

**Meeting of the Village Water/Sewer Commissioners
Monday January 26, 2015
Main Street Fire Station, 43 South Main Street**

Present: P. H. Flanders, R. Finucane, and C. Parks, Commissioners; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; A. Tuscany, Public Works Director; C. Lawrence, Town Clerk.

Public: Mark Frier and Lawrence Sayah.

P. H. Flanders called the meeting to order at 4:35pm.

CONSIDER MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

The discussion on fluoride will be deferred to the next meeting, as Chris Viens was unable to attend.

PUBLIC

No comments from the public.

BRIEFING ON LAUNDROMAT ON PARK ROW

W. Shepeluk stated that the tenant at the Waterbury Laundromat is not able to continue business, and owes \$12,566 in water and sewer charges which includes interest and penalties. Mr. Pomerleau previously asked for some consideration to lower the base charges and was told that if allocations were to be lowered, some machines would have to be removed. Mr. Pomerleau sent a letter to P. H. Flanders stating that the business would close on January 27th. He further stated that he would like to lease to another laundromat and asked that while he looks for a tenant, the Village suspend the base charges. He hopes to be back in business quickly. If this not possible, he will relinquish his allocations for the laundromat and look for another user. W. Shepeluk stated that the community depends on the laundromat, and D. Winham sent an email to CVEDC looking to occupy the space with the same use.

C. Parks asked about the base charges. W. Shepeluk responded that the base charges were \$756 for sewer and \$743 for water for the 3rd billing period in 2014, for a total of 18 base charges for both or an allocation of 3,600 gallons per day.

R. Finucane stated that there should be no negotiations when a customer owes the Village money. He suggested that the bill be paid and then discussions could continue. C. Parks expressed concern about how long it would take to find a new laundromat tenant. R. Finucane proposed offering one free quarter after the delinquent bill is paid in full. **R. Finucane made a motion to authorize the Manager to negotiate with the landlord to pay the bill and waive base charges for one quarter or until a new tenant is found, whichever is less. The motion was seconded by C. Parks and passed unanimously.**

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR 2015

W. Shepeluk distributed a narrative and a comparative budget report on the Water/Sewer budgets (attached). He then reviewed the water budget narrative with A. Tuscany elaborating on some line items.

The Trustees may wish to have articles on the Warning so that the voters can authorize the borrowing of money. W. Shepeluk suggested that any borrowing could be done from the Village's CIP fund.

C. Parks noted that there was no money budgeted for lab testing. W. Shepeluk will correct for this omission of \$7,000. She also noted that the training budget was reduced from \$1,000 to \$100 and asked if this was an appropriate amount. This amount should be corrected \$1,000.

The sewer budget was reviewed. W. Shepeluk stated that the sewer department is in more need of borrowing than the water department, and that there should be an article on the Village warning to do so. He reiterated that the borrowing could be done from the Village CIP fund.

R. Finucane asked about GASB34 accounting for the water and sewer funds, and W. Shepeluk explained that the government accounting standard does not apply as these are proprietary funds.

R. Finucane made a motion to adopt the budgets as amended. The motion was seconded by C. Parks and passed unanimously.

ALLOTTED CAPACITY FOR ALCHEMIST BREWERY

A. Tuscany distributed a memo date January 23, 2015 entitled 'Request by Alchemist for Allocation Increase' (attached). The Alchemist is requesting an increase in water and wastewater allocation for their facility on the Crossroad as they have received a notice of alleged violation. He then explained their request in greater detail.

A. Tuscany recommended granting an increase in the Alchemist wastewater flow for 3 years during which time the facility will work toward further reduction in BOD discharge loadings. If they do not get a new allocation, they will have to reduce their production of beer. The additional cost will be \$10,700, and base charges will also increase.

C. Parks made a motion to approve A. Tuscany's recommendation, for a period of three years. The motion was seconded by R. Finucane and passed unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The reports of the Public Works Director and Water Superintendent were distributed (attached). A. Tuscany gave a brief review of the reports. There are issues with the system for Waterbury Commons and the Village is not ready to recommend acceptance of the system.

MINUTES

R. Finucane made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 22nd meeting. The motion was seconded by C. Parks and passed unanimously.

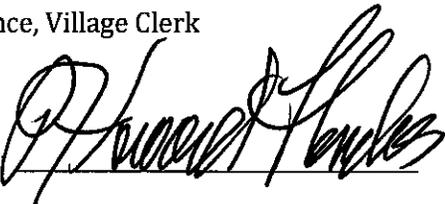
ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Village Clerk

Approved by



Date:

