

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
for  
TOWN, WATER AND SEWER MATTERS**

Monday, July 21, 2008

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners was called to order at the Jamestown Town Hall, Council Chambers, 93 Narragansett Avenue at 7:01 PM by Commission President Julio DiGiando.

The following members were present:

Michael White, Vice-President  
William Kelly  
Barbara A. Szepatowski  
Robert W. Sutton, Jr.

Also present were:

Bruce Keiser, Town Administrator  
Steven J. Goslee, Public Works Director  
Denise Jennings, Water and Sewer Clerk

Absent:

Wyatt A. Brochu, Esq., Town Solicitor

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

(None)

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1) 06/16/08 (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Szepatowski to accept the 06/16/08 (regular) meeting minutes. So unanimously voted.

**OPEN FORUM**

1) Scheduled requests to address:

(None)

2) Non-Scheduled requests to address:

(None)

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

1) **Pumping Report:**

- Pumping was up for the month of June compared to last year and is also up for July.
- Rainfall was below average for the month of June.
- Color level is good.
- North Reservoir was @ 47MG on Friday 07/18/08 (usable storage-60MG) and has dropped

- 2MG since Friday.
- South Pond is @ 5MG, usable storage-7MG.

2) **Town project reports:** (See Project Update Report dated June 2008)

The Public Works Director further reported that the testing of the discharge from the RIDOT pump station samples have been completed and that only aluminum and chrome were above the detection limits, and they were below drinking water standards. Following brief discussion and clarification, the Commission asked the Town Administrator and the Public Works Director to meet with RIDOT to discuss future improvements at the pump station.

3) **Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2007**

The Public Works Director reported that it is a federal requirement that we provide this report to our customers yearly and that the reports were mailed to all customers with their water and sewer bills on June 29<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Public Works Director further reported that there were no violations to report this year.

The Commission asked for clarification on a few additional items as reported by the Public Works Director.

### LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(None)

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) **Rules and Regulations of the Board of Water Commissioners** (if favorable, order amendments advertised for a public hearing on 08/18/08)
- a) Review proposed amendment re: recreational use of reservoir
  - b) Review proposed amendment re: date changes

Motion was made by Commissioner Sutton, seconded by Commissioner Szepatowski to order the proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Water Commissioners advertised for a public hearing at 7:00 PM at the next Water and Sewer meeting on 08/18/08. So unanimously voted.

### NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Application of Dianne Reilly (6 Arnold Street (Beavertail area); Plat 12, Lot 133) for **utility service connection**

Robert Cournoyer a registered land surveyor reported the following:

- Plat 12, Lot 133 contains 4,000 square feet and is only 40 feet wide thereby limiting options to place a repair ISDS.
- The existing well does not conform to minimum separation as per RIDEM from its own ISDS and both abutting ISDS and said well would be only 15 feet from the proposed repair ISDS.
- The existing dwelling is limited to 2 bedrooms and water usage would be minimal.

The Public Works Director reported the following:

- The application is located in the rural water district.
- Rule 14b of the Rules and Regulations of the Water Commissioners apply to this application.
- The applicant must demonstrate that the lot will not produce potable water by means of a well.
- This lot also fronts on a water main paid for by a private party. The cost of this work was \$5,206. Since this lot is one of three lots which would benefit, the cost would be split in thirds.
- If the Board approve this connection, the applicant would be responsible for the reimbursement of \$1,735 to the private party. This fee is in addition to all other normal and customary fees.

Following clarification of a few items, motion was made by Commissioner Szepatowski, seconded

by Commissioner Sutton to approve the application of Dianne Reilly (6 Arnold Street (Beavertail area); Plat 12, Lot 133) for utility service connection subject to all fees as stated by the Public Works Director. So unanimously voted.

### **BILLS AND PAYROLL**

Commissioner Kelly asked for clarification on a few items as presented.

Motion was made by Commissioner Szepatowski, seconded by Commission President DiGiando to approve the Water Division Bills and Payroll. So unanimously voted.

Motion was made by Commissioner Szepatowski, seconded by Commission President DiGiando to approve the Sewer Bills and Payroll. So unanimously voted.

### **TOWN BUSINESS**

1) **REAP (RI Energy Aggregation Program)** Contract Renewal re: Letter from RI League of Cities and Towns Executive Director Dan Beardsley-authorization to act as agent (cont. from 07/14/08 Town Council Meeting)

The Council expressed their concerns regarding their endorsement of Mr. Beardsley to act as sole official agent to negotiate an energy supply contract on the behalf of cities and towns. The Council further expressed their concerns regarding the language in the proposed resolution.

Administrator Keiser stated that he had spoken to Dan Beardsley and he has offered to attend the next Town Council meeting to answer any questions that the Council may have. Administrator Keiser further stated that he will draft new language and run it by the league's attorney and that he will provide a copy in the next meeting packet. Council consensus: To invite Dan Beardsley to the next Town Council meeting on 07/28/08 and to ask the Town Administrator to draft new language for the Council to review at the next Town Council meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Susan Little of 1185 North Main Road asked for clarification regarding the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report and corrosive lead. The Public Works Director stated that all water is corrosive and that it is treated to reduce it. He further stated that Providence has a high level.

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Szepatowski to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings  
Water and Sewer Clerk

xc: Commission Members (5)  
Town Administrator  
Town Solicitor  
Public Works Director  
Town Clerk