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

The Water and Sewer Authority held a special meeting on October 29, 2015 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 24 Commerce Road, Newtown, CT. Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present:, Dick Zang, Lou Carbone, Carl Zencey, Gene Vetrano, Marianne Brown, George Hill

Absent: Alan Shepard

Also Present: Mike Burke and Julio Segarra from United Water Environmental Services, Director of Public works Fred Hurley, Freschteh Doost from Fuss & O'Neill and Mike Burton

Public Participation: None

Approval of the Minutes – Gene Vetrano moved to approve the minutes from the 9/10/15 special meeting and regular meeting as presented. All in favor

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hawleyville Sewer Extension – Fred Hurley explained that they are looking for authorization to advertise for construction based on plans prepared by Fuss and O'Neil. The route for 90 Mt. Pleasant has been altered to go down Saw Mill. They are waiting on the agreement from the homeowners and visit the sights to determine where the grinder pumps would go. 10 Hawleyville is the 100 acre parcel. The most that Fred Hurley was able to find out is that it will be a 200,000sf of building and 20,000 to 30,000gpd of required capacity is the parameter for that property. As of now they are less than 150,000 gallons permitted in the overall system. They got DOT approval for the bridge crossing. The pipe will be insulated next to the bridge and have a heat trace to hook to a generator if freezing is an issue.

Dick Zang moved to accept the design as proposed by Fuss and O'Neill and Fred Hurley. Lou Carbone seconded, motion unanimously approved.

George Hill moved to authorize the advertisement of the Hawleyville Sewer Extension subject to receiving all state and local approvals. Dick Zang seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Sewer Service Area Mapping – A revised map was presented. This map will replace what is on file with the state and Town Clerk. There will be one for the central district including Bungalow Terrace and Riverview and another for the Hawleyville district. Dick Zang explained that the sewer service outline is what is critical.

Dick Zang moved to approve the map dated 10/29/15 with the addition of notes for Bungalow Terrace and Riverview Condominiums. Lou Carbone seconded, motion unanimously approved.

170 Mt. Pleasant Road – Tabled

Sewer Use Regulations – Dick Zang checked with the Tax office to find out how they bill the flat rate. They base the sewer usage fees on the water metering reading. There are about 80 homes that are on wells and get billed a flat rate. They take the average of all the other residence and charge them an average rate. They charge it based on 15,000 gallons per quarter which is 164 gallons per day. They are trying to set their EDU's at 185. The regulations that were passed in January were much too low. The change does not financially hurt the existing properties owners because a unit is a unit. This says a unit is 185 gallons per day per EDU. It is an administrative change but does not change what the homeowner pays.

Gene Vetrano moved to approve the Sewer Use Regulations dated October 29, 2015. Carl Zencey seconded motion unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

10-22 Washington Avenue – Mike Burton explained that he has received approval from Wet Lands and P&Z for 65 units. He would like to get approval for 65 units. Dick Zang moved to approve the project for the 65 units at 10-22 Washington Avenue and recommend to the town to develop and sign a sewer extension agreement with developer. Gene Vetrano seconded, motion unanimously approved.

15-16 FY Budget – Fred Hurley presented a proposed budget. There will be an additional line item requested for Potatuck. Currently it is bulked in with Contractual Services on the water side. There are expenses that have been incorrectly charged for capital items because they were part of the contractual reimbursable invoice. Fred Hurley will come back next meeting with a year by year capital needs plan.

Dick Zang moved to accept the amended 15-16 budget as presented, George Hill seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Committee Reports – SOLAR – The existing system at the plant is operational and performing better than anticipated. There is a one (1) mega watt system proposed for the landfill. One of the accounts that would benefit from this is the waste water treatment plant. The stumbling block is virtual net metering. Power generated at the land fill can be credited at the WWTP and 6 other buildings. I&I – is on hold. SCADA – they are making changes and improving the security. They modified it to include the generator and all the alarming. .

Report by United Water Environmental Services – A lot of work was done at FFH mapping the piping. It took two weeks and it was costly but it was worth it. They uncovered many land mines in the system. They found that an existing transformer is laced with PCB's so they want to remove it from the aquifer.

They are having a little problem with color of the water on Miles Hill South. A request to replace a house filter has been received. The board does not want anyone entering a home. They said that he can bring the filter to the door but no farther.

Report by Public Works Director – Reported within meeting

Any Other Business - Dick Zang suggested that they allow Fred Hurley to inform members by e-mail of a benefit assessment need and if there are no objections, he can move forward with it. This will save time not waiting until the next meeting. .

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned 9:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene Miles