

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

Monday, July 22<sup>nd</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;

Guests: Luke Shullenberger, Green Lantern Capital; K. Fountain, Waterbury Record; Dan Sweet

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

### **SOLAR ARRAY PROPOSAL FOR SWEET WELL FIELD:**

The Commissioners had a lengthy discussion with Shullenberger about the solar array proposed for Sweet Well Field. There was much discussion about the fence and the need for it. Shullenberger stated that PSB will require a fence likely to be 7-feet high. Systems where "trackers" are in place are higher off the ground and do not require a fence. He also stated that a landscaping plan will likely be required by PSB. Flanders asked if investors would be responsible for all elements of the construction including a fence, landscaping, etc. Shullenberger stated "yes", all of these costs would be borne by the owner of the array. He stated that while PSB has taken aesthetics into consideration, they have generally determined that the projects have no undue impact on the aesthetics and are a general benefit to the public. Flanders also asked about reflections that might come from the panels. Shullenberger stated that they are designed to be non-reflective so as to absorb as much energy as possible. Regarding the future decommissioning of the array, PSB will require developers to have in place a fund to pay for the removal of the array.

The list of questions asked by the commissioners is attached to the minutes. In general the commissioners and trustees were satisfied by the answers provided by Shullenberger.

There were important questions asked about the cooling system for the inverter. While some inverters are liquid cooled, the one proposed here will be air-cooled so there will be no chance of spills that could contaminate the water supply. The inverter will be about 3'x7'x12'. It will be located on a low area of the property so it will not stand out as much.

Tuscany raised the issue of impact on wildlife, the Bobolink in particular. He wondered if the Water Commissioners would support the protection of the wildlife in the contract. They agreed to do so. Woodruff indicated that mowing occurs in the field in September. Shullenberger indicated that mowing would have to occur when the grass grew to be 4' high. The Commissioners stated that they would like the land managed for wildlife as has been our practice.

Flanders asked the Trustees and Water/Sewer Commissioners how they felt about the proposal. All board members stated that it was in the Village's best interest to move ahead.

Natalie Howell made a motion on behalf of the Trustees to have the Village move ahead with drafting a contract with Green Lantern Capital for the solar array in Sweet Field that incorporated staff concerns for aesthetics and source protection. Sayah seconded the motion. A vote was held and passed unanimously.

Cindy Parks made a motion on behalf of the Water/Sewer Commissioners to have the Village move ahead with drafting a contract with Green Lantern Capital for the solar array in Sweet Field that incorporated staff concerns for aesthetics and source protection. Alberghini seconded the motion. A vote was held and passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORTS:**

The Water/Sewer Commissioners reviewed the July report for the wastewater department. Tuscany updated the Trustees on two documents necessary for and related to the phosphorous upgrade project.

N. Howell moved to approve the resolution for post-issuance compliance concerning the State Revolving Loan Fund loan to the Village for the phosphorous upgrade and named William Shepeluk as compliance officer. Sayah seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Sayah moved to authorize the Village president to sign the loan agreement amendment #8 for the phosphorous upgrade project. Howell seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Tuscany reported to the Water/Sewer Commissioners about amendment #8 to the contract for the engineering services agreement with Stantec for additional services, as attached. Alberghini moved to authorize Shepeluk to sign amendment #8 for the contract with Stantec as described. Parks seconded the motion. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

N. Howell moved to approve the minutes of the joint Trustees/Water and Sewer Commissioners meeting of July 10<sup>th</sup>. Sayah seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Parks moved to approve the minutes of the Water/Sewer Commissioners of June 24<sup>th</sup> and of the joint Water and Sewer Commissioners/Trustees meeting of July 10<sup>th</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 on behalf of William Shepeluk

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Approved by both boards at joint meeting of Water/Sewer Commissioners and Village Trustees on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.*