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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 7, 2008
4:00pm Bethel Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

TOWN OF BETHEL
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PRESENT: First Selectman Burke, Selectman Szatkowski, Commissioner Michael Gribbin. Also attending was William Hagan, Town Attorney; Peter Sammis, URS Corporation; Len Assard, Heitkamp, Inc.; Andrew Morosky, Town Engineer; Kelly Curtis, Utilities Supervisor.

ABSENT: Selectman Kevin Cleary; Commissioner Peter Valenti

Call to Order: First Selectman Burke called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:10pm

Public Input: None

Correspondence:

30 Hawleyville Road –Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lewis of 30 Hawleyville Road requested information regarding the sewer project in their letter dated December 3, 2007. Mr. Morosky met with the Lewis' and addressed each of their concerns.

15 Governors Lane – Discussion took place regarding Mr. Curesky's letter in reference to his property located at 15 Governor's Lane regarding a second water meter for an irrigation system. Kelly Curtis indicated the Rules and Regulations don't allow this but that the PUC may have the authority to allow it in certain circumstances. First Selectman Burke indicated that this item will be addressed under New Business.

Minutes:

Meeting Minutes from December 3, 2007 Regular Meeting: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was second by Commissioner Michael Gribbin, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion carries.

Old Business:

Proposed Sewer Regulations: Mr. Morosky has pending communication with Attorney Sienkiewicz on the final Assessments for phase 1 and the revised rules and regulations for the Sewer Department.

Interlocal Agreement with City of Danbury: Received draft letter from the consultant for Danbury Public Utilities on the anticipated flows from Danbury to the proposed pump station on Payne Road. Discussions continue.

24 Putnam Park Road: First Selectman Burke requested Mr. Morosky to continue working on this issue.

Financial Reports:

Water /Sewer Rate: Len Assard provided proposed rates to PUC and indicated that, with regards to the issue of Fire Hydrant rates, the large increase can be adjusted to accommodate the town's budgetary requirements.

Water and Sewer Financial Status: Reports so noted.

Engineering / Utility Consultant Reports:

Grants:

Water Storage Tank Consultant Selection: Town Engineer Andrew Morosky submitted a memo regarding the proposals for the Water Storage Tank Project. He recommends the consulting firm of Wright Pierce to design the project. He indicated that all three firms interviewed are well qualified and comparable in price. Mr. Morosky and Len Assard interviewed a total of three companies for this project and did a scope review of their proposals. Wright Pierce submitted the lowest fee proposal as well as providing the most comprehensive proposal to accomplish the work.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Michael Gribbin to accept the proposal and authorize agreement between the town of Bethel and Wright Pierce. Vote, all in favor, motion carries.

Stony Hill Sewer Project

Contract 2 - Payne Road Pump Station Site and Danbury Flow to Payne Road

Mr. Peter Sammis, URS Representative, spoke in reference to the proposed flows from Danbury to Payne Road Pump Station. Additional average daily sewer flow for the 34.9 acres (representing eleven Industrially Zoned properties in Danbury along Payne Road) is approximately 21,000gal/day. Mr. Sammis indicated the critical section of 8" gravity sewer on Payne Road (leading to Route 6 at 0.40% slope) can handle the proposed peak sewer flows. Mr. Sammis also indicated the Payne Road Pump Station needs to be larger due to the flows from Danbury.

First Selectman Burke made a motion to move to Executive Session which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski. Vote, all in favor, motion carries. Executive session started at 4:47 p.m. and the following people were invited to stay: Peter Sammis, Len Assard, Kelly Curtis, Andrew Morosky and William Hagan. Executive session ended at 5:22 p.m.

First Selectman Burke made a motion which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski to continue negotiating contract terms on the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Danbury. Vote: All in favor, motion carries.

First Selectman Burke made a motion to give the Chairman of the Public Utilities Commission the right to continue negotiations for the purchase of the Bigelow Property at 38 Payne Road, which was seconded by Michael Gribbin. Vote: All in favor, motion carries.

Easements for Contract 2 and 3: Attorney Hagan is continuing his work to obtain the necessary easements for Contracts 2 and 3 of the Stony Hill Sewer Project. It is anticipated that as many as ten easements will be signed for Contract 3 by the end of January.

New Business:

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to add to the agenda, under New Business, "Additional Water Meters for Irrigation". Vote: All in favor, motion carries.

Additional Water Meters for Irrigation

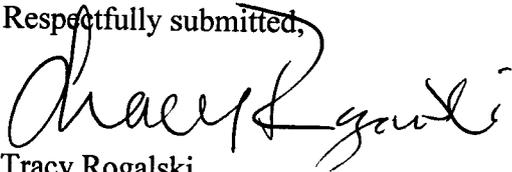
Mr. Al Curesky of Governor's Lane requested permission to install a second meter that would be used strictly for irrigating his lawn and would therefore not be subject to sewer use charges. Town Engineer, Andrew Morosky indicated that the sewer rates currently anticipate that not every drop of metered water makes it to the sewer and that there are allowances built in to the rates for secondary uses, such as watering lawns and washing cars. Kelly Curtis indicated there is one company in Town which has five water meters to a single facility, with one of the meters on a "water only" account because it feeds a concrete batch plant, where all the metered water is used to make concrete.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski to have, by the next Public Utilities Commission meeting, information regarding installation of an additional water meter for secondary uses for "treated water". Vote: All in favor, motion carries.

Adjourn:

As there was no further business on today's agenda, First Selectman Burke made motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the meeting at 5:33pm. Vote: All in favor, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Tracy Rogalski
Recording Secretary