

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

Monday, May 17, 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 6:31 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
Michael Gray, Town Engineer/Deputy Public Works Director
Justin Jobin, Environmental Scientist/GIS Coordinator
Denise Jennings, Water and Sewer Clerk

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

(None)

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) 04/19/10 (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner White to accept the 04/19/10 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 slightly for the month of April.
- Color level at north reservoir was up for the month of April and is due to heavy rainfall.
- Rainfall was below normal for the month of April.
- North Reservoir is @ capacity, usable storage-60MG
- South Pond is @ capacity, usable storage-7MG.

2) Town project reports: (See Project Update Reports dated April 2010)

Treatment Plant-

The Public Works Director briefly described the biannual lead and copper testing program.

The Public Works Director reported that budget expenditures for chemicals, testing and electricity are exceeding the water budget for fy 2009/2010. The Public Works Director briefly outlined the three areas which have impacted the water budget as follows:

- Chemical usage increased as a result of having to run the new and old plant during startup and health department review.
- Increased chemical conditioning for corrosion control.
- Changes to the chemical conditioning with a revised discharge permit for backwash from the new plant.
- Additional lead and copper testing.
- Phase 2 monitoring at the reservoir.
- Initial distribution system analysis and treatment of non-account water.

The Public Works Director suggested that accounts for pipe, hydrants and meters be held in reserve for the rest of the year, as there is sufficient inventory to cover any needs for the remainder of fy 2009/2010.

Distribution System-

The Public Works Director reported that a sizable leak in the area of Fort Wetherill near the old highway garage was discovered and repaired. The Public Works Director further reported the following:

- Upon excavation it was discovered that the military had abandoned a building, burnt it down and pushed the remnants into the foundation.
- The service to the structure was not disconnected from the main.
- A remnant of the pipe in the foundation ruptured and was leaking into an electrical box.
- The pipe was traced back to the main and permanently capped.

Cross Connection Control Program-

The Public Works Director stated that he had enclosed in the Commissioners packets a draft of the Cross Connection Control Program. The Public Works Director reported the following:

- The draft was prepared by a consultant at the RI Department of Health.
- The document meets the minimum requirements of the statute.
- There is pending legislation to repeal the statute and/or may have major modifications.
- The Town is required to have a program in place by July 30, 2010.

The Public Works Director recommended that the Commission table further discussion on the program until the general assembly moves on the pending legislation this month or in June. Commission President Schnack asked the Public Works Director to submit a cost estimate. Commission consensus: To table further discussion on this matter, as recommended by the Public Works Director.

Commissioner Schnack asked the Town Administrator and Town Solicitor to look into the Town's liability regarding sewer backup issues.

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

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(None)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) **Water and Sewer Committee/Think Tank** (cont. from the 04/19/10)

a) Draft of charge (submitted by Commissioner Winsor)

Commissioner Winsor distributed copies of the charge to the Commission and she also distributed a miscellaneous communication. Commissioner Winsor briefly outlined the proposed charge as follows:

Objective #1

- That this committee be formed as an Ad hoc committee, so that there can be more than 7 members and that it may need a brief mandate.
- Would like the committee to be innovative and look at new technologies.
- The committee would be responsible directly to the Town Council.
- The committee would review the municipal water and solid waste infrastructure for revisions, repairs, water and groundwater pollution controls and funding options.

Commissioner Winsor briefly outlined the miscellaneous communication distributed to the Commission.

Objective #2

- The committee would be broken down into four sections (groups) and would advise on capital projects as follows:
 1. Pipes-waste management and water quality pipe improvements (new, renovations and major rehabilitation)
 2. Water and sewer growth feasibility
 3. Surface operations (asphalt repair)
 4. Funding
- The committee would coordinate with other committees
- The committee could do neighborhood studies and mapping, wherever necessary
- The committee could review and revise, as necessary and recommend to the Town Council approval of priority policy issues
- The committee would have 9 members and that the Town Engineer would be an exofficio member.
- The committee could report quarterly to the Town Council sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commission

Commission consensus: To continue this matter to the next Water and Sewer meeting on 06/21/10.

2) Status report- re: new **ordinance pertaining to water usage by non-users** (sprinklers/lawn watering) during municipal water bans. (cont. from 04/19/10)

The Town Administrator stated that he had nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

1) **Award bid for Water Plant fencing** to United Fence Co. Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$24,816

Following clarification of a few items, motion was made by Commissioner Bowen, seconded by Commissioner Murphy to award the bid for the Water Treatment Plant fencing to United Fence Co. Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$24,816, as recommended by the Public Works Director. So unanimously voted.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Motion was made by Commissioner Bowen, seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve the Water Division Bills and Payroll dated 05/17/10. So unanimously voted.

Following clarification of a few items, motion was made by Commissioner Bowen, seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve the Sewer Division Bills and Payroll dated 05/17/10. So unanimously voted.

TOWN BUSINESS

(None scheduled)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Bowen, seconded by Commissioner Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings

Water and Sewer Clerk

xc: Commission Members (5)

Town Administrator

Town Solicitor

Public Works Director

Town Clerk