

Burrillville Sewer Commission  
Regular Meeting of 06/10/2008  
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  
James Geremia – Geremia & Assoc., Inc.  
John Martin III – Superintendent  
Wallace Lees – Town Council Liaison to the Commission  
Richard Bernardo – Director Dept. of Public Works  
Jordan Durham – EA McNulty  
Arthur Barna – Resident  
Earl & Pamela McWilliams – Resident  
Peg Franklin – Office Manager  
Stacey Richard – Financial Aide

Mr. Wolfe opened the meeting at 9:05 A.M.

**Agenda Item** – Question of accepting the minutes of the Public Hearing of May 13, 2008; Regular Meeting of May 13, 2008; and the Public Hearing of May 27, 2008; and the question of dispensing with the reading of said minutes.

**Voted** – Mr. Auclair made a motion to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing of May 13, 2008, the Regular Meeting of May 13, 2008, and the Public Hearing of May 27, 2008 and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

**Agenda Item** – Adoption of the Operations and Maintenance Budget for FY 2008/2009

**Voted** - Mr. Auclair made a motion to accept the Operations and Maintenance Budget for FY 2008/2009 in the amount of \$1,608,355.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

**Agenda Item** – Adoption of the User Charge Rate Schedule as presented in Budget for FY 2008/2009

**Voted** – Mr. Auclair made a motion to adopt the User Charge Rate Schedule as presented in the budget. The residential user charge will be \$354.00 annually per dwelling unit and

the metered user charge will be \$61.74 per 1,000 cubic feet. The septage disposal fee will be \$66.20 per 1,000 gallons and the septage disposal license will be \$100.00. The drainlayer's license will be \$100.00 and the house connection permit will be \$50.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

**Agenda Item – Award of Chemical Bid**

**Discussion** – Mr. Martin stated that the price increase for each of the chemicals was quite significant. Mr. Martin also stated that no bid was received for ferrous sulfate. Mr. Martin stated that he had contacted the representative for the previous ferrous sulfate bid and the representative stated he was unaware that the bids were open. The representative did provide a sealed bid after Mr. Martin had contacted him which has yet to be opened. Mr. Kane noted that the other bidders had the opportunity to bid on the ferrous sulfate but chose not to. Mr. Kane suggested the Commission open the bid and consider what action they would like to take on it. Mr. Wolfe stated the bid for ferrous sulfate is \$0.65 per gallon, which is an increase of \$0.08 per gallon over last year.

**Voted** – Mr. Auclair made a motion to accept Mr. Martin's recommendations for the chemical bids. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

Mr. Auclair made a motion to accept Siemens bid of \$0.65 per gallon for ferrous sulfate. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion.

**Agenda Item – Award of in-line grinder**

**Voted** – Mr. Auclair made a motion to accept Mr. Martin's recommendation for the award of the in-line grinder bid in the amount of \$14,950.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

**Correspondence:**

**08-12-31** – Letter from Earl McWilliams regarding sewer assessment for his property.

**Discussion** – Mr. McWilliams stated that the sewer line only goes 30 feet onto his property because he is at the end of the line. Mr. McWilliams stated that he was surprised to see that his assessment included the full amount of his frontage. Mr. McWilliams asked the Commission to consider reducing the amount of his frontage based on the fact that he would not be receiving \$20,000.00 worth of benefits from the connecting to the sewer system. Mr. Kane stated that if the homeowners could present evidence that the land is not build able the Commission could entertain the idea of abating part of their assessment.

**08-12-34** – Letter from Arthur Barna, resident 4-6 East Hill Street in Mohegan regarding his sewer connection

**Discussion** – Mr. Barna stated he would like to lay his own line on his property however he is not licensed in the Town of Burrillville. Mr. Kane stated if Mr. Barna took and passed the drainlayer's test he could certainly do his own connection. Mr. Kane suggested that Mr. Barna's license be limited to his property only. Mrs. Franklin noted Mr. Barna's property requires a grinder pump. Mr. Kane noted that all other rules pertaining to drainlayers, including fees, will apply to Mr. Barna should he pass the test.

**Voted** – Mr. Auclair made a motion that upon Mr. Barna taking and passing the drainlayer's test, his license be stamped stating that it is good for his property only and before a permit will be issued Mr. Barna must provide the Commission with a waiver of any liability in connection with the electrical work and installation of the grinder pump and that waiver be binding on him and his successors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

**08-12-33** – Letter from J. Durham of E.A. McNulty regarding sewer connection for Lot 17, 18 & 15 Mill Pond Drive

**Discussion** – Mr. Durham stated that in December the zoning board gave approval to Mill Pond Village to revise their plans so that the four and six unit buildings on lots 17, 15 & 18 would become two and three duplexes. Mr. Martin stated Mill Pond would need a waiver from the Commission to allow multiple building to be serviced by one lateral. Mr. Geremia suggested that each unit have their own grinder pump which they are responsible for. Mr. Kane noted the Commission needs to be provided with more information showing that the changes that Mill Pond wants to make will work.

**08-12-32** – Letter from Thomas Tatro regarding his property located at 454 Chapel Street

**Discussion** – Mrs. Franklin stated that she had spoken with the Harrisville Water Department and they cannot terminate the water service to one side of the building because there is only one water meter.

**Voted** – Mr. Auclair made a motion to have Mrs. Franklin send a letter to Mr. Tatro stating that his request cannot be honored. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

**Agenda Item** – Report to Commission from Office Manager regarding transfer of assessments to designated funds

**Voted** – Mr. Auclair made a motion to transfer \$373,419.50 out of fund 8000 and place into fund 8100. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

**Voted** – Mr. Auclair made a motion to transfer \$658,938.00 out of fund 8000 and place into fund 8300. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

**Agenda Item** – Memo from Office Manager regarding selection of Charity/ies for the Omni-Point Contribution of \$1,000

**Voted** – Mr. Auclair made a motion to select Between the Cracks for the \$1,000 Omni-Point Contribution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

**Agenda Item** – Discussion of administrative salaries of John E. Martin, III, Superintendent, Peg Franklin, Office Manager and Stacey Richard, Financial Aide for the FY 2008/09

**Voted** – Mr. Auclair made a motion to increase the salary for the Financial Aide from \$18.28 to \$19.29 per hour and to maintain the flex time and all other benefits of collective bargaining and to increase the mileage reimbursement from \$0.31 to \$0.50 per mile. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

**Voted** – Mr. Auclair made a motion to increase the salary of the Office Manager from \$22.53 to \$23.21 per hour and maintain the flex time and all other benefits of collective

bargaining and to increase the mileage reimbursement from \$0.31 to \$0.50 per mile. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

**Voted** – Mr. Auclair made a motion to increase the salary for the Superintendent by 3.5% and maintain to maintain all benefits of collective bargaining. The annual salary will be increased to \$79,705.60. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

**Attorney's Report:** Mr. Kane stated other than a few routine phone calls from the staff there was nothing to report.

**Voted** – Mr. Auclair made a motion to accept the attorney's report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

**Engineer's Report:**

**Geremia & Associates –**

**Letter regarding Contract 19B-1 – Environmental One Grinder Pump Purchase**

**Discussion** – Mr. Geremia stated that a letter was forwarded to have Beta engage Boyle & Fogarty in a change order to include the E-1 grinder pumps.

Mr. Geremia also stated that he has begun looking at the new DEM regulations associated with private pump stations and force mains.

**Voted** – Mr. Auclair made a motion to accept the engineer's report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

**Beta Group, Inc. – Report on 19B-1**

**Letter regarding Pay Application #19** – Mrs. Franklin noted that \$11,231.00 of the pay application is to be paid by the school department.

**Voted** – Mr. Auclair made a motion to approve pay application # 19 in the amount of \$75,870.02. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Martin presented the Superintendent's report for the month of May.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Month of May 2008

1. OPERATIONS:

A.	<u>Influent to Treatment Facility :</u>	M.G.	Date Occurred
	Average daily flow	0.7745	N/A
	Maximum daily flow	0.9000	18-May
	Minimum daily flow	0.5790	25-May
B.	<u>Biochemical Oxygen Demand :</u>	Percent removal	Average
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	> 85.0%	Concentration
			< 30.0 mg/l

	Facility achieved	98.0%	5.9
C.	<u>Total Suspended Solids :</u>		
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	> 85.0%	< 30.0 mg/l
	Facility achieved	97.8%	7.7
D.	<u>Total Phosphorus :</u>		
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	N/A	< 1.00 mg/l
	Facility achieved	86.0%	0.78
E.	<u>Total Ammonia :</u>		
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	N/A	< 31.5 mg/l
	Facility achieved	33.4%	18.1
F.	<u>Disposed Sludge :</u>		
	Dry Tons disposed of	30.71	
	Number of loads removed	21	
	Average dry tons/load	1.46	

## 2. COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATIONS:

There were two call-ins during the month. One at the Rock Ave. ejector station and one at all stations for loss of power because of weather. All alarms were reset and stations returned to normal operation.

**Voted** – Mr. Auclair made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

**User Charge/Assessment Write-Offs** – Mrs. Franklin stated that she would present the write-offs at the next Commission meeting.

### **Public Comment**

**Joslin Road Sub-Drain update** – Mrs. Franklin stated that she had spoken with Mr. Rabideau this morning and he did not have an update on the sub-drain. Mr. Bernardo stated he had received several complaints from residents of Spring Lake and Joslin Road.

Being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Auclair made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Richard  
Financial Aide

