

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

Monday, October 16, 2006

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 7:00 PM by Commission President David J. Long.

The following members were present:

Julio DiGiando, Vice-President
William Kelly
Michael F. Schnack
Barbara A. Szepatowski

Also present were:

Bruce Keiser, Town Administrator
Steven J. Goslee, Public Works Director
Michael Gray, Town Engineer/Deputy Public Works Director
Denise Jennings, Water and Sewer Clerk

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

(None scheduled)

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) 09/18/06 (regular meeting):

Motion was made by Commissioner Szepatowski, seconded by Commissioner Kelly to accept the 09/18/06 minutes. Motion so voted, 4 in favor; Commissioner Schnack abstained. Commissioner Schnack was not present at said meeting.

OPEN FORUM

1) Scheduled requests to address:

(None scheduled)

2) Non-Scheduled requests to address:

(None)

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

1) **Pumping Report:**

- Pumping was down, compared to the previous month (August) and also compared to last year.
- Rainfall was average for the month of September.
- Color level is still high, but is improving.
- North Reservoir is still up and is @ 55MG-usable storage, 60MG
- South Pond is @ capacity-usable storage, 7MG.

2) **Town project reports:** (See Project Update Report dated September 2006)

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

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(None)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Status report from the Town Administrator
 - a) Language to amend the **Rules and Regulations** of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

Administrator Keiser reported that he will be concentrating on the municipal water restrictions and the section regarding multi-family properties and mixed uses. Administrator Keiser further reported that he would be working with the Public Works Director on this matter and that he would update the Commission at the next Water and Sewer meeting on 11/20/06.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Application of Stephen Masso (Plat 7, Lot 99; 15 Weeden Lane) for **utility (water) service connection**

Jeffrey Campopiano, P.E. stated that he was present to represent the application of Stephen Masso. Mr. Campopiano reported that he was highered by the Masso's to fix their failing septic system and at the time of his site visit he noticed that a fire hydrant was close by and suggested that the Masso's inquire about hooking into the municipal water system. Mr. Campoiano briefly described the size and location of the property and stated that there is no way to separate the well and septic system.

The Public Works Director stated that the rules and regulations require that the applicant must demonstrate that a well cannot be located on the property and/or that a well does not produce potable water.

Commissioner Szepatowski asked Mr. Campopiano if he had contacted the RI Department of Health. Mr. Campopiano stated that he had not contacted the RIDOH and that he feels uncomfortable locating a well and septic system so close together. Commissioner Schnack asked Mr. Campopiano if he knew how deep the existing well was. Mr. Campopiano stated that he thought that it was approximately 175 feet deep. Commissioner Szepatowski asked Mr. Campopiano if the existing well has been tested. Mr. Campopiano stated that he did not know. Commissioner Szepatowski stated that it appears as though there are many unanswered questions. Commissioner Szepatowski further stated that before any action is taken on this application, these questions must be answered, specifically, how deep is the well? what is the water quality? why didn't the property owner hook into the municipal water system originally? Commission Kelly asked Mr. Campopiano if he had spoken to the Public Works Director prior to filling out the application. Mr. Campopiano stated that he had spoken to the Public Works Director and that the Public Works Director stated that he should apply by application to the Board.

Administrator Keiser reported that he had previously worked with Mr. Campopiano in South Kingstown. Administrator Keiser reminded the Commission that they had recently denied a similar application, as to whom the applicant had not exhausted all avenues to get water and suggested that it be required that this applicant do the same.

Commissioner Schnack stated that it does not make sense that the applicant has a septic system that is failing and that they have not had their well tested. Mr. Campopiano stated that the applicant does not drink the water and that it is only used for showering.

Following clarification of a few additional items, it was the consensus of the Commission to ask the applicant to supply additional information to the Commission as discussed this evening, to ask the applicant or his representative to meet with the Public Works Director and to continue the application of Stephen Masso (Plat 7, Lot 99; 15 Weeden Lane) for utility (water) service connection to the next Water and Sewer meeting on 11/20/06.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Motion was made by Commissioner DiGiando, seconded by Commissioner Szepatowski to approve the Water Bills and Payroll. So unanimously voted. Motion was made by Commissioner DiGiando, seconded by Commissioner Szepatowski to approve the Sewer Bills and Payroll. So unanimously voted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1) Pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(2) (*litigation*)

Motion was made by Commissioner DiGiando, seconded by Commissioner Szepatowski to move back into Executive Session at 7:27 PM pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(2) (*litigation*).

The vote was, Commissioner Long, aye; Commissioner DiGiando, aye; Commissioner Kelly, aye; Commissioner Schnack, aye; Commissioner Szepatowski, aye. Motion so unanimously voted.

The Commission returned to regular session at 8:19 PM .

Motion was made by Commissioner DiGiando, seconded by Commissioner Szepatowski to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. The vote was, Commissioner Long, aye; Commissioner DiGiando, aye; Commissioner Kelly, aye; Commissioner Schnack, aye; Commissioner Szepatowski, aye. Motion so unanimously voted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Szepatowski, seconded by Commissioner Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings
Water and Sewer Clerk

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