

The February 11, 2015 Special Meeting of the Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority was called to order by Chairman George at 7:00 PM. All in attendance gave a pledge of allegiance. Board Members Carsia and Eyerly were absent and all other Board Members were present. Robert Dougherty, P.E., Nick Pane, and Ransom Young of RJD Engineering, Inc. were also in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Chairman George asked Mr. Dougherty to elaborate on inspection services needed for the Button Buck CSO Separation Project. Robert Dougherty provided a handout outlining the estimated costs associated with construction management and inspection services for the project. He stated that his firm is most familiar with the project since they performed the investigation and design work. He said the proposal includes simultaneous inspection of both the East and West Separation Projects by two inspectors. He said Nick Pane and Ransom Young were asked to attend the meeting to answer any questions the Board may have concerning their qualifications.

Mr. Dougherty referred to the proposal and informed the Board that the services to be provided include full time daily inspection, smoke testing, house to house inspections, and televising of lines along with construction management services that would include shop drawing review, change order processing, design changes, preparing pay estimates from contractor invoices, etc. He noted that the estimated cost in the proposal was based on set hourly rates for the expected number of work days he projects that the contractor would need to complete the project. He said the final cost is dependent on how long the contractor takes to complete the project and all RJD Engineering work will be performed on a time and materials basis given the hourly rates of \$48.00 for inspection services and \$81.00 for project coordination. He said the inspectors are the eyes and ears of the Authority at the work site and daily inspection reports would be produced to summarize contractor activities. Board Member Milot asked if the inspector's salaries were included in the proposal. Mr. Dougherty stated that the inspectors would be employees of RJD Engineering, Inc. and there would be no other charges to the Authority other than their hourly rate.

Mr. Pane and Mr. Young addressed the Board regarding their experience as inspectors and answered a few questions concerning their qualifications.

Board Member Cuozzo asked if anyone spoke with the City of Hazleton about installing new storm sewer lines in that area while this project was being undertaken. Mr. Dougherty stated that installation of new storm sewer lines is not necessary since the sanitary sewer is being removed from the existing combined sewer line. He said after the project is complete, the combined sewer line will convey only stormwater and the newly installed sanitary sewer line will only convey sanitary flows.

Robert Dougherty stated that the engineering drawings were returned from Norfolk Southern Railroad with no comment. He stated that a new easement is currently being created with Attorney Ustynoski.

The RJD representatives exited the meeting at this time.

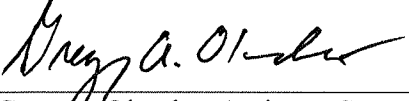
Attorney Ustynoski reported that the mediation for the Hazleton Area School District (HASD) Litigation was held on January 30, 2015. He stated that the mediation took the entire day and the mediator did an excellent job getting all parties to an agreeable settlement. He said the initial offer was \$30,000 and it was gradually increased through mediation over the course of the day to a final offer of \$250,000 with the three parties involved splitting the cost in thirds. He recommended the Board accept the offer of \$250,000 from the HASD and its agents.

Fay and Boyarski moved to accept a \$250,000 settlement from the Hazleton Area School District to resolve the litigation for damage to the Authority's 60-inch and 96-inch outfall lines located on the HASD property.

Roll Call: Boyarski-yes, Carsia-absent, Cuzzo-yes, Eyerly-absent, Fay-yes, George-yes, Grink-yes, Milot-yes

Milot & Fay moved to adjourn. Passed: Aye-6, Nay-0, Absent-2
The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority



Gregory Olander, Assistant Secretary