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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 February 14, 2013 at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, 24 Commerce Road, Newtown, CT. Chairman Zang called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Present: Dick Zang, Alan Shepard

Absent: Lou Carbone, Marianne Brown, Gene Vetrano, George Hill, Carl Zencey

Also Present: Julio Segarra of United Water, Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, George Trudell of GTL, Phil Clark of Claris Construction and One member of the press

Public Participation: Phil Clark of Claris Construction is working on two projects. One is 164 Mt. Pleasant Road which is Maple Woods. Their concern is determining a rent rate for their client and need to know an appropriate number to plug in for the sewer rate. A sewer benefit assessment can be started as soon as the site plans are given. They also have a deposit on another 102 acres in the Hawleyville area and want to know what the time frame is to put in the sewers. There is a lot of activity in that area and it is difficult to discuss specifics with large tenants without knowing specifics about the sewers. In this economic down time there are concerns about making the sewers users pay for the extension. There have been over a dozen proposals in that area that have come to the WSA and nothing has come to fruition. Mr. Claris explained that large companies only give themselves so much time to move and they will go where there are sewers. If the sewers are designed and out there it would help development of the area. Mr. Zang explained that unless the entire corridor gets the sewer then it will be difficult for the WSA to re-coop their money. If those who really wanted the project funded that would be more palatable for the sewer users.

Approval of the Minutes: Tabled due to lack of quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

Capital Needs Study – Mr. Zang will work with Mr. Segarra to get the larger items on the list to get the big picture.

Renewable Energy Project/grant payment – We are still working on the internet connection for the monitoring.

20 & 60 Castle Hill Road – Mr. Trudell has provided positive letters from various town agencies for the development. Again, this is all preliminary but based on that, it meets the regulations. His request that this property be included in the sewer service area which will require a public hearing for an extension. A public hearing will be held at the March 14th meeting with the regular meeting to follow. Mr. Trudell needs something in writing from the land owner to state that he has the authorization to speak for this property. Because this is a cluster housing it may be different from the current single family home is \$14,140.40.

Hawleyville Sewer Extension – Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

Sewer Benefit Analysis/95-99 Church Hill Road – A public hearing for March 14th will be held for the benefit assessment.

Committee Reports: None

Report by United Water Environmental Services, Inc. – They have been doing some jetting in the Taunton Lake area and the lines were clear. They did find a weird connection of surface water going into a manhole and that has been fixed. The solar panels have sustained more damage from the blizzard.

SCADA- they have gotten approval for the change order of the back-up floats system. The completion date has not been changed as of yet.

Report by Public Works Director – The Ambulance garage is going forward and they will need a grinder pump. The water hook up is right alongside the building. Mr. Segarra and Mr. Hurley are in the process for getting an application for a generator grant through DEMS. HVCEO is putting together a Hazard mitigation program which is needed to be applicable for the grant. As long as they are in the process of hazard mitigation, they can apply for the grant, the question is whether the funds can be disbursed before it is finished.

Any other business – none

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm

Arlene Miles
Clerk