

**February 18, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Board of Sewer & Water Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at the Edward J. Delaney Water Treatment Plant, 1303 Washington Street.

Present: John Spillane, Glenn Maffei, John Hasenjaeger and William Abbott. Also Bernie Marshall, Supt. of Sewer and Water; Scott Gustafson, Asst. Supt of Sewer and Water and Rick Mattson, DPW Director.

Absent: Patrick Fasanello

All abatements submitted tonight are reviewed and signed.

**Motion Made** by William Abbott to accept the minutes of January 27, 2020. Second by Glenn Maffei. Vote 4-0-0.

Mr. Abbott reports that Optima has agreed to move the hydrants however there is now a height problem with the Zoning Board.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S STATUS REPORT**

Mr. Marshall reports that the Abraham Groups has said that they will have their study report by the end of this month. They are now working on the multi-unit issue and Judy in the office says she will provide the information needed to him tomorrow. The sludge handling system at the Delaney Plant will start next week. There were no water main breaks to report since last met. The Washington Booster is completed and they are waiting for the gas company to provide a larger gas services. Mr. Abbott asks about the broken filter previously reported and Mr. Marshall says it will be sandblasted and painted. Mr. Mattson adds that while it was broken they painted and retrofitted.

### **7:15 ANTONIO LISI, 225 SPRING ST. – REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Mr. Lisi says although he is very appreciative of the abatement for the entrance fee that was already voted by the Board, he feels they did everything necessary and they are not looking to make a profit however they are looking for the additional \$2700 that they encountered due to mark outs that were not in the right place. **Motion Made** by John Spillane to abate the \$2700 that the Lisi family is requesting. Second by William Abbott. Mr. Maffei says he is apprehensive about this as we have already abated the entrance fee and this would be abating more than was paid to the Town. He feels we do not guarantee all projects. There is discussion. Mr. Marshall says we did asphalt the road and paid for the police detail. We did try to mitigate. Mr. Mattson adds that the Town also made the tap. Mr. Hasenjaeger asks if the whole thing took one day and Mr. Marshall responds that it took about a week. Mr. Hasenjaeger would like to see the original contract estimate. Mr. Mattson says the foreman had been out there at least 5 times. Vote on the motion 2-2-0, Maffei and Abbott against.

### **PLANNING BOARD – PENNINGTON CROSSING – SITE PLAN MODIFICATIONS**

It is explained that this is an addition to the plan which is a clubhouse. Mr. Marshall says the plan is to use the existing water line so no action is necessary.

### **SECTION 12 SPECIAL PERMIT DECISION, BRISTOL BROS. RENMAR AVE & WEST ST.**

This is informational and no action is needed.

## **SECTION 10C SPECIAL PERMIT DECISION, BRISTOL BROS. RENMAR AVE & WEST ST.**

This is read and noted.

## **DCR'S WATER NEEDS FORECAST SUMMARY FOR WALPOLE WATER DEPT.**

Mr. Marshall provides a handout with updated information. Mr. Mattson says just because there is a projection does not mean you will get it, this is a very complex permitting process. Mr. Hasenjaeger says he would like to see the analysis from the DCR. Mr. Abbott asks if there is a target date and Mr. Mattson says that will probably be within the next 6 months. He adds that if the Board really wants to minimize water use they should work with the Planning Board to decrease the size of lawns.

## **FY 20 SATM FY 21 WATER AND SEWER BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Abbott says personnel services are up as there are adjustments for steps etc. No action is taken.

## **PARKER HANNIFIN TEST RESULTS**

Mr. Mattson would like to point that there was none detected for Simazene. This is read and noted.

## **UPDATE WATER & SEWER RATE REVENUE – FY2020 – SHORTFALL**

Mr. Abbott mentions that December and January were big months and we are not going to be \$1 million short and previously thought.

## **UPDATE – REVENUE SHORTFALL – PUMPING LESS WATER**

This is read and noted.

## **REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION 172 PLEASANT ST. DZIUBANIUK**

Mr. Dziubaniuk explains that a pipe broke at his home and flooded the ceilings, floors and basement. He is also looking for consideration for the water used to fill the electric water heater and furnace. Discussion is held and the Board is in agreement that they should not abate for the filling of the water heater or furnace, however since the water from the broken pipe did not go into the sewer this would be abatable. **Motion Made** by William Abbott to abate \$70.77 for sewer charges incurred for a broken water pipe that did not enter the sewer system. Second by Glenn Maffei. Vote 3-1-0, Spillane against.

## **CHARGE DIFFERENCE – 29 ALBANY ROAD**

Mr. Abbott asks that this subject be put on the next agenda. In speaking on the phone with Mrs. Griffin she is of the opinion that this has been resolved and that they only owe \$99. He is unsure why this would be the case and asks that it be investigated. This will be done.

## **CHANGING THE I/I PROGRAM PROPOSAL**

Mr. Mattson cautions the Board from discussing this proposal tonight as all has not yet been recorded. This will be put on the next agenda.

**Motion Made** by John Spillane to adjourn. Second by Glenn Maffei. Vote 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

*Accepted March 9, 2020*

