

You are just looking to possibly outsourcing that part of the business? What I can understand, is that you will save me \$1.00 by outsourcing. Is it worth it to just save me a dollar? I'm trying to just understand about the labor and what you are going to save me. So, I asked if I could get a FOIL to see what is being outsourced because I don't understand WHAT is being outsourced. Could you explain to me what we are entitled to know? What are the specifics about this? Is it a request for a proposal, or a price or information, what is it we have out there? I don't know and I don't know if anyone here knows.

Town Attorney Hagstrom: It is requests for proposals from other people and four people have submitted proposals and they are negotiating. There is a Finance Committee from the last meeting that is meeting with the proposors.

Antonio Esteves: So, can I ask, why the public, a person like me, is not allowed to know what the proposal is?

Town Attorney Hagstrom: Because the Public Freedom of Information Law Section 87 2C states that the following records may be denied or portions thereof if disclosure would impair present or eminent contract awards. Once it is awarded, then you can see the proposal. There is an opinion from the Committee on Open Government, Robert Freeman, and it says, "An agency (Town) is involved in a process of seeking bids or proposals concerning the goods and services" and that's what we are talking about here.

Antonio Esteves: All I want to know is WHAT are we outsourcing?

Supervisor Myers: You can have a copy of the RFP. That's all.

Antonio Esteves: That's all I'm asking for.

Supervisor Myers: Ok, you can have the RFP.

Antonio Esteves: When do you expect the answers to the proposals?

Councilman Lecker: We have some proposals back on October 1st.

Councilman Cifone: We are going through them slowly, meeting with the companies and there is no time table. We are going to do it as quickly as possible, but we are going to be thorough.

Supervisor Myers: I am assuming that when the Finance Committee is finished with their interviews, they will be presenting to the entire Board what decision they think should be promoted and why.

Antonio Esteves: Will we be able to change your minds?

Supervisor Myers: You will be allowed to comment. I don't know that you will have the ability to change any minds, but the comments will be expected. The Decision will be made in public and not somewhere else and comments will be accepted. You can come back in tomorrow and get your copy of the RFP.

Motion made to resume the rules: Supervisor Myers/S. Krakower

CARRIED: 7-0

10:13-SM 2 APPEAL

FOIL Request Denial To Patrick Brown
For Four RFP Proposals On Sewer Plant
Privatization

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby overturn the Freedom of Information Request denial submitted by the Town of Poughkeepsie Freedom of Information Officer to Patrick Brown for copies of the proposals submitted for the operation of the Town Sewer Plant and does hereby authorize the release of said documents to Patrick Brown.

SO MOVED: R. Lecker/S. Eagleton

Councilman Conte: I sort of like the idea of Pat Brown getting this, and I've said this in the past, because if he could look at these things and can say "This is so far off base from what we do down there, it's hard to make these notations correct." He may also say, "This quotation is a lot lower than I could imagine, it doesn't look like it lines up." I think there is something we could learn and I just want to say that.

Councilman Lecker: The only issue with that, as it has already been pointed out, although I trust Pat, but the ability that he could share it with someone else, either one of the competitors or proposals. I agree, however, the fact that we may be able to get input to help us make a decision.

Councilman Krakower: My thought on that is, at any of our meetings we always ask if any one has any input to share with this Board and any suggestions, you know where to find us and where to reach us. I have spoken to Pat Brown regarding that as well.

Councilman Cifone: We have had speakers here who have given us input and proposals. We do look for that from our employees.

Councilman Lecker: I think that what the point is, when we look at these proposals and read them, I can read numbers and that part, but I don't know how a Sewer Plant works and I've said that before and the comment is, having some expertise from people at the plant would be helpful, where we would not be able to see.

Councilman Krakower: We do have the ability to get all that information from Engineering or seek information from other companies or Municipalities. If we have a question we, too, have the ability to go to employees.

Councilman Lecker: I understand there is that issue of possible lawsuit or exposing certain types of information that should not get out.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: None

Nays: Councilmen Lecker, Eagleton, Conte, Cifone, Krakower, Tancredi, and Supervisor Myers

DENIED: 0-7

10:13-SM 3 PARTICIPATION

Dial-A-Ride

Supervisor Myers: We will not be doing the Special Consent now because you got what you want now, Antonio.

Supervisor Myers: Ok, I gave you last week, a copy of the letter from the County saying that they had to know by October 15th. The County is doing away with subsidizing the Dial-A-Ride transportation. The letter says that we currently use 10 buses a week. Six of those buses are on the South side of Town and four of them in the North side of Town. The monthly rate for 10 buses is \$7,491.00. That is the full shot that we would have to pay. So, the total cost to maintain the same coverage we have now for 2011, is \$90,000. The number underneath is what we have in the budget and what we paid this year. So, I called Mary Kay Dolan and she sent us the ridership for this year.

Councilman Lecker: I saw that, but it doesn't help. When I saw these numbers, there are a good number of people who have not used it since 09.

Supervisor Myers: But what you are looking at here is only one way trip, so it is half those numbers of people. The assumption is, you would be doing two ways. So, the 460 is really 230 riders during the month of February in the Town. We could take this down to 8 buses a day. That would bring us to \$59,000. Now, according to this letter, they are going to be charging people for using the bus at \$1.00 for a senior and \$3.50 for non-seniors and that money will be reimbursed to the Town by the County. I think, theoretically, we could say we want the 8 buses and not even tell them how we want that broken down at the moment. That would lock us in for the amount of money that is in the budget now and then if we can find an alternative cheaper, then say, "Forget about it".

Councilman Krakower stated that we need to have Dial-A-Ride to come in with figures and discuss this with the Board.

Supervisor Myers stated that we also have to give the County some kind of an answer to beat the deadline of the 15th.

The Board agreed on 8 buses and then we will figure it out from there.

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10:13-SM4 AUTHORIZE

Special Consent SC 1

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby grant Special Consent to the following items; to wit:

SC 1. Appeal

FOIL Request Denial to Antonio Esteves for RFP Proposals – Sewer Plant Privatization

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the objection of any member of the Town Board, an item may be removed from the list and voted on separately.

SO MOVED: J. Conte/T. Tancredi

CARRIED: 7-0

ANTONIO ESTEVES GOT HIS COPY OF THE RFP GRANTED

10:13-SC 1 APPEAL

FOIL Request Denial To Antonio D. Esteves for Four RFP Proposals On Sewer Plant Privatization

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Motion made to suspend the rules for public speaking: Supervisor Myers/ J. Conte

CARRIED: 7-0

Robert Rubin: I would just like to take a moment to read this into the record: To the Honorable Pat Myers: I would like to take a moment of your time to commend all of the Police and Highway Department. This past Saturday, October 9th, at approximately 9:30 AM I was bicycling along some of our Town's roads....at the corner of Winnie Lane and Monnetti Drive there is a stop sign and on Saturday, some coward overnight had painted a swastika on the face of the sign...a symbol of hate directed at me in my hometown and I notified the police department and was promised immediate action. When I returned home I called the Highway Department and left a message about this as well. The following morning I was bicycling in the same area and came across a lot of vulgar

graffiti spray painting along those streets in the same area and again I called the police . Not only was I told that yesterday's complaint would be taken care of on Tuesday, but also that an officer would be called to investigate this new situation and less than ten minutes later, an officer did arrive to check things out and by Tuesday, the swastika was gone. These two departments were courteous, responding quickly, professionally and reliable. Thank you

Supervisor Myers: Thank you Ron, that is not going to be tolerated in the Town and I'm sure that the Police, Highway and any other department is going to make sure, also.

Dan Short: Board member of the Grinnell Library. It appears to be on the docket to maybe cut the funding we get from the Town of Poughkeepsie to the tune of \$50,000. I just want to make a few points and how this funding actually got started.

FACTS PRESENTED ATTACHED TO FINAL BOOK COPY

The reason this funding started traces back to the closing of the Red Oaks Mill Branch of the Poughkeepsie Library in 1991 when the responsibility for the Wappingers section was given to Grinnell. Since then, 1991, the funding was \$38,000.00. It was increased to \$40,000 in 1992, \$45,000 in 1995, \$47,000 in 1996 and finally to \$50,000 in 1993. Since 2003 we haven't gotten a raise and now you are talking about cutting it out of the budget altogether. The way I look at it, is that you hired us to do a job, eventually you stopped giving us raises and now cutting us out altogether and yet you expect us to handle, of course we will, we are a library, the Town of Poughkeepsie residents that utilize it. I don't know if any of this was brought into the discussion, but before a decision is made, it should be.

Councilman Krakower made it clear that the Supervisor cut it out of her budget unilaterally and not necessarily the Board's decision.

Supervisor Myers: Yes, that's right, this was my budget and the first one to be prepared and I did eliminate it, I admit it, it's a tough economic time and the Grinnell Library is not in the Town. It is in the Town of Wappinger and I don't know that we could justify the money of the Town going to the Town Wappinger to support your Library.

Dan Short: I understand that position, however, we do service the Town of Poughkeepsie people, including myself, who is a Town of Poughkeepsie resident.

A discussion continued on other items that are supported that are Outside of the Town proper., such as ball field, swimming, etc.

Matthew Pfisterer: Chairman of Grinnell Library – Continued objection to the non-funding efforts of Grinnell Library and also listed well of Grinnell Library.

H. Frankel: Spoke regarding the Grinnell Library being too far out of Town. Also spoke on the Dial-A-Ride charges. Also spoke on the microphones in the auditorium.

Doreen Tignanelli: Spoke regarding Arlington Public Hearing on fire district budget.

Denny Evaul: Spoke on the Grinnell Library and spoke on how important it was for the funding of the library.

Motion made to resume the rules: Supervisor Myers/M. Cifone

CARRIED: 7-0

MEETING CLOSED AT

SJM:lkm

October 13, 2010

THERE IS NO AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORTS

1. FINANCE
Councilman Krakower: Finance Committee met last Weds. and then again on Sat to review the Budget. We are working on and we are having meetings with the Department heads scheduled for Fri. and so we are actually working on bringing the budget numbers down to something more palatable to taxpayers
2. FIRE ADVISORY
Councilman Eagleton: No Report
3. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
Councilman Conte: No Report
4. LAND USE & PLANNING
Councilman Krakower: No Report
5. PERSONNEL
Councilman Lecker: No Report
6. RECREATION
Councilman Cifone: No Report
7. SENIOR CITIZENS
Councilman Tancredi: No Report
8. TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT
Councilman Eagleton: Supervisor Myers: We are going to bid for the Sound System
9. WATER, SEWER, HIGHWAY
Councilman Lecker: Working with the Water Department on the Budget

Motion made to Close the Meeting: Supervisor Myers/T. Tancredi

CARRIED: 7-0