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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 14, 2020 via Teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 5:12pm.

Present (via teleconference): Lou Carbone, Gene Vetrano, Marianne Brown, Alan Shepard (5:17)

Absent: George Hill, Mark Benedict, Carl Zencey

Also Present (via teleconference): Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, Julio Segarra and Mike Burke of Suez Water Environmental Services,

Public Participation – None

Minutes – Tabled

Report by Suez Water Environmental Services – At the water treatment plant both phosphate chemical feed pumps were rebuilt.

The sand filter at the Community Center did not have the proper filter median installed. The correct median filters iron and not particulates. We are providing professional assistance but at the end of the day it is their project.

During the covid-19 pandemic we are still able to do sampling and are 100% compliant.

On the sewer side, the plant is running well but starting to age and will need some capital. The sand filters are starting to hit the end of their life. They budgeted for it last year and it is coming to fruition. The estimated proposed cost is \$140,000. Last year they guesstimated the cost to be \$250,000. They are thinking of getting the parts on order because there is a 10 week delivery time. Once they get all the parts and contractors in place they will begin.

In the last 6 months they have seen an increased amount of improper material discharged into the sewer system. The amount is so severe that it caused both pumps at the Sandy Hook pump station to go down. It wiped out the barring on the pump. Suez has a PR promotion talking about the rag problem. J. Segarra will work with them to get something issues in the paper, an insert in the tax bills and possibly a robo call. Not everyone is on sewer but it is just as bad for septic's.

Report by Public Works Director – The EDA grant at FFH is moving along. They are planning to advertise at the end of month, get an engineer on board the end of June and start designing in July.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sandy Hook Pump Station – They are working with Fuss & O’Neil on the installation package. They should have it shortly. They have gotten the generator and the transfer station switch, but have not gotten the pumps in yet.

Financials – F. Hurley will provide the financials when they are available.

I&I – J. Segarra and F. Hurley are going to put an I&I reduction proposal for reducing plant capacity usage and provide some breathing room with overall capacity.

FFH Water Benefit Assessment Analysis – When we have a final EDA project cost we can develop this item further.

NEW BUSINESS

15 Washington Avenue – A. Shepard moved to approve 15 Washington Avenue to connect to the sewer system for a 20 year sewer benefit assessment payment. L. Carbone seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Comments from Board Members – None

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.

Respectfully submitted
Arlene Miles, Clerk