

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, April 21, 2022

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, April 21, 2022. A recording of this meeting can be found at the Department office.

1.) **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Robert Berkmoes.

PRESENT: President Robert Berkmoes, Secretary/Treasurer Rudy Cabata, Commissioner Ralph Warner, Commissioner Thomas Murphy, Commissioner Ronald Lamoreux, Superintendent Douglas Arndt, Assistant Superintendent Albert Fiorillo, and Office Manager and Recording Secretary Nancy Sullivan.

2.) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a.) March 10th, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Secretary/Treasurer Cabata made a motion to accept the minutes. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Warner. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.
- b.) March 24, 2022, Special Board Meeting Secretary/Treasurer Cabata made a motion to accept the minutes. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.
- c.) April 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Secretary/Treasurer Cabata made a motion to accept the minutes. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Lamoreux. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3.) **COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

None

b.) **Communication from Administration:**

Superintendent Arndt was notified of a fort built on Southington Water Department property. It is a safety concern and a plan to take the fort down was enacted. There is a new bill, SB 325 being voted on assessing charges and requiring approval for the installation of hydrants by water companies. A discussion with a plan was later discussed with Lobbyist Matthew Hallisey.

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

None

4.) FINANCIAL MATTERS:

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

Commissioner Warner made a motion to accept approval of invoices. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Lamoreux. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

b.) Review of Financial Statements

5.) NEW BUSINESS:

a.) Winchester Estates: 34 Lot Subdivision on Oxford Lane and Winchester Drive:

Mark Lovely requested permit approval. Secretary/Treasurer Cabata made a motion to approve permit. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

b.) Stonebridge Crossing Phase II:

Engineer, Thomas Knowlton requested permit approval. Secretary/Treasurer Cabata made a motion to approve permit. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Warner. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

6.) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a.) Policies and Procedures:

Lobbyist Matthew Hallisey gave an update on his progress. He is going to follow up with Ariel Vega, Economic Development Director for Chris Murphy's office and Congressman Larson. He would also like to schedule more government officials to visit and discuss future plans of the department. The SB 325 bill being voted on has a direct effect on installation of hydrants and additional fees being assessed to water departments. A plan to challenge the bill was being put in place.

c.) Intrastructure:

None

7.) OLD BUSINESS:

a.) Well 7A/8 Manganese Pilot Study Report;

Wright-Pierce presented their Pilot Study Report, Greensand Filtration vs Biological Filtration. The results detailed water quality, backwash supply and disposal, cost, plant site location, and operations of each filtration system. The next steps and recommendations were discussed.

b.) Well 10 Construction:

Discussed next steps with Weston and Sampson. Setting up a meeting to discuss moving forward.

8.) PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- a.) Superintendent Arndt and Assistant Superintendent Fiorillo are planning on attending the CTAWWA & CWWA 49th Annual Joint Conference May 25th in Rhode Island.

ADJOURNMENT:

Secretary/Treasurer Cabata made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lamoreux at 8:44pm.



Attest: _____

Douglas Arndt, Superintendent