

Burrillville Sewer Commission  
Regular Meeting of 9/13/11  
Board Room of the BWWTF

Members Present: Don C. Wolfe – Chairman  
William Andrews – Vice Chairman  
Irene P. Smith – Commissioner

Member Absent: William Peterson – Commissioner

Also Present: Walter J. Kane – Attorney for the Commission  
James J. Geremia – Engineer  
John Martin III – Superintendent  
Wallace Lees – Town Council Liaison the Commission  
Larry Comtois – Resident  
Mark Bard – Harrisville Village  
Marcil Valois – Economic Development Foundation  
Richard St. Pierre – LaGinestra  
Megan Moody – Engineer for LaGinestra  
Peg Franklin – Office Manager  
Stacey Richard – Financial Aide

Mr. Wolfe opened the meeting at 9:00 A.M.

**Agenda Item** – The question of accepting the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2011; and the question of dispensing with the reading of said minutes.

**Voted** – Mr. Andrews made a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2011 and to dispense with the reading of said minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

**Public Comment:** None

**Correspondence:**

**12-03-01** – Correspondence from Mark Bard requesting to be placed on the agenda to discuss Harrisville Village

**Discussion** – Mr. Bard asked the Commission to allow him to extend Phase III of Harrisville Village to include Buildings 14, 15 & 16 and to also extend his assessment payments out one year from original agreement.

**Voted** – Mr. Andrews made a motion to approve Mr. Bard's proposal provisionally pending a new schedule is received for the next Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

**12-03-02** – Correspondence from Larry Comtois regarding the connection of his property located at 1010 Douglas Pike to the sanitary sewer system

**Discussion** – Mr. Comtois stated that he does not have the funds to connect his property at 1010 Douglas Pike and that he had applied for grants but was turned down.

**Voted** – Mr. Andrews made a motion to continue this item until the Commission's April, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

**12-03-03** – Correspondence from Casa Fernandes regarding connection of their restaurant, Casa Fernandes, located at 299 Spring Lake Road Glendale

**Voted** – Ms. Smith made a motion to extend this item until the Commission's next meeting and advise Mrs. Fernandes that her and her engineer should be in attendance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Andrews.

**Discuss Amendments to Rules and Regulations** – There was much discussion on this matter and the Commission asked Mr. Geremia to make some changes to the proposed amendments. The Commission asked Mr. Geremia to present proposed figures at the next Commission meeting. Mr. Kane advised the Commission that they must advertise the proposed changes and set a Public Hearing.

**Voted** - Mr. Andrews made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulation on October 18, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

**Memo from John E. Martin III, Superintendent, regarding Barnes Submersible Pump**

**Voted** - Mr. Andrews made a motion to approve the purchase of the pump in the amount of \$4,881.00 to be paid out of the Renewal and Replacement Fund. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

**Memo from John E. Martin III, Superintendent, regarding RACO Alarmagent purchase**

**Voted** – Mr. Andrews made a motion to approve the purchase of two RACO Alarmagents. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

#### **Engineer's Report:**

**Status Update of School Street/Eagle Peak Stations** – Mr. Geremia reported that the contractor had put the pump back at the Eagle Peak Station and that he still has not received a response from the manufacturer.

There was some discussion on the replacement of the manhole frame and cover on Steere Farm Road. It was noted that Steere Farm Road is a state road however according to a town resident the state refuses to do the work. Mr. Kane suggested that if the Commission decided to replace the manhole frame and cover that they would need to declare a public safety issue and allow Jack to sole source for the contractor. Mr. Kane also suggested that the Commission write to the legislative delegation and advise them of this issue.

**Voted** – Ms. Smith made a motion that a letter be sent immediately to the legislative delegation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Andrews.

**Voted** – Mr. Andrews made a motion to accept the Engineer's report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

**Attorney's Report:** Mr. Kane reported that he had received a few phone calls regarding the court letters his office had sent to homeowners who have failed to connect their property to the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Kane stated that he had called Mrs. Pinherio back twice but there was no answer. Mr. Kane

also reported that Kevin Bliss is in the process of purchasing one of the properties that was on the list and he is asking for 60 days from the day of the sale to connect the property to the sanitary sewer system.

**Voted** – Mr. Andrews made a motion to accept the Attorney’s report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith.

**Superintendent’s Report:**

Mr. Martin presented the Superintendent’s report for the month of August, 2011.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Month of August 2011

1. **OPERATIONS:**

A.	<u>Influent to Treatment Facility :</u>	M.G.	Date Occurred
	Average daily flow	0.7708	N/A
	Maximum daily flow	0.9170	15-Aug
	Minimum daily flow	0.6560	06-Aug
B.	<u>Biochemical Oxygen Demand :</u>	Percent removal	Average Concentration
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	> 85.0%	< 10.0 mg/l
	Facility achieved	98.8%	3.0
C.	<u>Total Suspended Solids :</u>		
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	> 85.0%	< 15.0 mg/l
	Facility achieved	98.9%	4.4
D.	<u>Total Phosphorus :</u>		
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	N/A	< 1.00 mg/l
	Facility achieved	92.3%	0.55
E.	<u>Total Ammonia :</u>		
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	N/A	< 8.9 mg/l
	Facility achieved	88.6%	1.0
F.	<u>Disposed Sludge :</u>		
	Dry Tons disposed of	26.18	
	Number of loads removed	27	
	Average dry tons/load	0.97	

2. **COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATIONS:**

There were two calls during the month. One each at Beach Road and Mohegan stations. These alarms were reset and stations returned to normal operation. Also, because of the hurricane, there was a loss of power at the treatment facility and all pump stations from Sunday, August

28<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. All facilities were on emergency generators during the 3-days and performed normally. No damage or unusual events occurred except for damage to the automatic transfer switch at the Glendale station when normal power was restored. A cost estimate for a repair is being prepared by the manufacturer's representative.

**Sewer Use/Sewer Assessment Write-Offs – None**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Richard  
Financial Aide