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

The Water and Sewer Authority held a regular meeting on August 13, 2015 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 24 Commerce Road, Newtown, Conn. Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Marianne Brown, George Hill, Dick Zang, Lou Carbone, Alan Shepard

Absent: Carl Zencey, Gene Vetranio

Also Present: Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, Julio Segarra of United Water Environmental Services, Freschteh Doost of Fuss & O'Neill, Wes Thompson of EDC, Reporter Linda Zukauskas of Voices

Public Participation: None

Approval of Minutes: The previously distributed minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting of July 9, 2015 were unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hawleyville Sewer Extension – Fred Hurley reported that property owners in Hawleyville will be given two more weeks to sign a sewer service extension agreement and endorse a grinder pump location map. To date a sufficient number of owners have complied to possibly allow the project to go forward. Freschteh Doost reviewed the preliminary design and discussions with Environment One [grinder pump supplier] on the hydraulics of the system. Julio Segarra expressed concern about the maintenance requirements of the small-diameter, low-pressure sewer lines.

Sewer Service Area Mapping - Freschteh Doost presented a draft map of the system not including Hawleyville. Copies will be sent to all WSA members to prepare for a workshop to review the mapping tentatively scheduled to be held one hour before the next regular meeting.

170 Mt Pleasant Road – Discussion and action on the benefit assessment for this property was tabled by unanimous vote.

On a related issue Fred Hurley reported that Toll Bros. has expressed interest in another property in the existing Hawleyville sewer service area.

Sewer Use Regulations – The regulations are being revised to comply with the Town Code format. Dick Zang reviewed the other changes proposed and reported that no review comments have been received. A further draft version should be available next week.

Dick Zang moved to instruct the Tax Collector to hold the minimum sewer use charge at \$25.00 without escalation beginning with the next billing. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Base Compensation Adjustment – Action was tabled by unanimous vote pending review by Fred Hurley.

Committee Reports – Solar: Julio Segarra distributed a printout of energy production from the WWTP solar array. Fred Hurley reported that a ZREC contract (zero-emission renewable energy credits) will be awarded for the proposed solar installation at the town landfill. This project may provide the balance of the plant electrical consumption over 25 years at \$.063 per KWH with no price escalation. This will be dependent on having a “virtual net metering application” approved

Report by United Water Environmental Services – Julio Segarra distributed copies of the July Monthly Operating Report. He reported that the town will receive a nitrogen credit of \$31,000 from the state for 2014. The SCADA system installation complete with just a few odds and ends remaining including integration of the water plant. The plant will take delivery of the new 80kW portable generator shortly. The state completed a Water Compliance Inspection on 8/12 which will require positive isolation of well #8.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Dick Zang, Member