

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

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

A special 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 5:45 PM by Commission President Julio DiGiando. The following members were present:

William Kelly  
Robert W. Sutton, Jr.  
Barbara A. Szepatowski (arrived at 5:48 PM)  
Michael White, Vice-President

Also present were:

Bruce R. Keiser, Town Administrator  
Steven J. Goslee, Public Works Director  
Christina D. Collins, Finance Director  
Denise Jennings, Water and Sewer Clerk

Absent:

Peter D. Ruggiero, Esq., Town Solicitor

**AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

(None)

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

(None scheduled)

**OPEN FORUM**

1) Scheduled requests to address:

(None)

2) Non-Scheduled requests to address:

Denise Quattromani of 29 Park Street stated that her father who also lives at 29 Park Street is on a fixed income and that they do not agree with the whole town sharing the burden of the municipal water improvements. Commission President DiGiando stated that this matter is not on the agenda and will not be discussed.

John Page of 13 Swinburne Street asked if there was an alternate plan to rate hikes. Administrator Keiser stated that all of the money for the water improvements has already been expended and the Town has to pay back the debt and the rates need to rise to pay the debt which comes due this year.

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

1) Pumping Report:

(None scheduled)

2) Town project reports:

(None scheduled)

**LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

(None)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1) Water Tower lease request: (cont. from 08/24/09)

a) Cox Communications

Administrator Keiser reported that he had since worked out an agreement with Cox Communications and recommended that the contract with Cox Communications be approved subject to the following:

- o That Cox Communications will pay \$2,800 per month.
- o That there will be a 3% cola increase each year.
- o That both parties will review and discuss prevailing rates every 5 years.

Following clarification of a few items, motion was made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Sutton to approve the contract with Cox Communications as recommended by the Town Administrator. So unanimously voted.

5:48 PM: Commissioner Szepatowski arrived.

2) Church Community Housing Corp. (cont. from 08/24/09)

a) Waiving of connection fees for a 10 unit affordable housing rental development (Plat 8, Lot 97; 79 North Rd.) Administrator Keiser reported that Church Community Housing Corp. has withdrawn its application for the property located at 79 North Rd.

Commission President DiGiando noted that the Commission will have to re-discuss waiving of fees at a later time.

3) Proposed Water Budget fy 2009/2010 for adoption (cont. from 08/24/09)

The Finance Director stated that the proposed budget is capturing an increase for two years of increases in expenses, since there were no rate increases in the previous fiscal year. Commission President DiGiando stated that the Town has a better water system and now needs to pay the debt for it.

Commission consensus: To discuss community value and benefit of municipal water during budget work sessions in February for the 2010/2011 fiscal year.

Following clarification of a few additional items, motion was made by Commissioner Sutton, seconded by Commissioner Szepatowski to approve the Water Budget fy 2009/2010, as presented.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sutton, seconded by Commissioner Szepatowski to approve the new water rates, as presented.

4) Proposed Sewer Budget fy 2009/2010 for adoption (cont. from 08/24/09)

The Finance Director stated that there is no change in debt and the Sewer Division is already making debt payments and 15% increase on the proposed budget is also capturing an increase for two years of increases in expenses, since there was no rate increases in the previous fiscal year.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the life expectancy of the upgraded Sewer Treatment Facility. The Public Works Director stated that the rehabilitation should extend the life of the treatment facility out another 25 years.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the current manpower at the Sewer Treatment Facility and the consolidation of personnel. The Public Works Director stated that employees would have to be trained and get the appropriate licenses to work at the Sewer Treatment Facility.

Following clarification of a few additional items, motion was made by Commissioner Sutton, seconded by Commissioner Szepatowski to approved the Sewer Budget fy 2009/2010, as presented.

Motion was made by Commissioner Szepatowski, seconded by Commissioner White to approve the new sewer rates, as presented.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

(None)

### **BILLS AND PAYROLL**

1) Adoption of Bills and Payroll dated 08/24/09 (cont. from 08/24/09)

Following clarification of one item, motion was made by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner White to approve the Water and Sewer Division Bills and Payroll dated 08/24/09. So unanimously voted.

### **TOWN BUSINESS**

(None)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Szepatowski, seconded by Commissioner Sutton to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings  
Water and Sewer Clerk

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