

**WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 4, 2011
7:00 PM**

Present: John Meader
David Pepe
Bryant Firmin

Also

Present: Kara Buzanoski, DPW Director

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of minutes from the April 6, 2011 meeting.

Commissioner Pepe moved to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2011 meeting as amended. Commissioner Firmin seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. Review bonding requirements for contractors working in the public way.

Mrs. Buzanoski stated that as discussed at the previous meeting, developers would now be required to enter into an agreement with the Town and post funds to secure their work. She presented a draft copy for their review. If they were satisfied with the draft, it would be forwarded to town counsel for review. Then it will be put on a future agenda for a formal vote.

Commissioner Pepe asked if other towns did this. Mrs. Buzanoski replied yes. She said that Shrewsbury has done this for at least 25 years.

Commissioner Meader had a question as to how the commission was to come up with a reasonable value of the bond. Mrs. Buzanoski stated that the Town Engineer would come up with the value, just as he does for the Planning Board bonds.

Commissioner Pepe confirmed that this would start with all new construction projects. Mrs. Buzanoski replied yes.

Mrs. Buzanoski will forward the document to town counsel for review.

3. Re-discuss tamper fee at 10 Hillside Road.

Mrs. Buzanoski reviewed a letter from Mr. Del-Re requesting an additional \$100 refund beyond his \$100 overpayment. Mrs. Buzanoski stated that Mrs. Del-Re came in with a check already written out for \$328 which was \$100 over what the actual fee was. At the meeting Mrs. Buzanoski stated that the Del-Re's would be refunded \$100 for the overpayment. The Commission unanimously agreed that there would be no other refund in regards to the fees paid by Mr. Del-Re.

It was also noted by Commissioner Meader that the water regulations should be revised to include additional language defining "tamper".

4. Review sewer extension request for 25 Brigham Street.

Mrs. Buzanoski reviewed this request to allow the homeowner to extend sewer to 25 Brigham St. After discussion, the Commission voted. Commissioner Pepe moved to approve the request for a sewer extension for 25 Brigham St. to the centerline of the property. Commissioner Firmin seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

5. Review request for water meter at sewer-only account 11 Thayer Street.

Mrs. Buzanoski discussed the situation at 11 Thayer St. This was the location where the Shrewsbury sewer main break originated. She showed the Commission a picture of the backyard of 11 Thayer St. where the sewer went over the cesspool and left a sink hole. The sewer only charges are \$150/quarter or \$600/year for 1 bedroom to 4 bedroom homes. The Board of Health raised a question as to whether we would allow a meter installed on his well to bill him for sewer.

Commissioner Meader stated that he had no problem with this request, but asked if we have the usual right of access? Mrs. Buzanoski replied yes.

Commissioner Meader suggested that we should find out if the water quality of the well is corrosive, or detrimental to the meter in some way.

Commissioner Firmin was in favor of this request.

Commissioner Pepe was in favor also.

Commissioner Meader would like to have a Memorandum of Understanding drafted, which is signed and notarized by the homeowner. This Memorandum should be recorded with the deed. Mrs. Buzanoski will work on drafting this document.

4. Review of drainlayers license requests.

The Commission received a drainlayers license request from Robert DiVerdi, DiVerdi Builders, Inc., Paxton MA. Mrs. Buzanoski stated that Mr. DiVerdi did not have any jobs lined up in Northborough and he does not currently have a drainlayers license in another town. The Commission did not issue a license but, if in the future Mr. DiVerdi does get a job in Northborough, he can re-apply.

5. Review Correspondence.

The Commission reviewed items in the correspondence folder.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review of Marlborough Westerly Plant construction.

There were no new updates.

2. Review Brigham Street Well project.

Tata & Howard continues to work on the design to meet the SRF filing deadline of October 2011. Mrs. Buzanoski noted that the costs are escalating and it may be necessary to get an additional Town Meeting authorization.

3. Supervisor's Report.

- Mrs. Buzanoski stated that the water bills commitment totals for the 4th quarter were:

○ Water:	\$391,044.29
○ <u>Sewer:</u>	<u>\$213,003.01</u>
Total:	\$604,047.30

- Mrs. Buzanoski reviewed a request from Mike Berberian for permission to drive across the Boundary St. property to access the State property where he is planting. Commissioner would like to obtain a copy of the letter allowing him permission to plant on their fields, which should also show the dates that he is able to use the fields. Mrs. Buzanoski will ask for a copy of the letter. She added that Mr. Berberian does have insurance and he will be charged by the Town for the access to the States property.
- Mrs. Buzanoski discussed a request to protect Westborough's Indian Meadow Well Zone II Recharge Area. Mrs. Buzanoski met with the Town Engineer, The Health Agent and the Town Planner to discuss this. They were not in favor of

this request. After discussion, the Commission was also not in favor of this request. They unanimously agreed not to support this request at this time.

- Mrs. Buzanoski presented a handout from Joe McManus requesting permission to connect sewer to a piece of property on Maple/Ridge Road. He said that he has already approached the homeowners on Wesson Terrace. Commissioner Firmin asked if this property was outside of the sewer service area. Mrs. Buzanoski replied that it was. The Commission unanimously agreed to deny this request to connect to sewer because the property is outside of the sewer service area and has an approved septic plan.
- Mrs. Buzanoski discussed a request from the owner of 39 Deacon St to connect an underground sprinkler system to the municipal water system due to health issues. Mrs. Buzanoski stated that the Commission has had a couple of these types of requests in the past. The reason that they were approved was that it was understood that it was a temporary measure, until the homeowner could get a well installed. Then they were removed from the municipal water system. The Commission agreed to discuss it at their next meeting along with the file of prior requests.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 1st at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn: At 8:40 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda LePoer
DPW Administrative Assistant