

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1991

5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance
2. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,000 from Maintenance Pumping Equipment to Maintenance Of Misc. Water Source Plant to allow for repairs to the MacKenzie Water Transfer Station Pump
3. Consider and Approve Waiving the Bid for Interim Sludge Disposal at the MDC Composting Facility Until A Long Term Agreement Can Be Executed - Water Division

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A special meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Monday, March 18, 1991 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order at 5:37 P.M. by Chairman Albert E. Killen. Answering present to the Roll called Kathryn J. Wall, Town Clerk were Council Members Bradley, Duryea, Killen, Papale, Parisi and Solinsky. Councilors Duryea, Holmes & Zandri were absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., and Town Attorney Janis Small were also present. Comptroller Thomas Myers was absent.

ITEM #2 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,000 from Maintenance Pumping Equipment Acct. #633-000 to Maintenance of Misc. Water Source Plant Acct. #617-000 to Allow for Repairs to the MacKenzie Water Transfer Station Pump

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Papale.

Mr. Killen asked if this is going out to bid or done in-house?

Mr. Roger Dann, Manager of the Water/Sewer Division: The amount of required repair is \$920.00. It will not need to be bidded. We are transferring more than that in case something comes up.

Mr. Solinsky asked why we are transferring from Maintenance Pumping Equipment?

Mr. Dann: It sounds funny. We did this to ourselves. In going through the budget preparation for the current year, we looked at the accounts. We took money out of the #633-000 account that we always utilized for maintenance for the transfer pump stations, moved it over to the #617-000 account because we thought it was more appropriate. That places it under source of supply. In doing so of course, we ended up with less than we actually needed this year. If it remained in account #633-000 we would not be requiring the transfer at this time. We do feel that the #617-000 account is the correct one for this particular pump.

Mr. Bradley asked the Town Clerk if she had a signed off transfer?

Kathryn Wall responded, yes.

VOTE: Duryea, Holmes & Zandri were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #3 Consider and Approve the Waiving of the Bid for Interim Sludge Disposal at the MDC Composting Facility Until a Long Term Agreement Can be Executed - Water Division

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

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Mr. Dann gave a brief history of this issue. Back in October or November of 1990 the Council approved a waiver of bid to allow the division to negotiate a long term agreement with the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) for sludge disposal. At that time the division's hope and impression was that they (MDC) would be in a position to negotiate that agreement immediately, execute it and we would be able to begin taking our sludge there on or about January 1st. Because of difficulties that they have encountered with bringing their new facility on line, they have been delayed. They currently anticipate not being able to bring it on line and fully accept it until somewhere around the early fall of this year. They are not in a position to execute a long term agreement. They are aware of our difficulties and our need to come up with some sludge disposal options and they have volunteered to accept sludge from us on an interim basis until such time as the facility is fully operational at which time they feel they can then execute a long term agreement.

Mr. Parisi asked why the division request that the bid be waived back in October?

Mr. Dann stated that they were unable to solicit bidders. There were only three locations that we were aware of that were capable at this time of accepting sludge, we contacted all three and none at that time would bid. They are all municipalities, they simply would not bid. We did go through an extension price comparison and MDC, by a considerable margin, was the least expensive. For those two reasons, the Council agreed that the waiving of the bid was the most appropriate action to take.

Mr. Parisi: None of the three wanted to bid?

Mr. Dann: That is correct.

Mr. Solinsky: They were just setting prices.

Mr. Gouveia: They were just quotations instead of bids.

Mr. Parisi: There are no private companies that accept sludge?

Mr. Dann: No, they are either towns or sewage districts.

Mr. Parisi: There are no commercial operations that will accept sludge?

Mr. Dann: None that we are aware of, no.

Mr. Bradley: How much will this cost for the interim period?

Mr. Dann: Depends on the duration, obviously. We estimated that the cost was approximately \$220-225/ton delivered. \$185 per dry ton for the tipping fee at MDC and the other roughly \$40 is our estimate of the cost of trucking.

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Mr. Bradley: What are we looking at as far as cost from today to early fall?

Mr. Dann: Approximately \$60,000 - \$70,000 for the six month period which is what we originally budgeted.

Mr. Bradley: Do you know what their start-up problems are?

Mr. Dann: Their problems relate to the odor control system. They found that the system was undersized and they have gone back to manufacturer or supplier to require that they perform the necessary corrections.

Mr. Bradley: They feel they can have this resolved by the end of the year?

Mr. Dann: Yes.

Mr. Bradley: Mayor, in our contract with CRRA, does it state that from a contractual standpoint that they will continue to take the sludge?

Mayor Dickinson: They are obligated to take the sludge given reasonable conditions. I think the issue is that the cost of disposal will accelerate and it becomes another cost driving up the overall disposal rates. Right now they cannot dispose of it without dealing with it in some way other than the normal way. Their problem in dealing with this is you have to mix it three, four, five to one ratio with other materials. Usually they have been mixing it with the bypass, the municipal waste material that wasn't incinerated. Lately, everything has been disposed of and they have not had much of anything to use for mixing. That plus the consistency of the material is a little bit different than other towns. It is extremely difficult to work with and requires labor and material in order to mix it properly. Essentially, I suppose that they could set a separate rate.

Mr. Bradley: Are they charging us now per ton?

Mayor Dickinson: They charge us the basic rate for disposal but I suppose they could set a separate rate given that there are special costs involved. Right now I think that the MDC rate is at or close to what we pay at the landfill. If and when the new tipping fees take effect, it will be less costly through MDC. The MDC process is recycling, we are only putting it in the ground at the landfill. In the long run that has to be the scenario and if we can encourage any long term agreement with MDC by getting involved with them now, it is in our interest to do so.

Mr. Gouveia: They will be honoring the same conditions in the interim that they would under the contract that you envision with them?

Mr. Dann: Yes. They will actually be accepting the material in a

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way that I am sure they prefer not to but recognize that they did make an offer to us that there was an implied commitment there and they are willing to accept our sludge on what is less than an ideal basis.

Mr. Killen: This is a waiver of bid vote based on the implied understanding that they will charge us at the rate that you quoted us, right? Other than that, I expect you to come back before us.

Mr. Dann: Right. Just to make sure that you understand, their rate is \$185/ton, disposal at their site. The trucking costs added in (\$40/ton) is an estimate based on the information we had. What we indicated was that we would bid the trucking costs and therefore, what ever those costs end up being, will be added onto it. So the waiver is really based on the \$185/ton fee at MDC itself. In the interim we will use our own equipment to deliver the sludge there until it can be prepared and executed.

Mr. Bradley: I want to make the point that we are helping CRRA here for what ever it may be worth.

Mayor Dickinson: Even though we have disagreements, I think it is important to work on a regional project. We may not agree with them all the time, we all have to work together if it is in our interest.

Mr. Killen: O.K.

VOTE: Duryea, Holmes & Zandri were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: Duryea, Holmes & Zandri were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

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Albert E. Killen, Chairman

Date

Kathryn J. Wall, Town Clerk

Date