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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, October 11, 2018 at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, 24 Commerce Road, Newtown, CT. Gene Vetrano called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Gene Vetrano, Lou Carbone, Dick Zang, Carl Zencey

Absent: Alan Shepard, Marianne Brown, George Hill

Also Present: Director of Public Work Fred Hurley, Mike Burke and Julio Segarra from Suez Water Environmental Service, 5 members of the public and 2 members of the press

Public Participation – Paul Catino, not a Newtown resident, but have close connections in town. There is mixed feelings about affordable housing. If a 110 room hotel asks for a variance for the sewer and asks the states, what would the response be of the Newtown people? Would they ask the state for the variance or not. The state has plenty of capacity; the town just has to ask for it. It would help to make progress in the town. His brother and sister in-law, pay a lot of taxes and are thinking about moving out of town because the tax burden is great. D. Zang explained that 79 Church Hill Road is in court. The WSA is powerless in this matter and referenced CT 8-24 which states, no municipal agency shall locate or extend water until it is referred to commission (planning commission).

Minutes – D. Zang moved to approve the 9/13/18 minutes. C. Zencey seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Report by Suez Water Environmental Services – *Water* – they had an inspection by DPH and there was no significant negative findings. They were impressed with upgrades and upkeep of the system. *Waste Water* – Total phosphorous is based on flow and concentration. Flow has been up so it has been a little touchy to control. The limit is 2.18 lbs average for the sampling season and they are coming in close to the limit at 2.08. Next week they are having an overhaul of the clarifier.

Report by Public Works Director – Fuss & O'Neil is still working on putting the package together for the Sandy Hook Pump Station.

Committee Reports - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water Pollution Control Plan – D. Zang moved to table discussion of the Water Pollution Control Plan until the next meeting. C. Zencey seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Sandy Hook Pump Station – Fuss & O'Neill is still working on the spec. They should have one to give to Suez soon so construction can begin before summer.

Executive Session – Executive Session was not required. F. Hurley explained that the appeal on 79 Church Hill is being processed. Cohen and Wolf have submitted the response. Now the attorneys will argue over the exhibits as to what should be included and what should not.

NEW BUSINESS

C. Zencey moved to add discussion regarding the FFH Master Plan Review Committee meeting attended by Lou Carbone and Fred Hurley. L. Carbone seconded, motion unanimously approved. They are only using 10 or 15% sewer capacity now. There big concern was how much capacity was available for all utilities. The water and sewer systems have capacity but the sewer line needs an overhaul to raise it up to a more manageable elevation. The town as the developer is looking for grant money to assist overhauling the sewer line. The question came up regarding capacity in the treatment plant. 100,000 gallons was transferred from the state exclusively for use at FFH.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm

Respectfully submitted
Arlene Miles, Clerk