

Burrillville Sewer Commission
Regular Meeting of 08/14/2007
Board Room of the BWWTF

Members Present: Don C. Wolfe – Chairman
Wallace F. Auclair – Vice Chairman
Members Absent: Scott P. Rabideau – Secretary

Also Present: Walter J. Kane, Attorney for the Commission
William Skerpan Jr., Beta Group, Inc.
John Martin III, Superintendent
Peg Franklin, Office Manager

Mr. Wolfe opened the meeting at 9:15 A.M.

Agenda Item – Question of accepting the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2007 and the Workshop Meeting of July 16, 2007; and the question of dispensing with reading of said minutes, be now taken up.

Voted – A motion by Mr. Auclair to dispense with reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2007 and the Workshop Meeting of July 16, 2007, and accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

Agenda Item – Discussion regarding Commission policy on grinder pumps for Commercial/Industrial properties in Eastern Village.

Discussion – Mr. Skerpan stated that in the past the Commission has provided residential homes with grinder pumps but they did not provide grinder pumps for commercial or industrial users that require larger size pumps. Mr. Skerpan also stated that Atlas Palate has asked if they were going to be provided with grinder pumps. Mr. Kane suggested giving the commercial users an allowance towards the cost of the grinder pumps and they would pay the difference. Mr. Martin suggested putting that allowance towards the assessments on these properties.

Voted – A motion by Mr. Auclair to give the commercial properties an allowance equal to the Commission's cost of grinder pumps for a residential unit and that the relief will be given by an abatement on their assessment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

Agenda Item – Discussion of RI DEM proposed amendments to Rules & Regulations of the Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater treatment Facilities.

Discussion – Mr. Kane stated that the EPA has become concerned with the problem of sewer overflows and they are mandating that DEM issue new Rules and Regulations that

states if a facilities plan is no longer limited to this facility the facility plan in the future has to include the entire system and that plan also has to show what is being done to maintain it and what is being done to make sure there is not a failure in the system. Mr. Kane also stated that fairly strict penalties have already been imposed on several communities. Mr. Kane stated that Mr. Martin and Mr. Skerpan were going to attend an informational meeting at DEM on Wednesday regarding this matter. Mr. Kane stated that this change seems to state that a routine flushing and inspection of the lines will need to be done and that it will be expensive to set that up. There was more discussion on the issue and it was decided to hold a workshop on August 28, 2007 to further discuss the matter.

Correspondence:

08-02-05 – Correspondence from Lawrence Brown Jr. of 88 Cove Road regarding sewer use charges.

Discussion – Mr. Kane suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Brown stating that his request has been refused and that the Rules and Regulations and DEM require you to be connected to the sewer system and failure to do that could result in sanctions.

Voted – A motion by Mr. Auclair to authorize Mr. Kane to send Mr. Brown a certified letter outlining the Rules and Regulations and that he must remain connected to the sewer system. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Kane asked if the Commission had heard back from Bella Restaurant. Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Auclair stated they had not. Mr. Kane stated that a letter and the release had been sent to Bella's attorney.

Voted – A motion by Mr. Auclair to accept the attorney's report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe so voted.

Engineer's Report:

Status of Contract 19B-1 – Mr. Skerpan reported that on Joslin Road the last manhole is going in this morning and there are just a few service connections left to be done. Mr. Skerpan also reported that most of the gravity sewer is installed and the only items remaining are the bridge crossing on 102, which will be started before the end of the month, and once that is done all the pipe will be in for 19B-1, and the last item, which is an add on, is the Middle School connection. Mr. Skerpan stated that the connection for the school is starting this week and will hopefully be almost complete before the start of the school year. Mr. Skerpan also reported that the pump station is moving forward. Mr. Skerpan acknowledged the kindness of the residents on Joslin Road towards the workers.

Beta Letter – Payment Application #13

Voted – A motion by Mr. Auclair to approve payment application #13 in the amount of \$186,022.98. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

Mr. Skerpan reported that at least twenty connections have already been completed at the Maplehill Mobile Home Park.

Mr. Skerpan stated that a number of the punch list items have been completed with 19A-2 however he is not happy with the loaming and seeding that was done and therefore has not recommended payment. Mr. Skerpan stated that he is in the process of getting three quotes to redo the loaming and seeding. Mr. Wolfe asked Mr. Skerpan to tell the bonding company that the Commission wants to keep \$5,000.00 towards the loaming and seeding that any unused funds after the job is done will be returned to them.

Mr. Skerpan then reported that the submission for Commerce Park had so many issues he was sending it back.

Mr. Skerpan then reported that he had received another submission from Granite River Village regarding another grinder pump. Mr. Skerpan stated that pump is not equal and he sent a letter to the contractor stating that.

Mr. Skerpan reported that there are some alternatives that should be considered for Union Pond Village and the owner had been given a letter stating that. Mr. Skerpan suggested that a cover letter be sent to Mr. Rylah stating that the review is done and he needs to resubmit new plans.

Mr. Skerpan stated that he continues his previous recommendation of test pits for the Desnoyer property on Pascoag Main Street.

Mr. Skerpan stated the review for Oakland Village is complete and he is in the process of getting a letter together for it. Mr. Skerpan suggested letting the developer and the engineer know that if any changes are made on the plans, they need to send correspondence letting the Commission know what changes have been made.

Lastly, Mr. Skerpan stated he doesn't believe that Article 16 applies for the Hidden Shore Home Owners Association and that he is in the process of reviewing the submission.

Voted – A motion by Mr. Auclair to approve the engineer's report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

Superintendent's Report:

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Month of July 2007

1. OPERATIONS:

A. <u>Influent to Treatment Facility :</u>	M.G.	Date Occurred
	Average daily flow	N/A
	Maximum daily flow	22-Jul
	Minimum daily flow	07-Jul
B. <u>Biochemical Oxygen Demand :</u>	Percent removal	Average Concentration
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	< 10.0 mg/l
	Facility achieved	2.8
C. <u>Total Suspended Solids :</u>		
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	> 85.0% < 15.0 mg/l

	Facility achieved	98.3%	5.6
D.	<u>Total Phosphorus :</u>		
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	N/A	< 1.00 mg/l
	Facility achieved	86.0%	0.83
E.	<u>Total Ammonia :</u>		
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	N/A	< 8.9 mg/l
	Facility achieved	93.5%	2.0
F.	<u>Disposed Sludge :</u>		
	Dry Tons disposed of	30.22	
	Number of loads removed	22	
	Average dry tons/load	1.37	

2. COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATIONS:

There were three call-in's during the month. One at the Eagle Peak Rd. pump station, one at Rock Ave. ejector station and one for all stations because of bad weather. All were alarm resets and stations returned to normal operation.

Voted – A motion by Mr. Auclair to accept the Engineer's report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

User Charge/Assessment Write-Offs – Mrs. Franklin presented the user charge/assessment write-offs. Mr. Auclair made a motion to approve the write-offs for the month of June in the amount of \$282.89, for one property that was sold and another that was sold-duplicate bill. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

Mr. Auclair made a motion to approve the write-off for the month of July in the amount of \$566.73, for a property that was sold and set up as condominium units. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

Mr. Auclair made a motion to approve the write-off for the month of August in the amount of \$214.00, for a property that was sold and set up as condominium units. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

Being no further business to come before the Commission Mr. Auclair made a motion to adjourn at 10:55 A.M. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Richard
Financial Aide

