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MEETING MINUTES

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Monday, August 6, 2007
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Bethel Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

TOWN OF BETHEL
TOWN CLERK

Present: Chairman Robert Burke; Commissioners Patrick Wild, Paul Szatkowski, Peter Valenti, and Michael Gribbin; Town Engineer; Andrew Morosky; Town Counsel William Hagan; Utility Supervisor, Kelly Curtis

Call to order: Chairman Burke called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Burke noted the letter regarding the approval for Bethpage Drive Area Water Main Installation/Bid number 07-08, dated June 26, 2007 from Dennis Thibodeau, Fiscal Administrative Manager I for the record and asked that it be filed with the minutes.

MINUTES: Motion made by Commissioner Szatkowski and seconded by Commissioner Wild to accept the minutes of July 9, 2007 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- Apollo Road – GNC Chelsea Development - Mr. Assard received revised plans but has not reviewed them yet. This will be continued until next regular meeting.
- 37-39 Grassy Plain Street - Mixed Use Development – The Planning & Zoning Commission denied this application. Motion made by Chairman Burke and seconded by

Commissioner Valenti to remove this item from the agenda.
Motion passed with M. Gribbin abstaining.

- Easements for Phase 2 and 3 – Attorney Hagan reported that CL&P indicated that the completed easement paperwork had been sent back at the end of last week but he had not received it as of August 6, 2007. The Town Engineer stated that Phase 3 is on schedule to start next spring. This item is to be continued on the agenda.
- Interlocal Agreement with City of Danbury – Chairman Burke, Commissioner Valenti and Town Engineer Morosky had a meeting with the City of Danbury and progress was made toward an agreement for interconnections of the water systems and new sewer connections from Danbury to Bethel on Payne Road. Next month the Committees will meet again to continue discussions. This item is to be continued on the agenda.
- Deanna Peira – 137 Walnut Hill Road – Sewer Exemption Request – This item is to be continued on the agenda.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Water/Sewer Rates – Continued on the next agenda.
- Sewer Budgets – Continued on the next agenda.
- Water and Sewer Financial Status – Continued on the next agenda.

ENGINEERING/UTILITY CONSULTANT REPORT:

- There were three interviews with 6 proposals.
Recommendations are anticipated for the next meeting.
- Stony Hill Sewer Project - Payne Road Pump – The Bethel Health Department has notified the surrounding neighbors of the presence of oil in the soil borings and has taken water samples from the homes. Test results were not available in

time for this meeting. Chuck Croce from URS stated that the design for the pump station hasn't started as of yet. Town Engineer Morosky will speak with the DEP this week to discuss the matter further. Motion made by Commissioner Gribbin and seconded by Commissioner Valenti to hold a special meeting on Monday, August 13, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. with the DEP and an environmental attorney to discuss the costs for cleanup and the responsibility of the liability. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Burke made note that Commission Szatkowski was not seated for this motion.

- Water & Sewer Department – Hydrant Use - Kelly Curtis wrote a letter to Peter Holmberg, Fire Chief, dated July 12, 2007 regarding notification of an alarm for the low water on the set tanks at Eureka Treatment Plant. He asked that he be notified 24 hours in advance of any drills regarding water flow from any Bethel Water Department hydrants in order for him to designate what hydrants can be used.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 24 Putnam Park Road – Easement Opportunity – Town Engineer Morosky stated that there is an undeveloped lot for sale at this location and the owners would like to sell this as soon as possible. If an easement could be secured across this property to Midway Drive, it would allow looping of the water system and a potential reduction in storm water to an area of Town with flooding issues. Motion made by Chairman Burke and seconded by Commissioner Wild to have Town Counsel look into this easement opportunity further. Motion passed unanimously.
- Lot 6 Highview Estates – Nashville Road Extension – Town Engineer Morosky stated that there is new house that is hooked into the public water supply but was originally planned to have a well. The Health Department requested that the PUC approve this arrangement since it conflicts with the development plans. The Developer needs to sign a low-pressure service agreement acknowledging that the pressure at the house is lower than the standard minimum pressure. Mr. Hagen will look over the

agreement and get back to Mr. Morosky. The Developer has indicated his willingness to sign an agreement. Motion made by Chairman Burke and seconded by P. Wild to have this go to counsel for his review and have this item placed on the next available agenda. Motion passed with Commission Gribbin abstaining.

4:55p.m.

Motion made by Chairman Burke and seconded by Commission Szatkowski to go into Executive Session and invite Town Counsel, Len Assard, Kelly Curtis and Andrew Morosky to discuss the matter of Reservoir Street – Toll Brothers Project, pending litigation. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Burke made note that they came out of Executive Session at 6:18p.m.

Motion made by Chairman Burke and seconded by Commissioner Valenti that the counsel for the PUC continue with the settlement discussions with Toll Brothers. 4 in favor, 1 opposed, motion passes. Commissioner Wild wanted to go on record as being opposed to this motion.

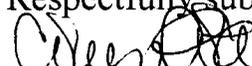
Motion made by Chairman Burke and seconded by Commission Szatkowski to add under New Business, The Draft Water Pollution Control Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

- The Draft Water Pollution Control Plan
Counsel went over some changes that were made to the current draft. He also read and explained some of the changes. He will make another change and have copies made up and given to all the commissioners for their review and comments.

Motion made by Commissioner Gribbin and seconded by Chairman Burke to add the Water Pollution Control Plan onto the Special Meeting Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commission Szatkowski and seconded by Commission Valenti to adjourn at 6:55p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:


Coleen Cote