

TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

Board of

Water and Sewer Commissioners

Monday, July 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 Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue at 7:10 PM by Commission Vice-President Kenneth G. Littman. The following members were present:

Craig A. Amerigian
Bruce McIntyre
David Swain

Also present were:

Maryanne Crawford, CPA, Town Administrator
Denise Jennings, Assistant Finance Director/Water and Sewer Clerk
Steven Goslee, Public Works Director
Arthur Christman, Fire Chief

Absent were:

David J. Long, President
James Murphy, Esq., Town Solicitor

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) 06/19/00 (regular meeting):
Commissioner Amerigian stated that on page 3, under paragraph two “Conanicut Marine Services, Inc.” needed to be changed to the “Town”. Motion by Commissioner Amerigian, seconded by Commissioner Swain to accept the minutes of 06/19/00 as amended. So unanimously voted.
- 2) 06/21/00 (work session with the Conanicut Island Land Trust):
Motion by Commissioner Littman, seconded by Commissioner Swain to table approval of the 06/21/00 minutes until the next meeting on 08/21/00. So unanimously voted.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

- 1) Pumping Report:
Mr. Goslee reported that pumping for the month of June was up and the reservoir was down 12 ½ inches. Ms. Crawford reported that due to the level of the reservoir we would have to go to the next step with the water restrictions. She stated that this would be advertised on 07/20/00 in

the Jamestown Press. Discussion followed regarding south pond and wells. Motion by Commissioner Amerigian, seconded by Commissioner McIntyre to accept the pumping report. So unanimously voted.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Copy of letter from Morneau & Murphy to RIDEM re: use of sewer effluent on clay tennis courts (Conanicut Yacht Club)

Following a presentation by John A. Murphy, Esq. and clarification of a few items, motion by Commissioner McIntyre, seconded by Commissioner Amerigian to approve the request of Conanicut Yacht Club subject to the following restrictions, back flow protection is required and in the event of effluent shortage the golf course has first right. So unanimously voted. Commission consensus: Attorney Murphy is to work with the Town Administrator on this issue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) 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

- 1) Who will pay?

Discussion ensued regarding different payment options. Some of the options that were discussed were as follows: flat adjustment (minimum fee in advance), fee based on frontage tax and fee based on usage. Following discussion, motion by Commissioner Littman, seconded by Commissioner McIntyre to table this issue until the next Town Council meeting on 07/24/00. So unanimously voted.

- 2) Desalinization

Mr. Goslee stated that he needed a motion to proceed with the project. Motion by Commissioner Swain, seconded by Commissioner Littman to authorize the Public Works Director to proceed with the next stage of the desalinization project. Motion by Commissioner Amerigian, seconded by Commissioner Littman to select Fay, Spofford and Thordike and Camp, Dresser and McGee to do the feasibility study. So unanimously voted.

- 3) Rules and regulations re: conservation

Following short discussion regarding the conservation regulations, motion by Commissioner Amerigian, seconded by Commissioner McIntyre to ask Mr. Goslee to review and report back at the next meeting on 08/21/00. So unanimously voted.

- 4) Water restrictions

Previously discussed. Ms. Crawford: Restrictions will be advertised in the Jamestown Press on 07/20/00.

- 5) Update on residential high users

Ms. Crawford reported that readings were taken recently on those residents previously discussed

and that one resident who was still high has recently discovered a leak and that the leak had been repaired. She also reported that one other customers usage was still high and that she would follow up and report back to the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Application of Richard and Clare McCormick for water service connection (Plat 12, Lot 180; Beavertail Road)

Winthrop Reed, Realtor: I am here to represent Mr. and Mrs. McCormick. Mr. Reed gave a brief overview of the written information previously supplied to the Commission.

Commission consensus: Mr. Reed to supply additional information regarding the location of the adjoining septic systems for the next water and sewer meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Littman, seconded by Commissioner Swain to table further discussion on this application until the next meeting on 08/21/00. So unanimously voted.

- 2) Application of Kenneth Vario for sewer extension (Plat 8, Lot 33; 60 Ocean Avenue)

- 1) Memorandum from the Building Official

Mr. Vario: I would like to extend the sewer line down Ocean Avenue to my new house. Richard Morse (neighbor) and I will be sharing the cost. We have talked to Mr. Goslee. We will meet all requirements and cost. Commissioner Amerigian: Any reservations, Mr. Goslee? Mr. Goslee: No. Motion by Commissioner McIntyre, seconded by Commissioner Amerigian to approve the application of Kenneth Vario for sewer extension (Plat 8, Lot 33; 60 Ocean Avenue). So unanimously voted.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Motion by Commissioner Amerigian, seconded by Commissioner Swain to approve bills and payroll. So unanimously voted.

TOWN BUSINESS

Chief Christman reported that the RI Turnpike and Bridge Authority will be donating a thermal imager to the Jamestown Fire Department.

Donald Richardson: The storm drain in front of Veterans Memorial Square is blocked and the water is running on to the square and has washed away the grass seed and loom. Commission consensus: To have the Public Works Director look into this issue and report back at the Town Council meeting on 07/24/00. So unanimously voted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, motion by Commission Amerigian, seconded by Commissioner McIntyre to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 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
Town Clerk