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WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

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Carl Zencey
Richard Conte

The Water and Sewer Authority held its regular meeting on July 14, 2011 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 24 Commerce Road, Newtown, CT. Chairman Zang called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Lou Carbone, Dick Zang, Carl Zencey, Marianne Brown, Alan Shepard

Absent: Richard Conte, Gene Vetrano

Also Present: Jason O'Brien of United Water Environmental Services, Inc, Fred Hurley, Director of Public Works, Mr. Dauti of Dauti Construction

Public Participation – NONE

Approval of minutes – The previously distributed minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2011 and June 09, 2011 were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Gallons processed vs gallons billed study/flow monitoring – The flow gauges were moved to the next upstream location. Julio Segarra is looking into getting the data in Excel format.

Sewer mapping – The central district mapping is complete and was given to the Town's GIS department for incorporation. The Hawleyville district still needs to be reviewed.

Capital Needs/SCADA System/new well/water distribution system – SCADA SYSTEM/The return date on the RFP has been changed to July 25th due to radio complications. NEW WELL/the Department of Public Health needs an A2 survey for both test sites and a separate application for each well. WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM/Changes are on hold pending budget resolution.

Fairfield Hills sewer service area – The WSA is considering a shrink-wrapped FFH sewer service area. At this point there is no urgency to complete a review of the infrastructure at FFH as the vision of the campus has changed over the past 10 years.

Renewable Energy Project – The OPEL contract has been reviewed and should be signed next week. The grant from the state is complete. There is a change in the state policy with rates and subsidies. It does not affect this project but may impact future projects.

Rate increase for water users – Tabled until the later water and sewer budget discussion in New Business.

95-99 Church Hill Road/Dauti Construction – A letter has been drafted for final approval for 95-99 Church Hill Road. Approvals from P&Z and Inland Wetlands have also been received. Alan Shepard moved to approve the letter granting final approval to sewer service for 95-99 Church Hill Road, Carl Zencey seconded, motion unanimously accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

Water and Sewer Budgets – Dick Zang handed out a spreadsheet comparing the actual FY 2011 budget and the FY 2012 proposed budget. The Water side is showing a surplus in income over expenditures. Dick Zang would like to wait until the final 2011 report from the auditors is complete before Water Rates are discussed.

Report by United Water Environmental Services – Over all the plant is running well. A copy of the June 2011 Monthly Report is attached.

Report by Public Works Director – The new service truck for the WSA has been ordered and should be delivered this fall. The site work for the solar project will begin in the fall and the facility should be up and running before the end of the year. The Town's baseball league would like to update the facilities at Glanders Field to provide water at the snack bar and add bathrooms. They would not be a full time user of the facilities. Alan Shepard said that a grinder pump would be a good solution. They would be part of the 100,000-gallon FFH allotment so there would be no benefit assessment. It is up to the town how they want to distribute the 100,000 gallons for FFH. Marianne Brown said that they are also looking for irrigation for the field.

Any other business – Alan Shepard moved to authorize Fred Hurley to arrange for a benefit appraisal for 95-99 Church Hill Road. Carl Zencey seconded, motion unanimously seconded.

Having no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm

Arlene Miles, Clerk