

TOWN OF NEWBURGH  
TOWN ENGINEER

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Supervisor Gilbert Piaquadio and Town Board Members  
FROM: Patrick J. Hines  
DATE: 24 May 2021  
RE: Chadwick Lake Resiliency Project – Bid Extension

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On 30 March 2021, bids were received for the Chadwick Lake Resiliency Project. The total project cost based on submission from the lowest responsible bidders equated to \$2,209,229.00. Original cost estimates prepared by HDR identified the project cost at \$1,830,000.00. The project bid cost exceeded the amount authorized by the Town. An additional authorization is required for the Town to expend the amount of money for the cumulative low bidders.

The Town has a Public Hearing scheduled for 14 June 2021 to receive comments on the Public Interest Order. Based on the requirement that additional administrative steps are required, the Town's consulting engineer HDR contacted the low bidders with regard to extending the bids beyond the original 45-day timeframe. HDR requested an additional 35 days from the apparent low bidders beyond the original 45 days, extending their bids past the 14 June Town Board meeting.

The apparent low bidder on three (3) of the prime contracts, TAM Enterprises, has contacted the Town's consulting engineer and advised that "due to the volatility and availability of materials, we cannot guarantee an extension unless the Town will agree to a material price only from the Time of the bid until the time of award. We would provide all documentation and price quotes to back-up the material price increase.". We have requested that the Town's consultant HDR obtain a Schedule of Values for the various components of the project in order to assist in evaluating any potential price increase during the bid extension time frame.

As the Board is aware, this project is under a time frame based on the project needing to be completed before the potential shutdown of the NYC-Delaware Aqueduct currently scheduled for October 2022. The NYCDEP has committed to funding the original \$1,830,000 in construction costs at the Chadwick filter facility. Timing of a re-bid for the work and potential price increases incorporated into a re-bid, will impact the Town's ability to undertake a re-bid at this time.

Based on the above, we are requesting the Town agree to the incremental cost increase based on the potential increase in equipment and materials on the Chadwick Lake Resiliency Project.

Cc:  
Mark Taylor, Town Attorney  
Ronald Clum, Town Accountant  
Jeff Guido, Water Management Supervisor  
Jim Osborne, Town Engineer