



# PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 6, 2009

4:00 p.m.

Bethel Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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TOWN OF BETHEL  
TOWN CLERK

**Present:** Chairman Robert Burke, Commissioners Paul Szatkowski, Billy Michael. Also in attendance Len Assard, Heitkamp; Andrew Morosky, Town Engineer; William Hagan, Town Counsel; Kelly Curtis, Utilities Supervisor.

**Absent:** Commissioner Kevin Cleary and Commissioner Michael Gribbin

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Burke called the regular meeting to order at 4:05pm

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Input:** None

**Minutes:**

Meeting Minutes from Special Meeting March 9, 2009: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Burke, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Carries

**Old Business:**

**Proposed Sewer Regulation:** Mr. Assard and Mr. Morosky indicated regulations were in final stages for this draft but were not available for this meeting. Selectman Szatkowski requested that any changes made from the original set of Regulation be red lined for the commission. Mr. Assard indicated most of the changes were with the fees schedules and installations. First Selectman Burke suggested item will carry forward to next meeting.

**Water Main Extension - Grassy Plain Street :** Mr. Assard indicated the Commission is still waiting for several responses. Mr. Morosky requested that the First Selectman's office follow up with the remaining homeowners. Names of homeowners will be provided to First Selectman. Carry forward to next meeting.

**101 Wooster Street Sprinkler Bill:** (Carry forward on May Agenda)

## **Financial Report:**

**Water and Sewer Financial Status:** So noted.

**Danbury Intermunicipal Sewer Invoice:** Mr. Morosky indicated Bethel is in receipt of a second notice for the invoice for Danbury Intermunicipal Sewer. Comptroller Barry Curina has been in contact with Danbury's Finance Department. Mr. Morosky suggested that the Town will follow up and send notification to Danbury requesting details of their current invoice and the prior year's invoice with respect to the de-nitrification project.

## **Engineering/Utility Consultant Reports:**

### **Grants**

**Water Storage Tank:** First Selectman Burke stated the project may have good news as federal stimulus money may be available to pay for the balance of the project that isn't covered by the Manufacturer's Assistance Act grant.

Mr. Morosky indicated that staff from Danbury's Planning and Zoning Department has reviewed the preliminary drawings and application material and provided feedback to streamline the actual application process. In addition, staff from Danbury's Inland Wetlands indicated that no public hearing is necessary for the Inland Wetlands permit. Mr. Morosky indicated that, if there are no unanticipated issues, the bid for construction of the Water Storage tank could be advertised by the end of June.

State of Connecticut Public Health Department (CTDPH) has reviewed the design report and preliminary design and issued their approval. Final review by CTDPH will be based on 70% design drawings which were sent to CTDPH today by Wright-Pierce.

Commissioner Michael indicated that State mandates that impose costly additional requirements, such as the Minority Business Enterprise requirement in the Wright-Pierce Contract, costs the Town of Bethel too much money and that mandates such as this are unfair.

Wright-Pierce has stated that while performing their design report and preliminary design of the Water Storage Tank additional work was required due to requirements of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, for example the MBE (Minority Business Enterprise) increased the cost by 6% (\$2,370) as well as the Connecticut DEP Endangered Species Review Request with an increase of \$2,094. Other additional items were also included bringing the total of the extra work to \$17,577. Mr. Morosky indicated to the commission that Wright-Pierce has done an outstanding job with the Hydraulic Model and Water Storage Tank Design and the additional cost was necessary to get the project to this point where it is now anticipated to go to bid in less than two months.

First Selectman Burke made a motion which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski to give authorization to Mr. Morosky, Director of Public Works, to approve up to an additional \$20,000 for completion of the Water Storage Tank design. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Carries.

**Stony Hill Sewer Project:**

**Contract 2:** Pump Station on Payne Road is going through the pressure testing process and has come across a few problems with the pressure and a minor leak, otherwise the station has been completed and it is anticipated that by the end of April homeowners can hook up.

**Contract 3:** Letters to homeowners were just sent out regarding the proposed pump station at 127 Walnut Hill Road. Residents who live within 100 feet of the pump station will receive a letter indicating information about the upcoming Public Hearing for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Michael questioned the impact on the Wetlands.

Selectman Szatkowski questioned Phase 4 and Mr. Morosky replied he needs to get into contact with the town of Brookfield for a Pump Station.

Mr. Morosky indicated that he met on Friday with the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials to discuss the ground rules for Road Paving in the Federal Stimulus Package. Mr. Morosky indicated that there are specific guide lines the towns need to abide by and that incorporating some of the stimulus money for roads within the sewer project will require a significant amount of work.

**Easements for Contract 3:** Attorney Hagan indicated that he has acquired 11 out of 17 and an additional six (6) easements are needed.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Kelly Curtis, Utilities Supervisor updated the Commission on the following:

- Utility Department received notice of a sewer backup on Granite Drive, they found from the main line in the street was plugged due to grease. Utility Department completed the job and is working with the homeowner so no further backups will occur.
- Mr. Curtis also discussed the pump at the Pump Station on Payne Road.

**New Business:**

**21 Nashville Road Extension:** Doug DiVesta, Engineer representing homeowner for 21 Nashville Road Extension. The property owner is seeking to subdivide the property and develop a new home on the subdivided property. Mr. DiVesta is requesting sewer service for one of the properties. It appears, based on the sewer service areas adopted by the Commission, that the property is just outside the approved sewer service area. First Selectman Burke suggested that the Attorney Hagan review the Water Pollution Control Plan and handle the request in consultation with Mr. Morosky.

First Selectman Burke made a motion which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski to refer this to Attorney Hagan to handle and bring back next month for follow-up. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Carries.

**South Street Water Pump Station:** Mr. Morosky indicated that the South Street Water Pump Station is in need of repair and he would like to begin the design of a replacement station, in anticipation of future stimulus funding for "shovel-ready" projects.

First Selectman Burke made a motion which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski to direct Mr. Morosky, Director of Public Works, to draft an RFP for the South Street Water Pump Station. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Carries.

**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 5:10 p.m. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Carries.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy Rogalski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'T'.

Tracy Rogalski  
Recording Secretary