



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

4:00 p.m.

Bethel Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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TOWN OF BETHEL
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Present: First Selectman Burke, Selectman Szatkowski, Commissioner Michaels, also in attendance Andrew Morosky, Town Engineer, Kelly Curtis, Utilities Supervisor, Attorney William Hagan and Utility Consultant Len Assard.

Call to Order: First Selectman Burke called to the regular meeting to order at 4:10pm

Absent: Selectman Kevin Cleary; Commissioner Michael Gribbin

Correspondence: None

Prior to continuing with set Agenda of meeting, First Selectman Burke indicated that he has been requested by Selectman Cleary to change the start times of Public Utility Meetings. First Selectman Burke asked the commissioners present if they had any suggestions to address Selectman Cleary's request. Selectman Szatkowski stated time works for him; also Dates and Times are filed at the start of each year in the Town Clerks Office. Commissioner Michaels also doesn't have a problem with 4:00p.m. start time, although he observed that it may be difficult for the average taxpayer to attend. No change will be made to Public Utility Meetings.

Minutes:

Meeting Minutes from April 7, 2008 regular meeting: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Michaels to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Carries.

Meeting Minutes from Public Hearing on April 21, 2008: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Michaels to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Carries.

Old Business:

Proposed Sewer Regulation: Andrew Morosky and Attorney Sienkiewicz are in communication on the continuation of the sewer regulations.

Interlocal Agreement: Discussion continues. Selectman Szatkowski questioned Andrew Morosky about the contract and its length of term, Consultant, Len Assard indicated that the original Agreement is a (25) Twenty-Five year contract.

24 Putnam Park Road: Andrew Morosky continues working on the issue.

Sewer Assessments – Contract 1: Andrew Morosky spoke regarding public input from the Public Hearing and his receipts of correspondence of the public referring to the assessments. Morosky indicated that several people who attended the Public Hearing called or wrote to say they were in agreement with the formula used to calculate the assessments. He also conveyed a few people are still in disagreement with assessments and would like to see it changed. Morosky reiterated this formula is the fairest that they have reviewed and recommended staying with the formula used in first Contract as well as the rest of the Contracts. Attorney, William Hagan spoke about the additional cost to each phase for the pumping stations, Andrew Morosky agreed that there may be an additional cost for the pumping stations but the Town is applying for a STEAP Grant from the State for some of the pavement in the project and it is possible to receive funds which will offset the cost of the pumping stations. Also, with respect to interest rates and bonding, the current interest rate is 4.5% not 4.3% as indicated in the Public Hearing. First Selectman, Burke indicated they can Vote on the Sewer Assessments and publish them in the Bethel Beacon, a letter will be sent to every homeowner involved in Contract 1 and mailing of the assessments will go out on July 1st for a payment due on August 1st.

Selectman Paul Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Billy Michael to accept and move forward with the Sewer Assessments. No discussion, Vote, all in favor, motion carries.

Financial Report: Reports were so noted.

Engineering/Utility Consultant Reports:

Grants:

Water Storage Tank: Andrew Morosky indicated the Hydraulic Model from the firm of Wright-Pierce is now completed.

Stony Hill Sewer Project: Ludlow Construction Company has completed the main line work on Phase 2 with the exception of the Hawleyville Road sewer that is being designed by URS. URS is working on the Pumping Station design for the facility to be located on Payne Road. Moran Environmental is working on permits with the Department of Environmental Protection for the treatment of groundwater at the site during construction.

Contract 3: Andrew Morosky working with Peter Sammis of URS on the design of the Walnut Hill Pumping Station. Construction possible to begin in the summer.

Easements for Contract 2 and 3: 28 Stony Hill Rd. Property owner has shown no interest in an agreement with the town. Town is in contact with neighbor of 28 Stony Hill Rd. to pursue potential easement from him.

Attorney Hagan indicates a total of 7 easements signed, two scheduled totaling 9 and 2 in review.

Supervisor Report: Kelly Curtis updated the board on various issues taking place in the Water and Sewer Departments. Curtis indicated the Rules and Regulations for installations of water and sewer need to be updated; there are several issues with the Regulations. Len Assard believes the Rules haven't been updated since 1958.

New Business

First Selectman Burke made motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Michaels, to add to the agenda under new business CCA. Vote: All in favor, motion carries.

Jim MacNicholl- 49 Benedict: Mr. MacNicholl is developing a house on his lot which he subdivided and looking for the PUC to approve a temporary easement for a lateral from the proposed house until he can receive a permit to open the road for a permanent lateral.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Michaels to approve Mr. MacNicholl proposal to establish a temporary easement to the sewer connection for 49 Benedict Road pending agreements between Town Counsel and Mr. MacNicholl's Attorney. Vote: All in favor, motion carries. All in favor, motion carries.

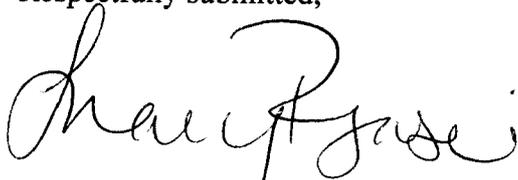
CCA - Vail Crossing: Representatives from CCA consultants presented their proposal to construct a model home on the property prior to sewer construction on Vail Road, P&Z has proposal no building on lots until sewers are available. The group is requesting to put in place a temporary force main sewer system to the model house and potentially other houses/lots as well until gravity sewer is in place at which point temporary force main sewer systems will be abandoned and homes will connect by gravity, all at their expense.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Michaels to request the representatives be put on next month's Agenda for discussion and have the Town's Attorney and Representatives Attorney work on an agreement and the language describing the proposed arrangement, including connection to gravity sewer and abandonment of pressure system.

Adjourn:

As there was no further business on today's agenda, First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm. Vote: All in favor, motion carries. All in Favor, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Tracy Rogalski
Recording Secretary