

Newington Sewer Commission

Special Meeting to review Bids for the Paul Brook Pump Station Forcemain Upgrade

Held 8/24/2020 at 8:00AM

Call to order at 9:00AM

Jeff Mercer (Wright-Pierce) distributed a Bid Tabulation sheet summarizing all seven Bids received. He also provided a letter indicating Wright-Pierce's recommendation to award to the lowest bidder – N. Ganese & Sons, Inc.

Jeff indicated that he attempted to contact a dozen references for recent and current Ganese projects. He was able to talk to six references. All of the references had positive reviews and would not hesitate to hire them for future work. Jeff spoke to another engineer in W-P that has worked with them on several utility projects and Ganese was always reasonable, they tended to have smaller crews so for a large job you may want to watch that.

Denis Messier indicated he had talked to a reference in Newcastle, NH where they are currently working on a utility project. The reference had very good remarks and highly recommended them. Denis also talked with a reference from Pennichuck, NH who had a similar, positive review of Ganese.

Denis indicated that Steven Ganese showed up last Friday (8/21) to introduce himself and discuss the project. He said they would be ready to start submittals as soon as possible.

Jeff indicated that there is no issue with starting paperwork ahead of time. Actual work cannot be started until Bonds, Insurance, and a signed Agreement in place. Jeff Indicated that DES would also need to review everything. This process will take 3-4 weeks, the goal is to have everything ready for signing at the next Commissioner's Meeting on 9/16/2020.

The Commissioner's reviewed the paperwork provided and the Bid Bond from Ganese. Jeff indicated that they appeared to be legitimate based on a brief internet search. The Bonding Company, Tokio Marine, HCC has issued Bonds up to \$250million in the past and appear in several third party websites/news articles.

Understanding the importance of maintaining a quick schedule, the Commissioner's asked if the project included liquidated damages. Jeff confirmed that the project does have liquidated damages for \$1,000 per day over contract time.

Jeff indicated he had spoken with Steven Ganese on Friday and his intent was to move a crew from Newcastle to Newington in about 1 month.

The Commission carried a motion to authorize Skip to sign the Engineering and Construction contracts, which passed, 2-0. Skip signed the Construction Phase Engineering Contract with Wright-Pierce.

Rick Stern started a motion to Award the project contract to N. Ganese & Sons, Inc. following approval by the State and receipt of Bonds. Tom Hazelton seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned 9:21 AM