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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 18, 2019 at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, 24 Commerce Road, Newtown, CT. Marianne Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Lou Carbone, Dick Zang, George Hill, Marianne Brown, Carl Zencey

Absent: Alan Shepard, Gene Vetrano

Also Present: Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, Julio Segarra of Suez Water Environmental Services

Public Participation – None

Minutes – G. Hill moved to approve the minutes of the 6/31/19 public hearing. C. Zencey seconded, motion unanimously approved.

D. Zang moved to approve the minutes of the 6/13/19 regular meeting with corrections. Under Comments by Board Members, the last line should read “recommendation for hook up or a letter from the Halth District stating that the septic is failing.” The second motion should read “D. Zang moved to deny the request for an extension because there is no project on file with P&Z and Wetland and they did not meet the timeline for application within 6 months as set on July 12, 2018. L. Carbone seconded, motion unanimously approved.” L. Carbone seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Report by Suez Water Environmental Services – J. Segarra reported that everything is running very well. Nitrates are in the single digits.

Report by Public Works Director – F. Hurley reported that they are applying for a \$1.9 million EPA grant to replace all the sewer mains at FFH. They give half the money, the town comes up with the other. If this comes through they will do a bonding. There is also a request for a deferral from an elderly resident at 5 Hawleyville Road for which there is a process in the regulations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sandy Hook Pump Station – The equipment package will be going out this week or next and they are soliciting three prices for the generator.

Financials – Not discussed

I&I – Not discussed

9 Covered Bridge – There were amendments that they were looking for but none have been resolved. They still hasn't moved on their part of the paving. F. Hurley will go back to DOT and see if we can get this done. It was suggested that they get the paving done and do an assessment for their share of it.

Extension of sewer service area to 41,43,45 and 47 Mt. Pleasant Road – All of their submittals have been dropped off so we will be drafting the actual sewer service ext. agreement.

FFH Water Benefit Assessment Analysis – F. Hurley explained that the information distributed at the last meeting took residential properties and averaged them out so a house is a house. The jail is 83% of the whole project. The question was discussed if Nunnawauk Meadows should see be getting a break. They are looking for someone to manage their water system. Our water stops at the meeting. They are asking for a proposal from Suez to manage their water system. Since they are our operators the WSA needs to give their blessing. D. Zang suggested instead of giving them a break on the water rates, take over water system. D. Zang moved to request a non-compete quotation from Suez to handle the Nunnawauk meadows water system. L. Carbone seconded, motion unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

159 Mt. Pleasant Road request for sewer benefit assessment payment plan – G. Hill moved to accept a 10 year payment plan as proposed for the residential benefit assessment of \$14,400. L. Carbone seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Letter to Land Use regarding sewer capacity – F. Hurley brought this up with the planning group that meets which includes Public Works, P&Z, and Land Use. Part of the application process is to have this information to know if there is any point in moving a project forward. You consider the 332,000 gallons a day available for the central district, subtract the FFH number and the net available capacity can be calculated. We have being doing a 12 month moving average. When we get to 90% of permitted capacity we may notify the state if that level of use is going to continue. We may ask for a loan of capacity from the state for environmental purposes or temporarily use some of the FFH capacity. We notify them that we are close to full capacity and work on a plan to move forward.

Comments from Board Members –F. Hurley expressed his appreciation for D. Zang's efforts and hard work for the board. He is a large part of why this is a respected board in town. All members thanked D. Zang for his hard work and he will be missed.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectfully submitted
Arlene Miles, Clerk