

**MONTGOMERY-OTSEGO-SCHOHARIE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**DATE:** September 10, 2009  
**LOCATION:** MOSA Administrative Complex, Howes Cave

**Members Present:**  
Philip Skowfoe, Chair  
John Thayer

**Members Absent:**  
David Parker

**Others Present:**  
Olga Podmajersky  
Barbara Corrigan  
Dennis Heaton

**1. Opening**

Chairman Skowfoe opened the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

**2. Minutes of Prior Meeting**

Chairman Skowfoe asked if there were any changes to the August 20, 2009 minutes; as there were none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Thayer so moved, Chairman Skowfoe seconded and on voice call the minutes were approved unanimously.

**3. Approve Agenda**

Chairman Skowfoe asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Thayer so moved, Chairman Skowfoe seconded and on voice call the agenda was approved unanimously.

**4. Review of Leachate Bids**

Chairman Skowfoe reviewed the Op-Tech bid while Mr. Thayer reviewed the Precision Industrial bid.

Ms. Corrigan advised that the Op-Tech bid included the cost of a subcontractor to perform the pigging making it a higher bid.

Chairman Skowfoe asked if it were necessary to clean the lines each year. Ms. Corrigan responded that she had verified with Dan Herrick the need to clean out the bio-rock and sediment yearly.

Mr. Thayer remarked that the percentage of solids and flow rate may help to determine how often the lines need to be cleaned.

Ms. Corrigan advised the last time the lines were pigged some were broken due to the presence of bio-rock. Chairman Skowfoe asked her to find out the year this was done.

Chairman Skowfoe read a letter that was included with the Precision Industrial bid, which indicated the pigging cost is only an estimate due to some conflicting information in the bid. Ms. Corrigan advised that MOSA has the information; however, Precision was not given the information due to the timing of his question and the bid rules.

The committee reviewed the bid document wording and the maps that were included in the bid document. Discussion ensued regarding the various options in the bid.

Mr. Thayer made a motion to recommend accepting the lower bid (Precision Industrial) for 2009 only and wait until next year to pick up the other 2 years' options. Chairman Skowfoe seconded the motion. Ms. Corrigan indicated she would draw up a resolution for the board meeting.

Chairman Skowfoe stated that he would like to see the as-built blueprint drawings and a list of what work has been done regarding the cleaning of the leachate pipes, pigging and tank cleaning.

Chairman Skowfoe asked who drew up the bid spec. Ms. Corrigan remarked that she believed Mr. Chichester had consulted with engineers to come up with the specs. The recording secretary advised that the Town of Colonie had provided information to Mr. Chichester from a similar bid for their system cleaning and the bid document had been reviewed by the Authority's attorney, Chris Chale.

Chairman Skowfoe indicated that he would like to have the televising/videotaping performed first in order to see if line cleaning was necessary. The various options in the bid were discussed in more depth. The recording secretary read from the bid spec preface, which stated:

“The bid includes any one or all of the following Options:

1. The cleaning of designated leachate lines.
2. Television inspection and videotaping the leachate lines.
3. The cleaning of leachate holding tanks.”

After some discussion, Mr. Thayer amended his original motion to include recommending the television inspection/videotaping be performed prior to making a decision on the other work; Chairman Skowfoe seconded the amended motion.

#### **5. Other Business**

Mr. Thayer inquired if Chairman Skowfoe had discussed the purchase of the new dump truck with Steve Rothrock. Chairman Skowfoe advised that he had not and indicated he did not think one should be purchased.

Ms. Corrigan indicated that there was already a resolution authorizing going to bid to purchase a dump truck, Resolution 19 of 2009.

Discussion took place regarding the need for a new dump truck with the following points being made:

- ✓ The current 2003 Ford dump truck has had many repairs, is in bad shape and rusted out.
- ✓ The Eastern Landfill needs to be kept plowed out.
- ✓ DPW of Montgomery County has not responded to our request to plow it.
- ✓ Town of Amsterdam will not plow it.
- ✓ Possibility of contracting out snow removal; a reasonably priced option.
- ✓ Roll off boxes could be used for hauling instead of a dump truck.
- ✓ Transfer stations can do their own plowing/sanding.

After the above discussion, it was the consensus of the committee to not purchase a new dump truck and to investigate contracting out of snow removal.

#### **6. Closing**

Chairman Skowfoe made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Thayer seconded and the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Beeler,  
Confidential Secretary