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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, January 10, 2019 at Public Works, 4 Turkey Hill Road, Newtown, CT. Marianne Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Gene Vetrano, Dick Zang, Carl Zencey, Alan Shepard, Marianne Brown,

Absent: Lou Carbone

Also Present: George Hill, Director of Public Work Fred Hurley, Julio Segarra of Suez Water Environmental Services and two members of the press

Public Participation – None

Minutes – G. Vetrano moved to approve the minutes from the 11/8/18 meeting. C. Zencey seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Report by Suez Water Environmental Services – J. Segarra reported that the plant is running well. They have had flows as high as 1.7. The nitrogen removal is a little higher but well below the limit. They have scheduled of the overhaul the clarifiers but because of the flows they have had to reschedule. The core coming out of the clarifier will be rebuilt so they have it as a spare.

On the water side, everything is running well. There was a blip with redundant transmitters. They got an integrator in and found that it was a plugged in the line. They blew it out and learned how they can maintain it on their own.

Report by Public Works Director – F. Hurley explained that they have been battling with the new Community Center regarding their fire pump. They did a quality test on the water and a lot of debris was flushed from the construction. They ran a second test which produced little bits of grit but was put in the same box as the results from the first test. A third test will be run and they will keep the debris collected separate. They are using larger lines for the flushing which can cause skowering. They coat the line with the product that builds up a film and shields the iron from the water. The Municipal building does not have a filter for their fire pump and they are using the same water.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water Pollution Control Plan – It has been reviewed by the Attorney. D. Zang moved that a public hearing be held at the February 7, 2019 meeting. G. Vetrano seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Sandy Hook Pump Station – The cost of the project was questioned. F. Hurley explained that are suggesting that other items they may want to be accomplished. J. Segarra explained that the size of the generator also needs to be adjusted. The initial generator suggested was not large enough. A larger

generator is needed to give electrical capacity, if the soft starts on the pumps blow out electronically, they can have a cold start which requires a larger generator than is in there now. The unit they recommenced at 200 kw is marginal at best

The next step is to have Fuss & O'Neil come and do a presentation which will allow the board to ask questions. The board also needs to consult with the Finance Director as to the best means of financing.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Zang moved to add a letter regarding FFH to the agenda. A. Shepard seconded, motion unanimously approved. – A. Shepard has been attending the FFH Master Plan Review Committee meetings. He suggested that the WSA send them a letter explaining the fees and the capacity to make sure they are aware this. Infrastructure is on their dime, if they charge a benefit assessment that could be used for infrastructure improvement. D. Zang moved to authorize F. Hurley to draft a letter to the FFH Master Plan Review Committee and the FFH Authority explaining what they charge for assessments for equivalent dwelling unit and the limit of the WSA responsibility. G. Vetrano seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Review Year to Date Financials – F. Hurley explained that the electricity line item appears to be lower because of the virtual net metering energy credits from the landfill solar credits are being applied to the sewer and water systems. The only thing that has not come out of there is from the solar producer. Bottom line there will be healthy reductions. On the water side, the year to date plus encumbered is more than what was budgeted. However, the revenues are not out of kilter. Before now and the summer, the board will want to take another hard look regarding a benefit assessment for users.

A meeting will be set up with the Finance Direct, D. Zang, M. Brown and F. Hurley to discuss the financials.

F. Hurley explained that they have not closed out the Hawleyville extension project. The paving has not been completed because the contractor couldn't come up with their portion of the cost. This will be completed in April.

Comments from members – G. Vetrano attended a Wetlands meeting and they all said it would be nice to know other board members and what they are doing. In the past joint meetings were held and they all expressed interest in doing it again.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted
Arlene Miles, Clerk