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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, Thursday, July 12, 2018 at Public Works, 4 Turkey Hill Road, Newtown, CT. Marianne Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Gene Vetrano, Lou Carbone, Dick Zang, Marianne Brown, Alan Shepard

Absent: George Hill, Carl Zencey

Also Present: Director of Public Work Fred Hurley, 11 members of the public and one member of the press

Public Participation – None

Minutes – G. Vetrano moved to approve the minutes of the 6/6/18 special meeting. L. Carbone seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Report by Suez Water Environmental Services – None

Report by Public Works Director – F. Hurley reported that he met with Fuss and O'Neill and the results of the lead study are better than they thought it would. They have received a Notice to Reissue a General Permit for Nitrogen Discharge from DEEP. The cost for repairs to the main mixers were original expected to be \$70,000 but now it is closer to \$30-40,000.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

79 Church Hill Road – F. Hurley reported that he spoke with our Attorney and their Attorney who suggested reserving capacity with two stipulations. One is that the applicant have an approved application from P&Z and Wetlands within 6 months and two, have a full approved project within 8 months after an accepted application to the Land Use agencies.

D. Zang suggested reducing the timeline for approval from P&Z and Wetlands down to 65 Days. Attorney Holester, representing 79 Church Hill Road, LLC explained that time line will be very difficult to accomplish because there is a lot of engineering to complete. They would likely be coming back to the WSA for an extension. A. Shepard articulated that he would rather give them more time to work through the process rather than coming back every 3 months for an extension. The 6 months timeline is fairly aggressive as it is.

D. Zang also added a third stipulation that upgrades to the Sandy Hook Pump station need to be complete before the project goes online.

D. Zang moved that that the WSA will place a “temporary hold” on the availability of 20,868 gallons of sewer system capacity, for a 141 housing unit project, at 79 Church Hill Road, on approximately .75 acres of land entirely within the existing sewer service area, proposed by 79 Church Hill Road, LLC, with the following stipulations:

First, the hold of capacity will lapse unless the applicant demonstrates that it has a complete application for the proposed project filed with the Newtown Planning & Zoning Commission and Wetlands Commission within six (6) month from this date of approval, with extension of that deadline not to be unreasonably with-held.

Second, once the project applications have been acknowledged as received by the necessary agencies, the applicant will have eight (8) months to secure an approved project, with extensions of that deadline not to be unreasonably with-held, or the hold of capacity will lapse.

Third, before a building permit is issued, the Sandy Hook pump station expansion will be completed. A. Shepard seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Sandy Hook Pump Station – F. Hurley reported that the recommendation from Fuss and O’Neill is to recommend the replacement of the two pumps with larger ones increasing the capacity by 25%-30% They would have enough capacity for all the projects that they are contemplating. At the next meeting they should have a cost and a way to proceed.

WSA Finance and Procedures – Completed at a previous meeting, should have been removed from agenda.

2018 Budget – F. Hurley explained that the revenues have been broken down to three areas, FFH, the State and Central district. The main difference between last year and this year, there is one more rate percentage increase that goes into effect on July 1, 2018. The sewer assessments for 37 Church Hill Road will come in lump sum. Sewer usage fees will also increase as more homes and business on the Hawleyville sewer extension come online.

D. Zang moved to approve the budgets for sewer and water as presented. A. Shepard seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Water Pollution Control Plan – D. Zang put out a draft in March. The board would like to memorialize the states stand on environmental impact at the lake communities, South Main Street and north of Taunton Lake, and their capacity at FFH’s as well.

Delinquent Sewer Assessment Usage – The Tax Collector has been in contact with Meadow brook Trailer Park regarding their delinquent payment plan. They have paid some money that is owed but not what was agreed upon. Other delinquencies have started payments.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm

Respectfully submitted
Arlene Miles, Clerk