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THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

The Water and Sewer Authority held a special meeting, Tuesday, October 1, 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, Alan Shepard, Gene Vetrano, Marianne Brown

Absent: George Hill, Carl Zencey

Also Present: Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, Julio Segarra and Mike Burke of Suez Water Environmental Services and Phil Clark of Claris Construction

Public Participation – Phil Clark, one of the owners at 53 Church Hill Road. There is a national sandwich shop that is interested in renting. Is it possible to have an above ground grease tank or an under the sink tank because the underground tanks installed is impossible to get tied into. F. Hurley asked if they can they pump it to another grease trap. P. Clark questioned why it is necessary for a sandwich shop, they do not fry, they do not bake, they just make sandwiches. The state has mandated a Fats, Oils and Grease tanks outside the building. The concern is maintaining. A. Shepard suggested that a national chain has probably run into this problem before and may have a fix.

Minutes – L. Carbone moved to approve the minutes of the 7/18/19 meeting. A. Shepard seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Report by Suez Water Environmental Services – J. Segarra reported that both the water and waste water are running well. They took down #1 clarifier for repairs and will do the same to #2. They received their prices on the generator but the spec did not have adequate power so they have asked Generac to upgrade their specs with a heavier engine for extra HP. The UPS's have been failing so they have been replacing them. They do not have a pass through to make sure they do not fail during a power outage.

Report by Public Works Director – The town received an EDA grant for FFH for infrastructure. The town will have to match the grant 50%. The town can either pay it or assess the users which would not include the jail or the horse guard which just leaves the town. It has to go to a public hearing and a referendum. All the main lines and manholes will be replaced at the proper depth.

Aquarion came inquiring about possibly taking over the water at FFH. F. Hurley informed them that they will need to come up with a proposal for the board to consider.

5 Hawleyville Road is an elderly women who is having hard financial times. F. Hurley is working with the Tax Collector to prepare the paperwork needed to request elderly relief. This is a program in the central district but this is new for the Hawleyville extension. A lien will be put on the property and the

benefit assessments would be recouped at the sale of the property. Otherwise, penalty and interest would continue to accrue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sandy Hook Pump Station – F. Hurley reported that they are still working with the Purchasing Agent concerning the pump spec. Once they have that it can be forwarded to Fuss & O’Neil who is putting together a package to go out to bid for installation.

Financials – No update

I&I – No update

9 Covered Bridge – They are still waiting for the developer to come up with their share for the paving. The State will start to put pressure on them to get the job completed.

Sewer Service Extension Agreement – They are still evaluating the equipment for the Toll Brothers pump station. If the WSA takes it over, it has to be what they require so the extension agreement will continue to be negotiated.

FFH Water Benefit Assessment Analysis – No Update

NEW BUSINESS

Washington Avenue/Riverwalk at Sandy Hook Village – The project has changed from condo’s and rentals to all rentals. The assessment formula would be that of all apartments. The number of units has not changed and it has been approved by P&Z. The difference is that the benefit assessment for condo’s is paid at C of O where the apartments are paid per building. It is the same program that is in place for 9 Covered Bridge in Hawleyville.

A Shepard disclosed that he has worked with M. Burton on this project but changing it from Condo to rental and extension are not substantial. The sewer capacity has already been approved.

G. Vetrano moved to extend this request to 60 Days from today to allow for property closure. L. Carbone seconded, motion unanimously approved.

G. Vetrano moved to authorize F. Hurley to amend the project agreements to reflect the change in the schedule of benefit assessment and to perform other non substantive administrative changing. L. Carbone seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Comments from Board Members – None

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted
Arlene Miles, Clerk