

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

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

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 6:34 PM by Commission President Michael Schnack. The following members were present:

Robert Bowen, Vice-President
William H. Murphy
Michael G.White
Ellen Winsor

Also present were:

Bruce R. Keiser, Town Administrator
Peter D. Ruggiero Esq., Town Solicitor
Steven J. Goslee, Public Works Director
Denise Jennings, Water and Sewer Clerk

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

(None)

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) 01/19/10 (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Commissioner Bowen, seconded by Commissioner Murphy to accept the 01/19/10 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:

- Pumping was up substantially for the month of January. This pumping increase continues to indicate that a leak or leaks totaling about 30 to 40 gpm are still present in the system. Have located the general proximity of a sizable leak contained within the Ocean Avenue area. Have had several small leaks associated with frozen pipes and meters.
- Color level at north reservoir has remained constant for the month of January. This is a common occurrence this time of the year, when a layer of ice and snow cover the reservoir and prevent sunlight from penetrating the water.
- North Reservoir is @ capacity, usable storage-60MG

- o South Pond is @ capacity, usable storage-7MG.

2) Town project reports: (See Project Update Reports dated January 2009)

The Public Works Director reported the following:

Treatment Plant-

- o The coating lining of the new membrane tanks have failed.
- o GE has accepted that it is a warranty issue and that they will be relining both tanks, starting Monday, February 15th.

Commission President Schnack asked if there would be any health concerns regarding this failure. The Public Works Director stated that there will be no health concerns regarding this matter. Commission consensus: To ask the Town Administrator to forward the contact document to the Town Solicitor for his review.

The Public Works Director stated that he had enclosed a copy of the Town's annual CMOM (Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance) report in the Commission's meeting packet. The Public Works Director briefly outlined the report and further stated the CMOM program is designed to reduce or eliminate Sanitary Sewer Overflows and that the major components of the program are to address sump pumps connected to the system, fats, oil/grease and complaint tracking and mapping.

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

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(None)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS

1) Discussion re: new ordinance pertaining to water usage by non-users (sprinklers/lawn watering) during municipal water bans (cont. from the 01/19/09 Water and Sewer meeting)

Arthur Christman of 42 Windsor Street restated that all water users, municipal and private drink from the same aquifer. Commission President Schnack asked the Town Solicitor for clarification regarding the enforcement of such ordinance. The Town Solicitor stated that the Town would be able to enforce such an ordinance if they could show a rational relationship between the public safety standard or the police power that you are acting under and the basis for the ordinance. Administrator Keiser stated that at this point the Town does not have the data to show this relationship and would need to work on the research that would be helpful in determining on whether or not there is a cause and effect relationship. Following clarification of a few items, it was the consensus of the Commission to keep this item on the agenda until further notice and to ask the Town Administrator to move forward and continue the research on this matter and to report back to the Commission at the next Water and Sewer meeting on 03/15/10.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Motion was made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Bowen to approve the Water Division Bills and Payroll dated 02/16/10. So unanimously voted.

Motion was made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Bowen to approve the Sewer Division Bills and Payroll dated 02/16/10. So unanimously voted.

TOWN BUSINESS

(None scheduled)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner White to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings

Water and Sewer Clerk

xc: Commission Members (5)

Town Administrator

Town Solicitor

Public Works Director

Town Clerk