

## **Meeting of the Village Trustees and Water/Sewer Commissioners**

Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013

43 S Main Street, Main Street Fire Station

Present: P.H. Flanders, M. Alberghini, C. Parks, Commissioners; N. Howell, L. Sayah, Trustees; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; Alec Tuscany, Public Works Director; Bill Woodruff, Staff; C. Nelson, Staff

Flanders called the joint meeting of the Water and Sewer Commissioners and Village Trustees to order at 4:35pm.

### **CONTRACT WITH GREEN LANTERN CAPITAL:**

Both boards discussed the current draft of the contract between the Village of Waterbury and Green Lantern Capital for the proposed solar array to be constructed at Sweet Well Field. The boards discussed a few areas of the contract that needed improvement, and asked Tuscany to revisit the agreement with the attorneys before submitting to GLC. Several concerns were addressed regarding legal compliance with the DWGWP division of the State of VT, wildlife protection, and well head protection during construction. Parks also discussed a letter received from the Waterbury Conservation Committee expressing concerns with lessening the open space at the well field and the potential impacts it would have on the bobolinks that currently nest and reside there. By consent of both boards, Tuscany was asked to make the necessary improvements to the contract and provide them to the attorneys for final review, and to have a completed copy available for Green Lantern Capital no later than Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Tuscany provided a brief description of the current billing rates for Ben & Jerry's wastewater flows and current billing processes. No action was taken, informative only.

Tuscany also commented on wastewater flows from the Alchemist Brewery in Waterbury. They are currently working with the State of VT to obtain proper wastewater permitting. He also noted that he will need to follow up with the property owners to discuss a necessary allocation increase due to their repeatedly high quarterly readings.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

Tuscany provided both boards with a copy of a draft revised sewer ordinance for comment. He acknowledged that language needed to be added to clarify where the responsibility of the customer ends. The water department is responsible for maintenance of the water lines to the curb stop of each property. The sewer department is responsible only to the main, and the property owners are responsible to maintain their individual connecting lines. Shepeluk suggested that they language be changed to allow customer responsibility to the main for issues such as root removal and TVing, and if the problem is larger than that the Village would assume responsibility for repairs on a case by case basis. The commissioners will review the draft and provide some comment on the customer responsibility issue at the next meeting.

Paul Arnot had requested the approval of the board to use C900 PVC Blue Brute for his pending development off Perry Hill. The public works department prefers the use of ductile iron in most cases, though in some cases plastic line has been allowed. At the suggestion of the staff, Alberghini moved to recommend that only ductile iron be allowed for the pending development. Parks seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

The wastewater department August report was discussed (attached). No report was provided by the water department, but Woodruff delivered a brief report on August activity. He noted that 2 of 13 coliform lab samples tested positive for the presence of coliform, however all 7 of the immediate resamplings showed no presence of any bacteria. Notice to the public must be provided of the 2 failed samples per state regulations. Woodruff also reported that an emergency water main break occurred on North Main Street on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The water line is repaired, however very slow leakage is still occurring. Woodruff recommended that no further construction or repair is necessary until Main St. reconstruction occurs in 2015. By consent, the board agreed.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

N. Howell moved to approve the minutes of the joint Trustees/Water and Sewer Commissioners meeting of July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sayah seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Parks moved to approve

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the minutes of the joint Water and Sewer Commissioners/Trustees meeting of July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Alberghini seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. There being no further business, the meeting of both boards was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Courtney Nelson, Utilities Billing Clerk

Approved by:

 Date: 9/11/13

  
