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

The Water and Sewer Authority held a regular meeting, Thursday, May 12 13, 2022. The meeting was held at Newtown Public Works, 4 Turkey Hill Road, Newtown, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Alan Shepard, Mark Benedict, George Hill, Gene Vetrano, Carl Zencey

Absent: Marianne Brown, Lou Carbone

Also Present: Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, Julio Segarra from Suez Environmental Service, GIS Specialist Christina Woehrle and Mike Burton

Public Participation – None

Minutes – A. Shepard moved to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2022 meeting. G. Hill seconded, all in favor.

Report by Suez Water Environmental Services – J. Segarra reported that the water side is running smoothly. For the sewer side, they have a hiccup at the Hanover Road pump station but all other pump stations are running well.

Report by Public Works Director – No report

Report of GIS Project – J. Segarra and C. Woehrle have been working together on mapping and plotting all the valves and piping for the FFH water project. They are about a quarter way through the new sanitary project at FFH.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

24 Glen Road Request for Sewer Extension – One of the requirements for a sewer extension is a report from the Health District. The Newtown Health District did the initial screening. They contacted the Department of Public Health who said they do not have to review it because it is only one residential structure. M. Burton explained his proposal is compliant with the Sandy Hook Design guideline. F. Hurley spoke about reserve capacity. There has been interest from 27 and 75 Glen Road but there is no application in front of the board which puts 24 Glen Road at the top of the que. M. Benedict moved to approve the application of 24 Glen Road based on review by the local Health Department and Connecticut State Department of Public Health and also have met review of available unallocated capacity of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. G. Hill seconded, motion passes, 4 Yes, 1 Abstain (Shepard).

C. Zencey moved to hire Karin and Fazio to do a Benefit Assessment for 24 Glen Road. M. Benedict, all in favor.

FFH Water System Improvement – The letters of intent for the FFH Water System Improvement are due 5/14/22. There is a mandatory meeting on 5/19/22 and the RFP is due on 6/2/22.

Designation of Design Engineer for FFH Water System Improvement – This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Woods/Maplewoods Pump Station – The bills have been collected and have been forwarded to Maplewoods.

EDC Grant for FFH – The only EDC grant was for the sanitary sewer. The water system improvements were funded by ARP and other town funds

Sandy Hook Pump Station – The pump station is up and running.

Financials - F. Hurley provided a proposed 22/23 budget for the Sewer system. He used an assumption of a 6% increase in sewer rates. A Public Hearing on the rate increase would be advertised and set for June 9th. A. Shepard moved to approve the proposed 22/23 sewer budget. M. Benedict seconded, all in favor.

I&I – J. Segarra explained they have done some cameraing at the Hanover pump station. They are finding the joints between the stacks are starting to fail and will need to be resealed. He also reported that they did smoke testing and the smoke came out of the catch basins.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted
Arlene Miles, Clerk