

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

**Monday, April 17, 2000**

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners was called to order at the Jamestown Philomenian Library, Conference Room, 26 North Road at 7:03 PM by Commission President David J. Long. The following members were present:

Kenneth G. Littman, Commission Vice-President  
Bruce McIntyre

Also present were:

Maryanne Crawford, CPA, Town Administrator  
Denise Jennings, Assistant Finance Director/Water and Sewer Clerk  
Arthur Christman, Fire Chief  
J. Christopher Powell, Conservation Commission Chair.

Absent:

Craig A. Amerigian, Commissioner  
David Swain, Commissioner  
A. Lauriston Parks, Esq., Town Solicitor  
Steven Goslee, Public Works Director

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner Littman to accept the minutes of 03/20/00. So unanimously voted.

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

**1) Pumping Report**

Ms. Crawford reported that consumption was up and that the reservoir was overflowing. She also reported that rainfall was up, pumping from south pond was restarted this morning and that JR1 was pumping. Following short discussion, motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner Littman to accept the pumping report. So unanimously voted.

**LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

(none received)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1) Update on JR3 well application**

Ms. Crawford stated that a letter had been sent to Russ Chateaufeuf at RIDEM today; she expected to hear from Mr. Chateaufeuf on Tuesday and that the official permit with final stipulations will be sent in the next few days.

Mr. Powell: Who will be monitoring the wetlands? The Conservation Commission would like a copy of the stipulations to review. I tried to get them from RIDEM and they stated that they were

not public yet and that we would have to get them from the Town. Ms. Crawford stated that monitoring of the wetlands would be done by George Gifford dba The Gifford Design Group, Inc. and that the stipulations are available at her office for review.

2) **Update on proposed changes to the rules and regulations**

Ms. Crawford: I have been working with the Public Works Director and the Town Solicitor on this issue and we had originally anticipated reporting back to the Commission this evening, however with two Commissioners missing we would like hold off and report back on what we are proposing when we have a full Commission. We would like to know what the Commission would like to include in the rules and regulations or any suggested changes. I will follow up with those who are absent this evening. I would like to finalize this within the next few weeks and would like to place the information in your next Town Council packet on 05/08/00, for your review prior to the next Water and Sewer meeting on 05/15/00. Commissioner McIntyre stated that he had a few concerns and that he would like to have a more formal process regarding the changes to the rules and regulations.

Commissioner McIntyre: When do these go into effect? Ms. Crawford: June 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion followed regarding possible conservation rule changes. Commissioner McIntyre: There are some important issues and I do not think that thirty days is enough time for public comment.

Commission President Long requested that the Administrator report back to the Commission as soon as possible. Short discussion followed regarding the formal process and presentation of ordinance changes.

3) **Water rates**

Motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner Littman to approve the proposed water rates as presented by the Town Administrator.

Following short discussion, the motion to approve the rates were amended to the following:

Proposed billing all quarters (excess water) **(as amended in bold)**

<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Proposed rate</u>
0	5,000	\$0.00
5,000	9,999	<b>\$3.33</b>
10,000	14,999	\$3.55
15,000	19,999	\$4.19
<b>20,000</b>	<b>49,999</b>	<b>\$5.49</b>
<b>50,000</b>	<b>99,999</b>	<b>\$6.50</b>
100,000	199,999	\$8.00
200,000	999,999,999	\$10.00

\*per 1,000 gallons

Minimum in Advance charges quarterly billing

<u>Meter size</u>	<u>Current rate</u>	<u>Proposed 2% inc.</u>
5/8"	\$42.85	\$43.71
3/4"	\$64.32	\$65.61
1"	\$79.88	\$81.48
1 1/2"	\$98.39	\$100.36
2"	\$128.17	\$130.73
3"	\$236.29	\$241.02
4"	\$355.69	\$362.80

Minimum in Advance charges seasonal billing

<u>Meter size</u>	<u>Current rate</u>	<u>Proposed 2% inc.</u>
5/8"	\$171.40	\$174.83
3/4"	\$257.26	\$262.41
1"	\$319.50	\$325.89
1 1/2"	\$393.56	\$401.43
2"	\$512.67	\$522.92
3"	\$945.17	\$964.07
4"	\$1422.73	\$1451.18

Sewer use rate

<u>Current rate</u>	<u>Proposed 7% inc.</u>
\$5.02	\$5.37

\*per 1,000 gallons

Motion as amended so unanimously voted.

4) **Water and Sewer budget** for year 2000/2001

Ms. Crawford stated that with the change in the rates there would be a change in the revenue and that the Commission would not be able to approve the budget this evening. Ms Crawford stated that she would report back to the Commission with the change in revenue and recommended that the Commission approve the budgets at the end of the next Town Council meeting.

Motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner Littman to place the Water and Sewer budget on the next Town Council agenda on 04/24/00. So unanimously voted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1) Application of **William R. Bricker** for **extension of water service** (Plat 12, Lot 101; 4 Hull Cove Street)

Mr. Bricker: I have had problems with my well and pump. My pump runs too hot. All of the houses around me are on Town water. I spoke to Jim Mulcahy, owner of Well Works to see what I could do. He said that putting a new well in would be difficult. Mr. Mulcahy said that he just put in a well nearby and it only pumps 3 gallons per a minute. Last year I had water trucked in, which was put into my well but it dissipated.

Dennis Grieco: My mother-in-law, Anita Tate, lives directly north of Mr. Bricker. She has maintenance problems. If and when Mr. Bricker gets hooked up, Mrs. Tate would like to have repairs made.

Commissioner Littman to Mr. Bricker: How big is your lot? Mr. Bricker: A half acre.

Commissioner McIntyre: How much water do you use? Mr. Bricker: Not much. I go to the gym every day at the navy base and do most of my bathing there. Ms. Crawford: I spoke to the Public Works Director and he stated that he does not have a problem with granting this request, however, putting this pipeline in would allow another lot near Mr. Bricker to have frontage. However, it is in the rural water district and they would have to come before the Commission for approval for a hook-up. Commissioner McIntyre: Where is the Tate property in relation to your property? Mr. Bricker: Just north of me. Following clarification of a few items, motion was made by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner McIntyre to approve the application of William R. Bricker for extension of water service (Plat 12, Lot 101;4 Hull Cove Street). So unanimously voted.

Commission consensus: Town Administrator to pull the 1991/1993 ordinance for review with the Solicitor and to revisit at a later date.

- 2) **Draft legislation** authorizing the Town of Jamestown to finance the installation, expansion, construction and improvements of sewers, storm drains, pumping stations and sewage treatment and disposal facilities

Ms. Crawford: This was placed on the agenda for informational purposes. I would like the whole Council to review this legislation. I would then ask for a resolution from the Council to send this to our state representatives. We need enabling legislation before we can bond any money. Our charter and our current enabling legislation has been reviewed by David Ferrara a Bond Attorney and he recommends that this language be sent to our representatives to be passed. I recommend that this be placed on the next Town Council meeting agenda.

Commissioner Littman: There is nothing in here on how the Town pays the indebtedness or how much may come from the people who are on the Town sewer and how much will come from the rest of the Town. Am I right? Ms. Crawford: Yes you are right, it does not address that. I can ask Mr. Ferrara if that should be included in the legislation.

Motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner Littman to accept the draft legislation and to place it on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting on 04/24/00. So unanimously voted.

### **BILLS AND PAYROLL**

Motion by Commission President Littman, seconded by Commissioner McIntyre to approve bills and payroll. So unanimously voted.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission, motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner McIntyre to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings  
Assistant Finance Director/Water and Sewer Clerk

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