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WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

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

The Water and Sewer Authority held a public hearing on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 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, George Hill, Carl Zencey, Gene Vetranio,

**Absent:** Lou Carbone, Alan Shepard

**Also Present:** Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, Jason O'Brien and Julio Segarra of United Water, 11 members of the public

***To consider:*** A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,800,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF SEWERS ALONG ROUTE 6 TO SERVE THE AREA WEST OF WHIPPORWILL HILL ROAD TO SPLENDID PLACE AND ALONG ROUTE 25 TO SERVE A SECTION OF COVERED BRIDGE ROAD, LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT, AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2013-14 TO 2017-2018, INCLUSIVE)

Dick Zang explained that the Hawleyville sewer that we have now is for economic development. This resolution would extend those sewers to serve some of the large vacant parcels of land for economic development. The project will be funded by the users of the system.

Fred Hurley explained that there have been a lot of proposals for the large vacant parcels of property. They have looked at 2 things, availability and cost affecting the competitive position of Newtown with other towns. Newtown has a newer system and it can be more costly. The proposed system is a low pressure system. They looked at the four larger parcels which would pay for 80% of the cost of the system. With a low pressure sewer Grinder pumps can be located anywhere on the property and it is a much more cost effective system and makes Newtown more competitive with other towns. It is not to be all inclusive of all the properties. The design engineers will be tasked with setting up a neighborhood workshop and information meeting.

At present time there is no interest to go down Whippoorhill Road but should there be a few failing septic and the health department requests it, the WSA would consider it.

They are looking at a trenching system that would keep it in the shoulder of the road and avoid road paving which would lower costs significantly.

The goal is to get the system up and running by fall. The WSA will own the grinder pumps and maintain them.

The town will put out a bond for 2.8 million. The estimated cost for the project is 2.5 million and that is what the users will pay for. The WSA will be the administrator for the use of the funds. The bond issue is for 20 years. There are three costs involved. A benefit assessment which would be paid out over 20 years, the property owner would have to pay to get it from the building to the sewer line and then there is a use charge based on water flow.

Dick Zang explained that the sketch that they were handed is just an attempt to show what could happen. This is not the plan just an idea.

If the properties are not sold, the WSA will take care of it for the first year administratively but then it becomes a town responsibility.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm

Arlene Miles, Clerk