



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

4:00 p.m.

C.J. Hurgin Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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Present: First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker, Selectmen Richard Straiton, Selectman Paul Szatkowski and Commissioners Michael Gribbin and Peter Valenti. Also in attendance were Town Engineer Andrew Morosky, Utility Consultant Len Assard, Town Attorney Martin Lawlor, and Eileen Earle Director of Park & Rec.

Call to Order: First Selectman Knickerbocker called the Special Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proposed Budgets – Fiscal Year 2011

First Selectmen Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti to approve the Water and Sewer Department Proposed Budgets for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Water Main Relocation – Bethel Track Project

The Bethel Park & Recreation Department is erecting a new building on the property between the high school football field and the baseball field. The problem is that the proposed building will conflict with the existing water main is in conflict with the building and within 5' of the new retaining wall near the track. The commission reviewed Kelly Curtis' recommendation letter dated August 19, 2010.

Selectmen Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Selectmen Szatkowski to recommend constructing two offsets to avoid conflicts with the new building and retaining wall at the track and to pay for the work using the contingency for the track project. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Grassy Plain Street Main Extension – Acceptance of Work

Andrew updated the commission by stating that the new water line is in service, most of the neighbors received lump sum payments and some are still negotiating to correct work done on their property. The main needs to be accepted by the Commission in order satisfy terms of the Agreement.

Selectmen Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti to accept the Grassy Plain main extension water main from F.J. Clarke Circle to Sympaug Park Road as work has been completed satisfactorily. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Bypass Piping Proposal – Paul Street Pump Station

A letter dated July 19, 2010 from Thomas R. Kovacs was handed out for the commission review and comment. The letter was a quote for \$28,498.00 for installing a new bypass connection on the exterior force main.

Selectmen Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectmen Szatkowski to approve the quote from Thomas R. Kovacs in a letter dated July 19, 2010. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Status Report – Eureka Water Storage Tank

Andrew went to two public hearings in Danbury before their Planning Commission. The commission closed the public hearing and placed the item on their August 25, 2010 agenda for potential action. The commission may or may not make a decision on this; they have until October 17, 2010 to render their final decision. There were two bids for the new storage tank, one being \$1.3 million and the other is \$1.6 million.

Amendment to Consultant Agreement – Water Storage Tank

Andrew indicated that \$19,570.00 of design services needs to be amended to the original agreement for Wright-Pierce. This will pay for the additional design effort required to generate the compromise plan that is currently before the Planning Commission of the City of Danbury. The PUC was in agreement that they would like an invoice for this work.

Invoices

Selectmen Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectmen Knickerbocker to pay the following invoices:

Heitkamp dated 7/9/10 for 875.00, Heitkamp dated 8/4/10 for 2,415.00, Wright Pierce dated 8/9/10 for 4,400.00, Martin J. Lawlor dated 8/5/10 2,544.75, Martin J. Lawlor dated 8/5/10 for 204.75, New England Land Surveyors dated 8/10/10 for 650.00, HRP Associates dated 7/8/10 for 4,830.00, and FCI (Burndy) dated 7/19/10 for 757.37. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

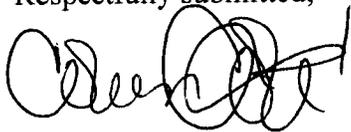
Supervisor's Report

Mr. Curtis is requesting permission to look into a replacement of the 1994 Chevy ¾ ton 4 x 4 pickup with snow plow. It was noted that there is an item in the budget for a truck.

Selectmen Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti to have the Supervisor solicit requests for proposals for the replacement of the truck. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Adjourn: As there was no further business on the agenda First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Coleen Coté, Recording Secretary