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THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

The Water and Sewer Authority held its regular meeting on January 10, 2013 at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, 24 Commerce Road, Newtown, CT. Chairman Zang called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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

Absent: Lou Carbone, George Hill, Gene Vetrano

Also Present: Julio Segarra of United Water, Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, George Trudel of GTL

Public Participation: George Trudel of GLT development wanted to know if sewers are a possibility for 20 & 60 Castle Hill Road which is currently an R1N zone. This is a 136 acre parcel that they are interested in building up to 136 cluster homes. Nothing can be built without sewers.

Alan Shepard moved to authorize Dick Zang to respond to Mr. Trudel's letter and have the town attorney clarify if automatic approval timing applies. Carl Zencey seconded, motion unanimously accepted.

Approval of the Minutes: The previously distributed minutes of the regular meeting of 12/13/12 were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Capital Needs/New well – Tabled

Renewable Energy Project/grant payment – A new company has bought out Opel. There was damage with storm Sandy and that that needs to be fixed before we can get reimbursement.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of needs for 2013 – Well number 8 needs to be rehabilitated. Fred Hurley is meeting with GHD next week about well #8 and the pump house changes. The hydrants have been purchased but the installation is not complete. There are about 8 manholes on route 25 that needs to be sealed up and re-built.

Hawleyville Sewer Extension – This is a WSA project however the \$500,000 in the CIP will be the town's portion to get this project ready to go out to bid.

Committee Reports: SCADA – Julio Segarra has been meeting with GHD about once a week. They do have a preliminary print for the backup float and there will be a \$3,500 change order. Along with making sure all the stations are standardized, which includes Hawleyville, there has to be a standardize operation in SCADA mode. Alan Shepard moved to authorize the expenditure of additional staff at the Waste Water Treatment Plant to support oversight of the SCADA upgrade. Carl Zencey seconded, motion unanimously accepted.

FINANCE – we are down to 1.4 million. A rate increase may need to be looked at in the future.

Report by United Water Environmental Services, Inc. – The plant ran well overall. Nitrogen levels are over. The pump stations are fine.

Report by Public Works Director – There are some concerns with GHD. They are shrinking and getting rid of older employee's. Dick Zang said that they may want to get a few other engineers on the quick call list.

Any other business – Bob Tait, the town's Director of Finance, wants to meet with the WSA to straighten out the activity codes. He will also clarify the principle payments to the bonds.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Arlene Miles
Clerk