

Waterbury Water/Sewer Commissioners Meeting
Monday, March 26th 2012
Waterbury Municipal Offices at Main Street Fire Station

Present: P.H. Flanders, Chair; D. Anderson and M. Alberghini, Commissioners; A. Tuscany, Public Works Director;
Public:

This meeting was called to order at 4:35pm.

MINUTES:

D. Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 29th, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by M. Alberghini and passed unanimously.

WASTEWATER PROGRESS REPORT (WWPR):

A. Tuscany discussed the March WWPR. He noted that CoMag pilot testing is nearing completion, and thus far has been running according to protocol. He reported that the warm weather required the early installation of the turbo splashers into the lagoons, however they are not currently operational due to the drop in temperature. Tuscany also noted that troubleshooting in the Lagoon One aerator continues, however the cause of the mechanical issues has been narrowed down and plans are underway to complete repairs. D. Anderson asked if any of these repairs could be covered under warranty, and Tuscany responded that he will look further into it. Tuscany also asked the Commission about the possibility of adding new sewer customers to the existing Village sewer system. Redstone Properties (Commercial Drive in Moretown) currently receives Village water accommodations, but no sewer. Tuscany asked if it would ever become a possibility to offer them a connection to the Village sewer. P. Flanders' initial response was that this would be a matter that would need to be discussed with the Duxbury/Moretown Fire District #1, and probably require a change to the Village of Waterbury Charter.

Tuscany lastly reported that FEMA appears to have honored (or are in the process of completing) several sewer-related project requests, and will have a full report of received funds at our next meeting.

WATER PROGRESS REPORT (WPR):

Tuscany discussed the month WPR for March. He reported that several small projects have been completed, including the replacement of the chemical bench behind the water treatment plant and the venting of the "flammable chemicals" cabinet (as requested earlier by VOSHA). Three new homes have been built and tapped on Gallagher acres in Moretown, and new plastic meters have been installed by members of the DMFD. Tuscany also reported that the current broken meter list has been generated by Bill Woodruff and Courtney Nelson and that scheduling of repairs will begin later this week.

OTHER ITEMS:

DIANA HARRINGTON REQUEST:

C. Nelson discussed a request from a current customer to waive penalty and interest charges on her late husband's water and sewer bill. Diana Harrington (wife of the late Lance Harrington) had called in January of 2012 to notify the Village that she had received notice of her husband's current balance, but due to legal conflicts had not yet received access to his estate and could not pay the balance due until she did. Once she had been named administrator of the estate, she promptly paid the balance in full, and prior to the current quarter's due date. Ms. Harrington is requesting that because she only recently became the owner of this account, and has been more than communicative with the Village of Waterbury since the time of her husband's death that the penalty and interest charges be forgiven and credited back to the Harrington account.

D. Anderson moved to forgive the penalty and interest charges for the property owned by Lance Harrington and credit them back to the account and M. Alberghini seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

ELM LLC REQUEST:

Earlier this month, Jeffrey Larkin of Elm, LLC approached P. H. Flanders regarding his current water and sewer allocations. The property currently owns 2 base units of water and sewer, and the former allocations were for 3 base units of each. Mr. Larkin would like to return to the original allocations of 4 base units of each, and rather than complete the full allocation application process, he proposed that he would instead backpay the base charges for the additional unit to cover the time in which the allocations were lowered. Because there is no

definite record in the files as to when the allocations were lowered, Tuscany proposed that he assist the Water and Sewer billing clerk in calculating what should be owed in base charges if this request were to be granted. **D. Anderson made a motion to grant Elm LLC with two additional base units of water and sewer given that they pay only the base charges due from the time the allocation was initially lowered. M. Alberghini seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.** Tuscany will work with the Village Billing Clerk to calculate a balance owed by Elm LLC.

BASE CHARGES TO PROPERTIES DAMAGED BY TROPICAL STORM IRENE:

It was brought to the attention of the Water and Sewer Commissioners at the recent Village Meeting that several community members were concerned about base charges being owed by properties that had been either severely damaged or destroyed by Irene. One member of the Village had asked about the possibility of waiving the current base charges for those properties that were still recovering from the disaster and had not yet moved back into their properties. The base charges cover the fixed costs that are necessary to ensure the successful use of the Village Water and Sewer systems. The issue was discussed at length, including the possibility of again waiving penalty and interest only for the previous billing period. C. Nelson reported that one of the families in question had met with her to discuss these base charges, and agreed that they were a fair and necessary charge for all Village customers, and did agree to pay in full. **Given that there had been no specific requests from these property owners to waive base charges, the Commissioners decided to take no further action regarding base charges at this time.**

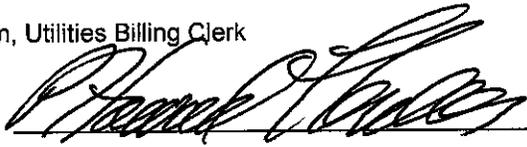
CONTRACTORS:

Tuscany discussed an upcoming sewer line project at Main St. and Healy Court. Kingsbury Construction has done previous work on a very similar project, and rather than request other contractor prices, Tuscany would like to continue with using Kingsbury due to their record of good work on similar projects. Flanders advised that if Tuscany was confident in using Kingsbury, there was no need to look to other contractors for quotes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Nelson, Utilities Billing Clerk

Approved by:  Date: 