

MINTUES OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held on Thursday, August 7, 2008, at the Department Offices, 605 West Queen Street, Southington, CT. A recording of this meeting can be found on file tapes #532 & 533.

Present: President Stephen C. Pestillo, Vice President Thomas J. Murphy, Secretary and Treasurer John C. Dobbins, Commissioners Robert M. Berkmoes, Erik E. Semmel, Angelina Santa Maria, Superintendent Thomas R. West, Assistant Superintendent Frederick W. Rogers, and Recording Secretary Melissa French.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Approval of minutes of July 10, 2008 Board Meeting.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Berkmoes to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, July 10, 2008. The motion was seconded by commissioner Murphy and passed unanimously.

3. Communications

a) Communications from the Public

None

b) Communications from Administration

Superintendent Tom West spoke about approval of the June 26, 2008 Special Board meeting minutes. Superintendent West informed the Board that Sue Grenert (Water Department employee and union Representative) noticed a discrepancy in the meeting minutes were she was quoted as saying she would like an opportunity to comment on behalf of her and the employees regarding the records theft. She requested that the Board change that comment from the employees to some of the employees. Reason being she was not representing all Department employees and their opinions in her letter and wants to clarify that.

A motion was made by Commissioner Santa Maria to change the language in June special Board meeting minutes from the to some of the employees to accurately reflect Sue Grenert's request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dobbins and the motion Passed unanimously.

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c) Communications from board Member

None

4. Financial Matters

a) Review of Water Billing & Outstanding Jobbing Bills & Approval of Invoices

Superintendent informed the Board the Department is in a similar position to last month, although they are headed in the right direction. They will be receiving a check in the next week or so from the Town for hydrant rental for approximately \$87,000.00.

Because of new interest charges we have to send out bills later than usual, they can only be sent out after the last day of the month, as a result, there will be a lag in the revenue stream. Board members reviewed maintenance charges for truck repairs. Superintendent West informed the board that they do have one new outstanding bill for Job # 10219.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy to approve invoices. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Santa Maria. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board decided to take New Business agenda items out of order.

7a. Proposed 2 "Irrigation Services for North Star Centers, LLC. "Duska Center".

Assistant Superintendent Rogers explained the proposed work to be done at the new Target located on West Street. The proposed change is just to the bank site. They are asking to add an irrigation pit with a meter. Assistant Superintendent Rogers stated the 2" service is large enough to supply the additional water required for irrigation. Commissioner Murphy asked if the tie-in was completed. Superintendent West responded that the tap was done at the street. Commissioner Murphy asked if all the work was complete and if not would water be supplied without the entire project at 100%. Superintendent West responded meters would not be set until the project is complete.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berkmoes. A motion was seconded by Commissioner Semmel the motion passed unanimously.

c) Proposed 4" Services for 3 unit Medical Office Building to be located at 1104 Meriden, Waterbury Turnpike.

Assistant Superintendent Rogers presented proposed plans. He stated that they are proposing a 4" services line into the property with a blow off at the end of the line as required, and three 1" inch taps and services to the property. He stated that this meets the department's requirements and specifications. Commissioner Murphy asked if Cheshire signed off on the proposed design because the property is in Cheshire and serviced by Southington Water. Assistant Superintendent Rogers stated that he has to check the letter he believes that it has been signed off and they have permission to service the property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berkmoes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

5.) Committee Report

a) Executive Committee

None

b) Infrastructure Committee

Superintendent West presented the findings from phase 1&2 environmental studies performed by Malcolm-Pirnie, Inc. consulting Engineers. There were five separate tasks within this study. 1) Crescent Lake: Superintendent West explained the details of the Crescent Lake study and some of the detail of how this source would be used to replenish the Quinnipiac River during low flow conditions.

2) Reservoir #4 expansion or raising reservoir #2 water level: Superintendent West briefly explained the water shed area and the cost differences of the two projects. This is a preliminary study and a detailed engineering study would have to be performed before a final decision could be made on which project would be most beneficial to the Department. At this point it appears the construction of a new reservoir would cost less than raising reservoir #2.

3) Iron & Manganese study: Superintendent West presented the different design approaches and cost associated with these designs. Pilot testing and preliminary engineering would be the next phase in the study.

4) Mariondale Tank: Superintendent West presented the details of a present worth analysis performed on the current steel tank in place verses installing a new concrete tank. A concrete tank would be more cost effective based on the study's findings. A concrete tank would cost the Department less to maintain over the life of the tank.

5) East Side Service Area Study: Superintendent West briefly explained how a storage tank would best serve this area. Superintendent West also, explained the differences in the service areas. Topography was discussed, and locations for a pump station and storage tank were discussed.

b) Wellhead Protection Phase 2-

Superintendent West explained the conceptual Site Plan. He stated that Bob Melstrom wouldn't be in attendance tonight, however Gary Lawrence a representative from Stantec is present. Superintendent West stated that all the buildings are down at the site, large quantities of soil has been moved around and moved off site, and remediation is moving along. He stated that they found three underground storages tanks and dry wells. They found a 1500 gallon fuel/gasoline storage tank, a 3,000 gallon diesel storage tank, and a 1,000 gallon heating oil storage tank all on the property. The installation of the water main on the property was discussed with some reference to the contractor and their experience for doing this type of work. Superintendent West will be checking references on the water main contractor. All phases of the project were discussed.

c) Technology Committee

A meeting will be held on August 11, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

6. Old Business

a) Update on Federal Grants, State Grants, and SRF Loans.

Richard Moffitt presented the following topics for the Board's review.

State Funding

There are two sources of State Funding that are being monitored:

DWSRF Full Loan Application

Standard Demolition continues to work on-site on Phase2. Remediation has begun. A request for reimbursement has been processed by the State.

Urban Act Application

A special Bond Commission meeting was held on August 4th for implementing the new state budget requirements and laws. Unexpectedly several municipal projects were allowed beyond essential and consent items on the agenda.

Senator Caligiuri is monitoring the situation with the Governor's Office. A meeting will take place in the next 2 weeks with OPM. A tentative SBC meeting is scheduled for August 29th. A September 26th meeting is on the calendar but it is questionable it will be held.

Federal Funding

As previously reported, the subcommittee of the House did not include any new projects in the WRDA Funding bill. The Senate's markup of the bill also did not include any funding for new projects. The CT congressional delegation was hopeful the subcommittee markup would include new projects, specifically SWD's WRDA request. Congress is in recess for 5 weeks and will reconvene on September 3rd. Once the committees meet there is a good chance SWD will be inserted in the final funding bill.

The Interior bill, STAG funding, was not marked up before recess. In the House version, SWD will hopefully get \$400k to as much as \$900k. The Senate is likely to support SWD's request with a similar amount of funding.

b) Update on Birm 1 contract

Assistant Superintendent Rogers explained that the contractor Birm 1 was supposed to back to finish the Welch Road water main project by August 1st. Dave Cassetti of Birm 1 has informed us they wouldn't be back until the August 25, 2008 to complete the remainder of the project. At this time the Department has to wait it out because the contract has not been violated.

c) Water for People Tournament

After a brief discussion the Board decided to take no action.

7. New business

b) Proposed 1.5" Water Services for 433 Queen Street by Great American Donut Inc.

Assistant Superintendent Rogers explained the design drawing for the project. He stated that the proposed design is straight forward and meets all the departments' specifications.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berkmoes to approve the proposed 1.5' water service located at 433 Queen Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dobbins. The motion passed unanimously.

d) Proposed 2008-2009 Water Shed Management Budget.

Superintendent West explained the current timber sale; he stated this year the timber price is very low right now and recommended combining this year and next year sale in order to improve revenue. Superintendent West briefly discussed watershed road work. The Superintendent further explained additional work that needs to be performed in order to maintain water shed roads and boundary markings which is part of the forestry management plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy to approve \$11,000 as needed by Ferrucci & Walicki, LLC to perform the proposed water shed maintenance work. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Berkmoes. The motion passed unanimously.

e) Proposed Water Main Extension and Water Services for Lake Compounce Water Park Extension.

Assistant Superintendent Rogers explained reconstruction of the road in the vicinity of the park. He stated that five hydrants were approved by the Southington Fire Department; he also stated the Park wants to add 2 new well sites to supply 50,000 gallons a day for rides. Superintendent West stated that they technically need a diversion permit to operate wells with the type of volume they are looking for. Commissioner Murphy stated that they are on residential land, and would like to know how they can change it to commercial land and

space the hydrants according. The Fire Department approved the Hydrant spacing even though it is zoned residential because this land cannot be developed based on its location. Commissioner Murphy asked what size water mains are being installed to feed the hydrants on the property, the Superintendent replied 8".

A motion was made by Commissioner Berkmoes to approve the proposed water main extension. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Semmel. The motion passed unanimously.

f) Proposed 34 unit condominiums complex off Prosperity Court. "Prosperity Court" by Oakland Developers.

Assistant Superintendent Rogers explained drawings for proposed sight. He stated that there is an 8" water main that serves the area he also pointed out hydrant locations and the location of a 2" blow off at the end of the line. There is an agreement in place that is approved to loop to Cardinal Crest condos that has been reviewed by the Department's attorney. The sight meets the Department's specifications and requirements and the hydrant locations were signed off by the Fire Chief and Captain Casarella.

A motion was made by Commissioner Murphy to approve water service for the proposed 34 unit condominiums complex off Prosperity Court. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Santa Maria. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session Anticipated for Personnel and Negotiation Matters.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dobbins to move to Executive Session barring all public and press but to include Superintendent West and Assistant Superintendent Rogers. Commissioner Berkmoes seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.


The board entered executive session at 8:33 p.m.

The board reconvened into regular session at 9:18 p.m.

Commissioner Dobbins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Semmel. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Attest:



John C. Dobbins, Secretary & Treasurer