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

The Water and Sewer Authority a regular meeting on January 11, 2018, at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, 24 Commerce Road, Newtown, CT. Gene Vetrano called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

Present: Gene Vetrano, Alan Shepard, George Hill, Dick Zang, Carl Zency (7:17)

Absent: Lou Carbone, Marianne Brown

Also Present: Director of Public Work Fred Hurley, Julio Segarra and Mike Burke of Suez Water Environmental Services, Bill Donahue, Sinan Sepkin

Public Participation – None

Approval of the Minutes – Gene Vetrano moved to approve the minutes of the December XX public Hearing. George Hill seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Alan Shepard moved to approve the minutes of the December xx regular meeting. George Hill seconded, motion unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hawleyville Sewer Extension – Fred Hurley explained that there is winter shut down so final paving won't take place until the spring. They property at 9 Covered Bridge and 13 Hawleyville is being divided. The original peak flow will be divided.

Sewer Benefit Assessment for 12 Church Hill Road – There is still no response from the closing attorney's as to what if any sewer benefit assessment was transferred to 12 Church Hill Road. Fred Hurley will send a letter explaining that the board will act at its February meeting. If there is no information forwarded regarding the benefit assessment, the proposed \$54,000 will be acted on. Dick Zang moved to table setting the sewer benefit assessment for 12 Church Hill Road. George Hill seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Sewer Benefit Assessment for Church Hill Village, 37 Church Hill Road – Dick Zang explained that he thinks that they owe the applicant more backup from Karin & Fazio regarding the benefit assessment. Fred Hurley asked to get the quality and strength of flow for the proposed project. The benefit assessment was based on the Covered Bridge project but is more comparable to the flats at Homesteads which may be more applicable.

WSA Finance and Procedures – Dick Zang reported that on the Finance side, they basically found that we don't have to go to the finance department to get a breakdown of our budget, we can do the work ourselves. We can see what the expense is for pump stations. We have to fall on our devices that make

sense to the board. On the procedures side, they discussed setting up an executive committee. This would solve the dilemma of time constraints. Dick Zang moved that the WSA establish and executive committee including the Chairman, Vice Chair and one other member chosen by the Chairman and the Vice Chair to be the executive committee. Alan Shepard seconded, motion unanimously approved.

2018 Budget – Fred Hurley provided expenditures through December 31. We should go back and try to break out the first 6 months of bills to see what are the appropriate line items for Hawleyville. The Finance Director called and said that the water fund owes \$1 million that the general fund. When they took all the water projects they advanced some of the money from the sewer fund, they also advanced it from the general fund. A special benefit assessment should pay that. What the special benefit assessment would be in a range of \$1.8 to \$2 million. Alan Shepard moved to set up a committee to put together a benefit assessment project. George Hill seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Dick Zang, Alan Shepard and Gene Vetrano volunteered to be part of the FFH Water benefit assessment committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Sewer Connection at 17 Washington Avenue – The WSA received a letter of request for hook up to the sewers at 17 Washington Avenue. This is part of the transmission line and there are laterals. A letter from the Health Department is needed as well as a request for a sewer extension. A public hearing will be held at the next meeting on February 8, 2018.

Committee Reports – Gene Vatrano reported that George Benson suggested that there be a liaison from the WSA to be on the pre application list and attend all the meetings.

Report by Suez Water Environmental Services – Julio Segarra reported that they received some results from the lead study that they are doing. There is nothing of any significance but was sent to Fuss & O'Neill.

He also reported that the Homesteads has clogged the grinder pump with rags again and the High School has been clogged up the Sandy Hook pump station plastics. They know it came from the High School because of the last clog. He suggested back charging the people for time served might get their attention.

A notice of violation has been received from the Department of Health for the FFH Water system. Fred Hurley and Donna Culbert, Health Department Director have spoken with the state and they have rescinded the violation. There was an issue getting the data in sync between the lab and the state.

Report by Public Director – Fred Hurley reported that they have existing capacity as based on metered flow from 11/2014 of 267,000. That number has changed dramatically since that date. He thinks they need to make a policy how to revise that on a rolling basis based. The board needs to make a policy on how to maintain an available capacity number available to other planning boards.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene Miles, Clerk