

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 13, 2017

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, July 13, 2017. A recording of this meeting can be found on tape # 667.

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 Robert Berkmoes, Commissioner Erika Pocock, Commissioner Joseph Del Debbio, Superintendent Frederick Rogers, Assistant Superintendent William Casarella, Office Supervisor and Recording Secretary Maria Nason.

2.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 8, 2017 BOARD MEETING:

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

3.) COMMUNICATIONS:

a.) Communication from the Public:

Attorney Tony Denorfia of 133 Main Street, Southington CT., addressed the Board to request an exception to regulation 4, Separate Services Required for Each Building under Section II-Service Pipes and Connections of the Rules and Regulations of the Southington Water Department, Adopted May 14, 2015. Attorney Denorfia stated that property he owns at 296 Main Street qualifies as an unusual circumstance and requested the Board allow that his new two-unit residential structure be fed by the one existing service. After much discussion, Commissioner Berkmoes made a motion to allow the exception that the existing one service to 296 Main Street may be branched off to feed two new additional curb valves that will feed each apartment at 296 Main Street. Commissioner Pocock second the motion and it passed unanimously by a voice vote.

b.) Communication from Administration:

Superintendent Rogers informed the Board that a Maintainer I has been hired and that a second candidate has been chosen to fill a second Maintainer I position and this candidate should be starting within the month.

c.) Communication from Board Members:

None

4.) NEW BUSINESS:

a.) Berlin Street/Oakland Road and Highwood Avenue Water Main Design

Superintendent Rogers addressed the Board and advised them that it would be beneficial to tap Oakland Road and run additional water main onto Highwood Avenue prior to CT DOT paving Oakland Road this Fall. Superintendent Rogers stated the staff would be able to tap Oakland Road and run the line. He will obtain bids for the water main design for both Highwood Avenue and Oakland Road.

5.) FINANCIAL MATTERS:

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

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

b.) Water Service Line Protection Plan:

No discussion.

c.) Review of Financial Statements:

Superintendent Rogers informed the Board that an Eversource rate increase will increase our electric bills by approximately 6%.

Office Supervisor Nason stated a representative from United Bank reached out to the Department and has increased our money market to 1.2% for the next six months, with the rate reverting back to 1% after that.

The Board has decided to wait on interest rates before transferring any money to a CD.

6.) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a.) Executive Committee:

No report.

b.) Infrastructure Committee:

Superintendent Rogers stated the punch list for the East Side Pressure Zone has been created. The tank has been completed and the site work almost done. The pump station has also been completed. A total of 259 pressure reducing valves have been installed. The Department still has some scheduled to install, and is estimating this part of the project to be completed with the next 60 days. Commissioner Berkmoes asked when water will be in the tank. Superintendent Rogers is anticipating September.

Superintendent Rogers presented the Board with a slide show of all the projects the Department is currently working on.

Superintendent Rogers presented an example of a dedication plaque to be designed and purchased for the Smith family which will be presented at a ribbon cutting ceremony later this year at the East Side Tank.

Superintendent Rogers stated Well 2A design is 100% complete and has been sent to DPH for final approval. This could take up to 40 days, however, he is optimistic the turnaround time will be less.

Superintendent Rogers informed the Board that the microbial testing has been done at Well 7A. The electrical work is almost complete. In the interim Department staff is working with D'Amato Construction and Woodard and Curran to get Well 7 back on line.

Reservoir #1 dredging is 100% complete. Letters have been sent to DEEP and the Army Corp of Engineers for closeout.

Superintendent Rogers showed the Board a picture of the Regional Water Interconnect vault and stated that Napoli Imports, who owns property in the area, is concerned about aesthetics. Superintendent Rogers stated he will be better able to address the concern after the project is complete.

Commissioner Klimaszewski asked if sample taps will be installed at the interconnect and if water samples will be completed prior to any water entering our system. He also inquired if samples were needed at this location on regular basis. Superintendent Rogers stated he will look in to this and report back.

Superintendent Rogers discussed and explained several photos taken at the water treatment plant. He discussed rehabbing the filters and working on the under drains. Some capital planning will be needed to address the maintenance needs at the treatment plant.

Assistant Superintendent Casarella discussed the need to cut and cap the 6" water line at Southington Manor. The Department will move the association line onto the

existing 14" transite water main which will greatly improve fire flow. The Department will bring an 8" DICL pipe across to the 14" transite line and will also install a fire hydrant. Superintendent Rogers stated this is a viable project for public safety.

State of Connecticut DOT informed Superintendent Rogers that the Route 322 realignment project has been rescheduled for 2018. DOT has decided to now replace the bridge. The Department will have to decide how to proceed with the water main placement taking in the consideration the bridge replacement.

c.) Policy and Procedures Committee:

Nothing to report.

7.) OLD BUSINESS:

a.) Communications Tower – Mill Street Tank Site:

The tank design is currently being worked on. AT&T is very interested in building a tower for their equipment. They are amenable to sharing the cost. Superintendent Rogers felt the tower could possibly be a good revenue stream in the future.

b.) Mill Street Tank Painting:

Superintendent Rogers received a quote from ITI to inspect the water tanks at \$3,000 per tank, total \$12,000. The inspections will consist of full interior/exterior inspection and report.

Commissioner Klimaszewski made a motion to approve the \$12,000 for the four tank inspections. Commissioner Pocock seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

c.) Water Rates:

Superintendent Rogers referenced a jobbing comparison worksheet and rate study done by Tighe and Bond. The Board will review the information and water rates will be discussed after their review is complete. Commissioner Klimaszewski would like to discuss residential fire protection charges and how to expand our list of charges. He has suggested forming a committee. Superintendent Rogers felt this committee should be part of the Infrastructure Committee and he will reach out to committee members to schedule a meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANTICIPATED FOR PERSONNEL AND NEGOTIATION MATTERS: Commissioner Murphy 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 Klimaszewski and it passed on a voice vote at 7:38 p.m.

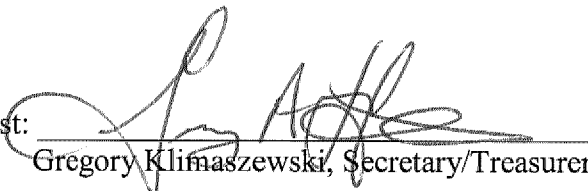
The Board reconvene back to Regular Session at 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Klimaszewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Berkmoes seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Attest:



Gregory Klimaszewski, Secretary/Treasurer