

TOWN OF ADVANCE
SPECIAL (ESSENTIAL) MEETING – MINUTES
LOCATION: ADVANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT

May 4, 2020

6:00 PM

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Council Members: Matt Johnson, Melody Fry, Dale Thompson, and Jim Caldwell

Clerk Treasurer – Shari Johnson

Marshall: Brad Thomas

Attendees:

Council Members: Melody Fry, President, Dale Thompson, Matt Johnson and Jim Caldwell

Clerk-Treasurer: Shari Johnson

Also in attendance: Steve Brock, Town CPA, Shannon McLeod, Town Grant Administrator, Jean Stombaugh, Troy Elless, Town Water and Wastewater Contractor and Gary Ladd, Town Engineer. By Zoom: Amy Nooning, Town Attorney, June Nickels and Marilyn Ritchardson.

President Fry called to order the Special Meeting at 18:00.

Due to the Coronavirus, everyone was spaced 6 feet apart for social distancing and many wore masks for extra protection. There was hand sanitizer available as well.

President Fry turned the meeting over to Gary Ladd, Town engineer.

Mr. Ladd went over numbers of Budget and Bid opening and discussed there was an overrun of \$967,620.00. Options for the project to move forward were also discussed: Re-Bid Option and the pros and cons of this option. The second option was Value Engineering with pros and cons. Mr. Ladd, Ms. McLeod and Mr. Brock recommended the town utilize the value engineering approach.

For Division A – Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Item #4: Remove existing sludge drying bed and add a concrete slab and a geotextile bag sludge drying system. There would be no change except for eliminating overhead sludge bag fill piping. The plant doesn't generate a lot of sludge. Mr. Elless stated this would only need to remove twice a year the waste in the bag. Savings - \$23,016.00.

Item #7: Construct concrete masonry block building housing equipment and storage. Change: reduce the size of the building and use existing fiberglass building for storage. Savings - \$45,342.00.

Item #10: Replace conduit and wiring for oxidation ditch lights. Change – Eliminate the replacement of electrical conduit and wiring for Oxidation Ditch exterior lighting. Savings - \$32,567.00.

Item #12: Install new sludge lift station. Change – Instead of a lift station, install a self-priming sludge pump in sludge processing room of building. Savings - \$27,583.00.

Item #14: Install new chain link fence and gates. Change – No change but eliminate painting of perimeter fencing. Savings - \$19,342.00.

Division B - Sanitary Sewer Collection System:

Item #1: Install an overflow lift station at Main Lift Station. Change – eliminate proposed overflow lift station and install 30 horsepower pumps in existing lift station and a new control panel with variable frequency drives. Savings - \$36,301.00.

Item #2: Replace Control Panels at Main Lift Station and School Lift Station.
Change – Eliminate replacement of School Lift Station. Savings - \$39,376.00.

Item #3: Install 5 air release valves, including 3 pits on existing forced main.
Change – Eliminate the proposed force main air release valve except for one at Main Lift Station. Savings - \$39,605.00.

Item #4: Interconnect two existing force mains. Change – Eliminate proposed interconnections at School Lift Station and Main Lift Station force main. Savings - \$11,350.00.

Item #5: Televis 4" sewer laterals and repair discovered defects. Change – Eliminate repair of ALL discovered sewer lateral defects and replace those most severe upon televised findings.

A meeting was held with OCRA and if town agrees to valued engineering, the proposed changes would need to be presented to OCRA for approval.

Discussion ensued regarding changes. Issues could present themselves if the project needed to be re-bid due to SRF and OCRA funding cycles and deadlines.

Funds that are still needed to complete the project with reduced scope is \$473,628.00. Funding that was saved is \$493,992.00.

Mr. Brock presented options with SRF.

- 1) Rebid now. Closed under new SRF program in August.
- 2) Keep bids and request more funds from SRF. Close in May.
- 3) Keep bids, do not receive SRF funds and raise rates again, close in June.

Mr. Brock needed Council approval to move forward with any decisions on project. Councilman Caldwell questioned Mr. Elless if the proposed changes were ok, and if this was something the town could work with, without having to do a major project in the future. Mr. Elless advised, yes.

Councilman Johnson thanked all those working on the WWTP project and the work done to get the \$1M over budget down to satisfy SRF and OCRA.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to move forward with the reduced scope of work and for Mr. Brock to contact SRF, to see if the Town can obtain more grant money and see where the project goes. Councilman Caldwell seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Mr. Brock stated he would contact SRF on May 5, 2020 but was unsure as to how soon SRF would reply back.

The next Council meeting was scheduled for May 11, 2020 and per Governor's current Executive Order, 25 people could attend with social distancing.

Ms. McLeod stated that if the town could not secure more SRF grant funds, OCRA may pull funding.

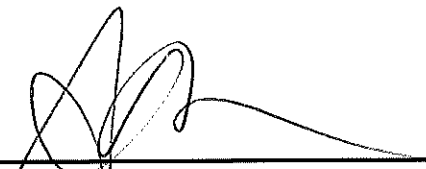
Mr. Ladd stated that with the Wells/Ditch project, Jeremy Ross at Structure Point had been in contact with INDOT and INDOT director declared Advance as a hardship case.

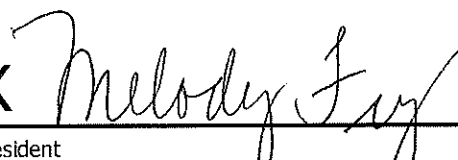
Councilman Caldwell made a motion to approve the Utility Agreement with INDOT and for President Fry to sign. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Thompson seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 18:50.

During the meeting, there was difficulty for those who entered meeting on Zoom. CT Johnson contacted each resident who called in, and went over what the meeting covered, and delivered handouts to those interested.

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Clerk Treasurer

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President