

## **BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING**

### **Thursday, September 8, 2016**

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners held at the department administrative offices, 605 West Queen Street, Southington, Connecticut, on Thursday, September 8, 2016. A recording of this meeting can be found on tapes # 652.

1.) **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Michael Domian. A quorum was determined by the President.

**PRESENT:** President Mike Domian, Vice President Thomas Murphy, Secretary/Treasurer Gregory Klimaszewski, Commissioner Erika Pocock, Commissioner Joseph Del Debbio, Superintendent Frederick Rogers, Assistant Superintendent William Casarella, and Office Supervisor and Recording Secretary Maria Nason.

#### 2.) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 14, 2016 BOARD MEETING:**

Commissioner Murphy made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Del Debbio and was passed by a voice vote. Commissioner Klimaszewski abstained.

#### 3.) **COMMUNICATIONS:**

##### a.) **Communication from the Public:**

Superintendent Rogers presented a letter to the Board written by town resident Arthur Cyr. Mr. Cyr wanted to commend the staff of the Department for an outstanding job of responding and handling the recent chemical spill on Spring Street. His letter has been entered into the record.

##### b.) **Communication from Administration:**

Superintendent Rogers updated the Board regarding the chemical spill on Spring Street. He stated he met with DEEP, the State Health Dept, Emergency Responders and our environmental engineer. After the meeting and reviewing the current sampling results, he feels that the Department water supply is not at risk. The Department will continue samples for the next three months. These costs will be passed on to Light Metals Coloring.

Superintendent Rogers stated he has been asked to attend the Town Council meeting this Monday to answer questions regarding the spill.

Superintendent Rogers informed the Board that Albert Aldi retired after 45 years with the Department. Commissioner Pocock requested we explore the issuance of a proclamation to Mr. Aldi for his years of service to the Department.

**c.) Communication from Board Members:**

Commissioner Murphy congratulated the staff for their handling of the Spring Street chemical spill. He stated that sometimes the Board does not say enough, but he felt good that our response was proactive and he thanked Superintendent Rogers and Assistant Superintendent Casarella for a job well done. Commissioner Domian echoed his sentiments.

**4.) NEW BUSINESS:**

**a.) Water Restriction Ordinance**

Superintendent Rogers explained the need for a water restriction ordinance to assist with the enforcement of non-compliance. The Board agreed and Superintendent Rogers will generate a draft ordinance for Board review.

**b.) SWD Line Protection Program “Terms and Conditions” language change.**

Superintendent Rogers presented the following changes to the “Terms and Conditions” for the Department’s Service Line Protection Program:

The Plan also does not include the repair or replacement of service lines in which a portion or portions of the service line run underneath concrete floors or patios **has been replaced with: The Plan also does not include the repair or replacement of the portion of a service line that runs under any structure that obstructs the ability to excavate and repair the service line, including but not limited to, a deck, pavers, concrete floor or patio, retaining wall, etc.**

Your plan begins within 30 days our receipt of your authorization to enroll in the plan **has been replaced with: Your plan begins within 30 days after your service line has been approved. Applicant will be notified of their start date by letter.**

This brochure is accurate as of 10/1/10, **has been changed to: as of 7/15/16.**

#### FACTS TO KNOW:

Costs can range from \$50 to \$150 for emergencies, **has been replaced with:**  
**Costs can range from \$70 to \$188 for emergencies.**

Commissioner Klimaszewski made a motion to accept the language changes to the SWD Line Protection Program “Terms and Conditions” to also include a revision date of 9/8/16 be added to the language. Commissioner Del Debbio seconded the motion and it passed unanimously on a voice vote.

#### c.) Shuttle Meadow Road and Flanders Road Water Main Design Proposals

Superintendent Rogers proposed the Board consider approving funds for the design of the Shuttle Meadow Road and Flanders Road water main pending execution of the Valley Water ESA agreement. He received a design price of \$17,700 for each from Snyder Civil Engineering. After a brief discussion, this item was moved to Executive Session for purposes of negotiation discussions related to the Valley Water ESA agreement.

After the Board reconvened from Executive Session, Commissioner Murphy made a motion to approve Snyder Civil Engineer’s proposal for the Flanders Road and Shuttle Meadow Road water main design for \$17,770 each. Commissioner Klimaszewski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### d.) Well #2 Replacement – Design Proposals

Woodard and Curran were ranked first with regards to their qualifications for well replacement. In following with the regulations of the state Health Department requirements for the Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) process, Superintendent Rogers negotiated a price with Woodard and Curran for design of Well 2A in the amount of \$277,000 with an additional \$25,000 for the SCADA design. Commissioner Murphy made a motion to hire Woodard and Curran for the design of Well 2A in the amount of \$277,000 with an additional \$25,000 for the SCADA design, a grand total of \$302,000. Commissioner Klimaszewski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously on a voice vote.

- e.) **6" fire protection service, 1" domestic service, Parcel #74, Atwater Street, 20,000 sq ft, mixed use building. Owner/Developer: Forgione Management Group, LLC; Engineer: Harry E. Cole & Son.**

Assistant Superintendent Casarella presented and explained plans for a 6" fire protection line and a 1" domestic service line to serve new commercial construction at 74 Atwater Street. Commissioner Klimaszewski made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Commissioner Del Debbio seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **5.) FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

- a.) **Review of Water Billings & Outstanding Jobbing Bills & Approval of Invoices:**

Office Supervisor Maria Nason stated that an additional check was added to the invoices after the Board reports were sent out for review.

President Domian questioned the outstanding jobbing invoices and if it was time to remove them from the report. Office Supervisor Nason stated she will review the policy and address this at the next meeting. Commissioner Murphy questioned a few outstanding invoices on the jobbing report that were deleted. Office Supervisor Nason stated the Department had received payment for those invoices. Commissioner Klimaszewski asked about liening the property for these outstanding balances. Nason stated that the Department has an automatic lien; however, we have perfected those liens. Commissioner Klimaszewski asked about interest charges for past due jobbing balances. We currently are not charging penalties on past due jobbing invoices, however, Nason will contact CAL to see how our GP software can accommodate this.

Commissioner Klimaszewski made a motion to accept the listed invoices for payment as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphy and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

- b.) **Water Service Line Protection Plan:**

Office Supervisor Nason stated new brochures will be ordered at half the price of the previous printer.

- c.) **Review of Financial Statements:**

No comments at this time.

## 6.) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### a.) Executive Committee:

No report.

### b.) Infrastructure Committee:

Superintendent Rogers stated the committee met to discuss the costs of Well 2A and met with representatives from Woodard and Curran. He is waiting to execute the agreement with them.

He stated the East Side Pressure Zone tank is basically complete and he is now waiting on delivery of the vault. D'Amato Construction will begin the installation of the pump station at the high school as soon as it is received. President Domian asked if there will be a fence around the new tank. Superintendent Rogers stated a secured fence with a gate and alarms will be installed. Commissioner Murphy asked if the tank had been painted and when the road will be completed. Superintendent responded the tank has been painted and the road completion will begin after the vault is installed. Superintendent Rogers stated the tank should be in use in approximately six weeks.

Superintendent Rogers stated that Well 7 has been drilled and he is now waiting for the screens to be received. The contractor should be back on site within a couple of weeks.

### c.) Policy and Procedures Committee:

Nothing to report.

## 7.) OLD BUSINESS:

### a.) Land for Sale – Mill Street

A deposit for the property has been executed. A surveyor has been hired to establish boundaries. An agreement has been signed with adjacent property owner regarding the portion of the easement that runs on their property. A closing next month is probable. Commissioner Murphy asked if the property owners were aware we can potentially be running a water pipe through the easement. Superintendent Rogers stated the document states we may install water main as well as a drive through in and out.

**b.) Communications Monopole – Mill Street Tank Site:**

Superintendent Rogers stated the Infrastructure Committee met with Utility Services to discuss an Asset Management Program/long term maintenance agreement which would help accomplish the goal of moving the communication equipment off the water tanks. Attorney Chris Fisher has been retained and is working with the Superintendent for approval with Southington Planning and Zoning and the State. Northeast Towers has been contacted to put together additional specifications for approval by Southington P&Z.

Superintendent Rogers stated that currently the pole will house the emergency response equipment and two phone carriers. He is hoping to attract other cell carriers. Commissioner Klimaszewski suggested perhaps space on the pole could be rented to other towns for emergency response.

Superintendent stated he would like to begin the tank maintenance in the spring. He will need to attend a public hearing on the pole construction and placement. Commissioner Pocock stated the Board will be there for support.

**c.) Well 9 – Operational Issues:**

Assistant Superintendent Casarella stated the generator has been ordered and is due to arrive November 1<sup>st</sup>. Department employees are working with Pizzitola Electric to prepare the building for installation. The gas main installation is completed. Commissioner Klimaszewski asked if the building is heated with gas. Assistant Superintendent Casarella stated the building is heated with electric heat, but is rarely turned on because the heat from the pump motor is sufficient for heating the building.

**d.) Dam Inspection:**

Superintendent Rogers received a price from Tata and Howard and Snyder Engineering for dam inspections and the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) update. Commissioner Klimaszewski made a motion to hire Tata and Howard for \$21,000 to perform dam inspections and update the EAP. Commissioner Pocock seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

**e.) Pattonbrook Well:**

Superintendent Rogers stated the well has been approved for purchase. He is currently working with Gil Bligh from New Britain Water. Mr. Bligh must submit a water supply document to the State to show there will be no detriment to their water supply if they no longer own this well. Once the sale is approved, the registration will be transferred, the geological survey will be done and as long as it is favorable, a payment plan will be negotiated with New Britain.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED FOR PERSONNEL AND NEGOTIATION**

**MATTERS:** Commissioner Klimaszewski made a motion for adjournment to Executive Session, barring the public and the press but to include Superintendent Rogers and Assistant Superintendent Casarella. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Del Debbio and it passed on a voice vote at 7:27 p.m.

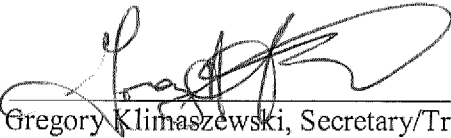
The board reconvened back into regular session at 7:59 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Pocock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Klimaszewski seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

  
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Gregory Klimaszewski, Secretary/Treasurer

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September 8, 2016

To the Board of Water Commissioners;

I am unable to attend your meeting this evening, however I would like to commend the staff of the Southington Water Department for the outstanding job of responding and handling the recent chemical spill on Spring Street.

I attended two of the on-site news conferences that week and was amused to listen to the gaggle of reporters talking and asking each other questions to enhance their stories before the presentations.

Questions like -

Can we get film of where the discharge entered the river and where the Water Dept intakes are on the river?

If there was no contamination of ground water, why are two Town wells shut down miles away?

I actually laughed out loud at that point and said to those three reporters "This isn't Detroit. The Q River isn't a direct drinking water source. The Water Department has like nine deep wells and two reservoirs up on Southington mountain. And the wells are still shut down simply as an added precaution until all testing is complete."

I was asked if I was a town employee and told them no, I was just a well informed local resident. They asked Fire Chief Clark those questions anyway at the actual news conference. Made me laugh again.

Great job!

Sincerely,



Arthur Cyr  
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