

VILLAGE OF CANASTOTA
MINUTES
October 23, 2020

Mayor Warner called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Mayor Rosanne Warner; Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Carpenter (via Zoom at 6:13 p.m.); Trustees Jeffrey Watkins, Douglas Gustin, and Bill McDade (Via Zoom); Village Administrator Jenn Farwell (via Zoom); Jamie Warner and Isaac Smith; Jim and Dan Cunningham of New Water Technologies, Inc. (via Zoom) and Bruce Burke of PAC 99.

ABSENT: None.

Mayor Warner welcomed everyone and thanked Jim and Dan Cunningham of New Water Technologies, Inc. For attending with us.

Jim Cunningham gave a power point presentation regarding his experience and background in waste water treatment. He explained that the relationship could be an advisory sub-contract or they could supply a licensed operator until we have an employee or they could operate the plant for us. A cost analysis was reviewed comparing the expenses of our current contract with Operations & Maintenance, Inc. and New Water Technologies' proposal. The anticipated savings could be moved back into necessary repairs. The contract would be written such that the Village could terminate the agreement with NWT at any time.

Jim pointed out to the Board that the treatment plant is the largest asset that the Village owns. He reviewed the services that his company would provide if they oversaw the operations of the plant and noted, again, that there would be a no-cost termination clause in the contract on the Village part and 6 months notice on the part of NWT. He also noted that NWT has an pollution liability policy.

Jamie Warner asked how soon they would be able to start. Jim responded that he believes that we can put an agreement together next week. Our attorney, John Langey, also represents another client of NWT.

Mayor Warner noted that our cost to have the employees working for us will be higher and either proposal is cheaper than our current cost. Mayor Warner talked to Jim Cunningham and he would send some people down to make repairs and clean. The Mayor also noted that she has spoken with the union and we will need to go through the process of creating job titles if we take over the plant. The Mayor would like to know how the Board wants to proceed tonight so that we can have a plan in place by November 1. NWT has paid for the current trainee classes at Morrisville for an OMI employee. The Board discussed how the contracts would work. They discussed what length of contract will work for us and for the contractor. Deputy Mayor Carpenter suggests using a one-year or 6-month contract for now. The Mayor likes the idea of having some time to work with the union about adding the titles and descriptions and she was very happy with the proposal that the contract would bring if he ran the plant.

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~~Jim was asked in Council if he would be interested in a 3 year contract. Jim replied that the contract would include overtime, on call and holidays but would not include construction work. The proposal is for \$196,000/year for 3 years.~~

Deputy Mayor Carpenter and Trustees Gustin, Watkins and McDade are in favor of a 3 year contract at \$196,000/year.

The Mayor asked for a proposal and a contract - Jim will copy our attorney. Clerk/Treasurer Williams asked for a copy of the presentation.

Adjourn.

Motion by Trustee Gustin, seconded by Trustee Watkins, to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Passed 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine E. Williams
Clerk/Treasurer