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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, July 6, 2009

4:00 p.m.

Bethel Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

Present:

Chairman Robert Burke, Commissioners Michael Gribbin and Billy Michael. Also in attendance Andrew Morosky, Town Engineer; Kelly Curtis, Utilities Supervisor.

Absent:

Commissioners Kevin Cleary and Paul Szatkowski

Call to Order:

First Selectman Burke called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 pm

Public Input:

Mr. Barry Connolly of 43 Quaker Ridge Road spoke regarding the Stony Hill Sewer Project.

Correspondence:

None

Minutes:

Commissioner Gribbin made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Michael to approve the minutes of June 11, 2009. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Carries.

Old Business:

Proposed Sewer Regulations: Mr. Morosky indicated he and Attorney Hagan will establish the date for the Public Hearing in the coming week and the hearing will be in July.

Water Main Extension – Grassy Plain Street: First Selectman Burke obtained the signatures needed to carry forward with the Water Main Extension from Grassy Plain to Sympaug Park Road. Mr. Morosky indicated he spoke with Mr. Assard and HRP Associates will proceed with the design with the intent to install the water main later this summer or in the fall.

101 Wooster: Nothing new to report, carry forward to next meeting.

21 Nashville Road Extension: Carry forward to next regular meeting. Waiting for the sewer rules and regulations to be finalized.

Financial Report:

Water and Sewer Financial Status: So noted. Comptroller, Mr. Curina will be preparing an updated report of the Stony Hill sewer project for review at next month's regular meeting.

Danbury Intermunicipal Sewer Invoice: Mr. Morosky indicated the Town of Bethel will be sending to Danbury a minimum payment of \$667,260.27 which is the amount of last fiscal year's sewer invoice. Both towns are working to resolve the difference of the remaining balance, some of which is related to the nitrogen removal project at the Danbury Treatment Plant.

First Selectman Burke indicated the Town of Bethel has received the initial payment for the Interlocal Agreement from the City of Danbury in the amount of \$175,000.

Engineering/Utility Consultant Report:

Grants

Water Storage Tank: Mr. Morosky reported the disappointing news that on June 30th the Danbury Planning Commission denied Bethel's application to construct a Water Storage Tank at the Eureka Treatment Plant site. Mr. Morosky and First Selectman Burke met with an attorney from Pullman & Comley to discuss the Town's options. The Town of Bethel intends to go forward with this project, perhaps in a slightly different location at the same site. Mr. Morosky indicated the only reason for the denial was that the tank was deemed by the Planning Commission to be incompatible with the neighborhood.

First Selectman Burke suggested letters be written to the appropriate organizations for assistance.

Stony Hill Sewer Project: Ludlow Construction is completing sewer main installation on the following: East Lane, Hilldale Lane, Laughlin Road and Oak Ridge Road then proceeding to Walnut Hill Road towards the pumping station.

Easements: Mr. Hagan indicated that one outstanding easement was signed recently and that progress is being made on another. Mr. Morosky indicated to the commission that approval was received from the Inland Wetlands Commission for the installation of sewer main from Adams Drive to Oak Ridge Road. This may help clear the way to acquire the remaining easements along this route.

Supervisor's Report: Mr. Curtis indicated we had three (3) private service leaks which were handled by the homeowners and inspected by himself or a member of his staff.

Mr. Curtis communicated to the commission that the grease issues last month in the areas of Knollwood Drive, Granite Drive and Fleetwood Park have been resolved.

Mr. Curtis indicated the Utility Department is inspecting about two to three sewer installations a day in the Stony Hill area with no problems to report.

New Business:

Oven Rock Development; Knollwood Drive and Reservoir Street: The developers are seeking PUC approval for a 13-unit residential development for sewer and water connection. The PUC on November 30, 2005 passed approval for connection with conditions to construct a 12-inch water line through the Oven Rock property, connecting with an easement on to Knollwood Drive and Bethpage Drive. Mr. Morosky indicated the construction of the 12 inch water line is no longer needed, since the completion of the Bethpage Water Main Replacement project.

First Selectman Burke made a motion which was seconded by Billy Michael to let Planning and Zoning know that water and sewer are available as previously determined. Vote: All in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Gribbin wanted to know if the allocation for this development was determined in the Tighe & Bond Sewer Capacity Study. Mr. Morosky indicated there is an allocation for this development and it appears to be adequate for the proposed development. Mr. Gribbin indicated that he would like Len Assard to comment on the proposed project and would like to see the engineered drawings before voting for final approval of this development.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Michael for the developers to return to the PUC with current engineering drawings for review. Vote, All in favor, Motion carries.

255 Greenwood Ave. - Proposed Four Unit Residential Dwelling: Dainius Virbickas, of Artel Engineering, spoke while representing his client regarding the proposed construction of a four-unit building in addition to the existing single family home at 255 Greenwood Avenue.

Commissioner Gribbin questioned the zone of the area, Mr. Virbickas indicated the parcel is in an R-10 zone and is less than half an acre (19,740 square feet) in size.

Mr. Morosky indicated that the commission needs to see what allocation is required for that area and if there is adequate allocation all around. Discussion of "banked" allocations and sewer regulations ensued. First Selectman Burke indicated to the applicant that perhaps the Commission would have to wait until after the sewer regulations are completed before taking on the task of setting up rules for trading allocations within the service area.

First Selectman Burke indicated the commission will send a letter forward stating that water and sewer utilities are in the street but there is currently an insufficient sewer allocation to support the proposed development and this item will carry forward on future agendas as old business as the Commission considers a way to address issues such as this.

United Water Exclusive Service Area: Mr. Morosky informed the commission that United Water is seeking consensus with the PUC of the exclusive service area. Commissioner Michael had disapproval of the subject matter. Mr. Morosky indicated he'll meet with Kevin Morgan from United Water.

First Selectman Burke made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Gribbin to approve the maps as presented; the designated areas so noted United Water and the rest Bethel Water area, two exclusive service areas. Commissioner Michael wants more discussion. Commissioner Gribbin suggests they table further discussion to next meeting but there's a motion on the table; Burke withdraw his motion.

Commissioner Gribbin made a motion which was seconded by First Selectman Burke to table subject matter until Mr. Morosky can receive adequate mappings. Mr. Morosky indicated that United Water needs this commission's approval to go forward to the State. First Selectman Burke indicated we can have a special meeting to receive approval. Vote, All in favor, Motion carries.

9 Reservoir Street: Jennifer Peters, owner of 9 Reservoir Street, is seeking PUC approval for a conversion of a single family home into a Multi-family home. This parcel is in a RR-10 zone with 0.51 acres and has a sewer allocation of 460 gallons a day. Discussion took place about allocations.

First Selectman Burke made a motion to tell Planning and Zoning we have allocation for 9 Reservoir Street. Commissioner Gribbin wanted to discuss the matter further.

First Selectman Burke withdrew his motion.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Billy Michael to carry forward to next regular meeting. 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 Commissioner Billy Michael, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45p.m. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Tracy Rogalski
Recording Secretary