J. Mahoney, Mayor, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance remotely were: Derek J. Favret, L. Charles Fink, Lawrence P. Jaworski, Gregory J. Morris, and Keith Pardieck, Council Members, Holly K. Wahl, Town Administrator, Sharon L. Humm, Town Clerk, Dale Clark, Town Treasurer, Todd Pounds, Town Attorney, and Jon Castro, WRTP Manager. Absent was Dr. Valerie Beaudin, Council member.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor led the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor announced some sad news that was just received regarding four overdoses with three taken to the hospital and one being flown out by helicopter. The Mayor is asking for a moment of prayer for these individuals and their families.

III. Water Reclamation Treatment Plant (WRTP) Chemical Removal

Mrs. Wahl addressed the Council stating she provided Council with a memo regarding a chemical placement error which has left the Plant with mixed hazardous chemicals that require proper removal.

Mr. Castro has worked with several companies to test the mixed chemicals to understand how to properly dispose of the material in order to obtain cost estimates for its removal. Mrs. Wahl stated this is not a budgeted item.

Mrs. Wahl noted that the Town's insurance carrier will reimburse the Town for \$10,000 of the cost incurred and the remaining costs will come from the current year budget with a budget amendment forthcoming to properly allocate the funds necessary for this unplanned expense.

It is being recommended that the Town Council consider approving a contract to AEG Environmental in the amount of \$63,489 to properly dispose of the materials.

The Mayor called for comments from the Council and stated that Councilwoman Beaudin had relayed her support of the expenditure to him as she was unable to attend the meeting.

The Council was unanimously in favor of not holding the Plant's partners in any way responsible for the funds needed for this but is recommending the Town work to hold Coyne Chemical responsible to some extent and that protocol be put in place to prevent this from every happening again. It was noted that the vendor has been put on notice.

Let the record show that during this critical period there have been no violations of our discharge permit.

MOTION: Councilman Jaworski moved to approve a contract to AEG Environmental in the amount of \$63,489 for the removal of the hazardous material. Seconded by Councilman Pardieck, all in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Jaworski. Seconded by Councilman Fink, all in favor.

Submitted by,

Sharon L. Humm

Town Clerk