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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 special meeting, Thursday, February 24, 2022. The meeting was held at Newtown Public Works, 4 Turkey Hill Road, Newtown, CT. The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

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

Absent: Marianne Brown, Lou Carrbone, George Hill

Also Present: Director of Public Works Fred Hurley and 5 members of the public

Public Participation – None

Minutes – A. Shepard moved to approve the minutes of the 1/13/22 meeting. C. Zencey seconded, all in favor.

Report by Suez Water Environmental Services – None

Report by Public Works Director – F. Hurley reported that the Meadow Brook Trailer park is past due \$38,000. F. Hurley will send a registered certified letter to the owners to try to settle the delinquent amount.

Report of GIS Project – No Update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Woods/Maplewood Pump Station – F. Hurley reported that over the last month they have been working through mediation to come to an agreement. They reached an agreement which a maceration pump is a part. April 7 is the scheduled mediation date to finalize the agreement. He suggested that the WSA require deadlines as to when everything will be installed. They are aware that the WSA has legitimate concern with what has gone on with cost that should not be borne by all the sewer users. A. Shepard moved to recommend that the WSA will delay surcharging provided that there is an enforceable agreement in place between the parties that includes installation of the appropriate maceration pump technology by April 7, 2022 and that the new maceration pump is working within 90 days of the agreement. M. Benedict seconded, all in favor.

EDC Grant for FFH – Work should start before March 23 and they have 150 days to complete. Completion is schedule for the end of September.

Sandy Hook Pump Station – They are going to try to get the outside structures installed in two weeks and then the pumps. The generators are set.

Financials – F. Hurley presented a budget analysis. The expenses are based on actual expenses. The operating surplus and benefit assessments provides \$180,644 that allows payment to the sewer side for \$1.4 million in barrowed funds for previous improvements and doesn't require a rate increase. M. Benedict moved to accept the proposed 2022/2023 Water System Budget Analysis. A. Shepard seconded, all in favor.

I&I – No update

NEW BUSINESS

FFH Water System Improvement/ARP funds – F. Hurley explained that \$1,500,000 of ARP funding is slated for FFH Water System Improvements. It still has to go through approvals so it is not definite.

Comments from Board Members – None

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted
Arlene Miles, Clerk