# TOWN OF JAMESTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

for

#### TOWN, WATER AND SEWER MATTERS

Tuesday, September 3, 2013

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 6:02 PM by President, Kristine S. Trocki. The following members were present:

Mary E. Meagher, Vice-President Blake A. Dickinson Eugene B. Mihaly Thomas T. Tighe

Also present were:

Christina D. Collins, Interim Town Administrator/Finance Director Peter D. Ruggiero, Esq., Town Solicitor Michael Gray PE, Public Works Director Denise Jennings, Water and Sewer Clerk

Others present were:

Saverio Rebecchi of 13 Sail Street

#### AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

(None)

#### **READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1) **08/05/13 minutes** (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Mihaly to accept the 08/05/13 (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:

The Public Works Director reported the following:

- o JR-1 well has been in service since April to supplement the water supply.
- o Have started transferring water to North Pond now that the reservoir level has dropped.

- o Color level has improved.
- o Rainfall in August was up slightly compared to July.
- o North Reservoir is @ 43MG, usable storage-60MG
- o South Pond is @ 7MG, usable storage-7MG
- 2) **Town project reports**: (See Project Update Report dated August 2013)

Public Works Director Mike Gray reported the following:

- o A leak was discovered in a water service between Pemberton and Watson Avenue. The leak was repaired by the property owner.
- o A hydrant on Walcott Avenue that was in disrepair was replaced.

Following clarification on a few items, Motion was made by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Dickinson to accept the reports as submitted by the Public Works Director. So unanimously voted.

#### **Agreement with the Town of North Kingstown re: emergency water supply:**

Interim Town Administrator Collins reported the following:

- o Has been in contact with Town Manager Embury regarding the Town of Jamestown's interest in reactivating the agreement with the Town of North Kingstown. and that Mr. Embury stated that
- o Manager Embury will be bringing the matter before his Town Council at their next meeting this month.
- o Will report back to the Commission as soon as she hears back from Manager Embury.

### LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(None)

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1) Proposed Water Budget fy 2013/2014 for adoption (cont. from 08/05/13)
- 2) Proposed **Sewer Budget fy 2013/2014** for adoption (cont. from 08/05/13)

Commission President Trocki asked the Commission and others in attendance, if they wanted to speak on the proposed budgets. Interim Town Administrator Collins stated that many communities have had major rate increases, specifically Newport with a 22% increase.

Following clarification of a few items, motion was made by Commissioner Mihaly, seconded by Commissioner Meagher to approve the proposed Water Division Budget for fiscal year 2013/2014, as presented. So unanimously voted.

Motion was made by Commissioner Tighe, seconded by Commissioner Meagher to approve the proposed Sewer Division Budget for fiscal year 2013/2014, as presented.

Saverio Rebecchi of 13 Sail Street asked for clarification regarding the Inflow and Infiltration (I and I) issue and stated that the slip line repair project should not be put off and suggested that funds be set aside future repairs.

The Public Works Director reported that permitted capacity at the Wastewater Treatment Facility has not changed and that many improvements were made prior to 2012 to improve Inflow and Infiltration. The Town has also gone in and inspected each property on the municipal water and sewer system to identify and correct illegal connections to the sewer system. The Public Works Director agreed that the repairs need to be made and stated that the Town needs to be reasonable about the additional burden on the rate payers.

Motion so unanimously voted.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

(None)

## **TOWN BUSINESS**

(None)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Dickinson to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings Water and Sewer Clerk

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