



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

September 10, 2007

4:00 PM

Bethel Municipal Center - Meeting Room "A"

PRESENT: First Selectman Burke, Selectman Szatkowski, Selectman Wild, Michael Gribbin and Peter Valenti. Also attending was Town Attorney William Hagan, Town Engineer Andrew Morosky, Utility Consultant Len Assard and Utility Supervisor Kelly Curtis along with URS Representatives Chuck Croce and John Brogden.

Call to Order: First Selectman Burke called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Public Input: Patricia Coppola spoke regarding the sewer assessment for 217 Old Hawleyville Road.

Correspondence: None

Minutes:

August 6, 2007 - Selectman Wild made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the minutes of August 6, 2007 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

August 13, 2007 Special Meeting - Selectman Wild made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to approve the minutes of August 13, 2007 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

August 30, 2007 Public Hearing: Selectman Wild made a motion, which was seconded by Peter Valenti, to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2007 Public Hearing as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Commissioner Gribbin abstained from the vote.

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Old Business:

Apollo Road - GNC Chelsea Development - Len Assard advised that the developer is still in discussion with the City of Danbury regarding the project; two pump stations will be required, one for water service and one for fire protection. The fire protection will come from Danbury's water system; Bethel will supply the domestic water.

Proposed Sewer Regulations: Attorney Sienkiewicz is working on the regulations.

Proposed Changes to the Water Pollution Control Document as per August 30, 2007 Public Hearing:

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adopt the proposed Water Pollution Control Plan, which includes the maps provided at the August 30, 2007 Public Hearing. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Interlocal Agreement with City of Danbury: First Selectman Burke advised that the committee will be meeting tomorrow (September 11th at 2:30 p.m.) to continue discussions with Danbury.

Deanna Pierra - 137 Walnut Hill Road - Sewer Exemption Request - First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to move this item to the end of agenda, item to be discussed in Executive Session. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

24 Putnam Park Road - Easement Opportunity: Town Engineer Andrew Morosky advised that he is still in the discussion stage with representatives of the property.

Lot 6 Highview Estates - Nashville Road Extension

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to authorize Town Attorney William Hagan, to prepare a Low Pressure Agreement with the owner, said agreement to be filed in the land records of the Town of Bethel. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Commissioner Gribbin abstained from the vote.

Financial Report:

Water/Sewer Rates - The rate study is nearly complete; Len Assard advised that he anticipates it to be available for the next monthly meeting.

Water and Sewer Financial Status: After review of the reports, First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to accept the reports as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Engineering/Utility Consultant Report:

Grants: Town Engineer Andrew Morosky reported that the Bethpage Waterline Project is halfway complete. He also advised the Commission on the status of the Water Storage Tank Grant. He said that the State Bond Commission has cancelled their meeting for September but he anticipates approval at their October meeting.

Utility Supervisor Kelly Curtis discussed the sewer regulations; water regulations have been approved. The Commission will take the sewer regulations under consideration at the next meeting. The recommendations that Kelly Curtis made will be incorporated into the regulations.

Mr. Curtis discussed the Saxon Road area. There was a problem over the past weekend that they are working on. He also advised that the water line at the High School loop is complete; he suggested to the Commission the opportunity to explore putting a line to the Middle School. The Commission agreed to look into this.

Stony Hill Sewer Project

Easements for Phase 2 and 3:

Discussion took place regarding the easements for Phase 2 and 3. Attorney Hagan advised that all easements for Phase 2 are complete with the exception of the CL&P easements. He anticipates them to be ready shortly. They are still working on the phase 3 easements; several have been signed or are ready to be signed.

Pump Station for Contract 2 - Executive Session Anticipated -

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to go into Executive Session at 4:57 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of the Pump Station for Contract 2. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Len Assard, William Hagan, URS representatives Chuck Croce and John Brogden, L.E.P. and Kelly Curtis were invited into the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

Executive Session ended at 6:04 p.m.

Commissioner Gribbin made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, that the Public Utilities Commission requires further information to make an informed decision on the location of the Pump Station on Payne Road. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

New Business:

Deanna Pierra - 137 Walnut Hill Road - Sewer Exemption Request and 217 Old Hawleyville Road - Request for Exemption from Connecting to Sewer Line

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to go into Executive Session at 6:14 p.m. for the purpose of consideration of sewer connections for 137 Walnut Hill Road and 217 Old Hawleyville Road. Town Attorney William Hagan, Town Engineer Andrew Morosky, Utility Consultant Len Assard, Utility Supervisor Kelly Curtis, and Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary were invited into the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

Executive Session ended at 6:33 p.m.

217 Old Hawleyville Road - Request for Exemption from Connecting to Sewer Line:

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to deny the request for exemption from connecting to the sewer system and to deny the request to waive the sewer assessments. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Deanna Peira - 137 Walnut Hill Road - Sewer Exemption Request:

It was agreed that this item should not have been moved to the Executive Session portion of the meeting and the topic was discussed in open session.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti, that because the property is located outside of the sewer district, no waiver for connection to the sewer system is required. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

South Street Pump Station - Town Engineer Andrew Morosky and Len Assard alerted the Commission that by 2010 the existing pump station at the South Street Fire House will likely require replacement.

Adjourn: As there was no further business on the agenda, Commissioner Valenti made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Smith".

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary