

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
BOARD OF
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Monday, March 15, 2004

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 7:20 PM by Commission President Kenneth G. Littman. The following members were present:

David Long, Vice-President
Julio DiGiando
Guy Settipane

Also present were:

Steven J. Goslee, Public Works Director
J. William W. Harsch, Esq., Town Solicitor
Denise Jennings, Water and Sewer Clerk

Absent:

Commissioner Claire W. Ferguson
Maryanne Crawford, CPA, Town Administrator

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) 02/17/04 (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Settipane to accept the 02/17/04 (regular meeting) minutes. So unanimously voted.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

1) **Pumping Report:**

Mr. Goslee reported the following:

- Pumping was down for the month of February, compared to last year.
- Rainfall was down for the month of February and for the second month in a row. Mr. Goslee expressed his concerns regarding the rainfall trend.
- North Reservoir is @ 2".
- South Pond is @ capacity.
- The color level continues to decrease.

2) **Town project reports**

Town Wells:

Mr. Goslee reported that all wells are off line with the exception of JR5. JR5 is the well being used for the RO Pilot.

North/South Pipeline:

Mr. Goslee reported the following:

- The pipe portion of the project is complete.

- The engineering drawings and specifications are complete.
- He will prepare a cost estimate for the costs related to the completion of the project.

Aeration System:

Mr. Goslee reported that the system will be reactivated this week.

Beavertail Road water line replacement:

Mr. Goslee reported that the ground is free of frost and that the project will resume shortly.

Treatment Plant:

Mr. Goslee reported that the Town is in its second month for the new testing protocols. Mr. Goslee briefly described the process for the monthly testing and the filter performance.

New Membrane Filtration Treatment Plant:

Mr. Goslee briefly outlined the proposed schedule for the new Membrane Filtration Treatment Plant. Mr. Goslee stated that Fay, Spofford and Thorndike would have a cost analysis by the end of this week. For full schedule, see the Public Work’s Director’s Status Report dated February 2004. Short discussion ensued regarding the funding for this project.

Distribution System:

Mr. Goslee reported the following:

- The frost has come out of the ground and all frozen services are back in service.
- There were a total of 6 main line breaks, 6 service line breaks and 10 frozen service lines that needed pipe thawing. Mr. Goslee briefly outlined the equipment and labor used for these repairs.

Transfer Pumping:

Mr. Goslee reported that transfer pumping will begin this week to bring the North Reservoir to capacity.

Reverse Osmosis Pilot Study:

Mr. Goslee reported that the RO Plant has been shut down and that there are a few additional weeks of test time to complete the project. The project will resume this week.

Sewer Plant Rehabilitation:

Mr. Goslee reported that Rocchio Corp. will resume work this week and is expected to complete their portion of the project in May.

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

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Letter and grant proposal from Dr. Patrick J. Barosh and Dr. Reinhard K. Frohlich. re: **Integrated investigation of ground water** (see attached report)
Dr.’s Frohlich and Barosh gave a short presentation on a proposal to conduct an integrated investigation of ground water on Conanicut Island for an improved water supply for the Town of Jamestown. Dr.

Frohlich briefly described the methods used to conduct this investigation and funding required to complete this investigation. Dr's Frohlich and Barosh stated that they would assist the Town with an application for a grant to fund the project and asked the Town for their support in the amount of \$2000, for costs in preparing the proposal and presentations to the Town Council and Congressional offices. Short discussion ensued. Commissioner Settipane asked Dr. Frohlich if it were possible for contamination to follow fault lines. Dr. Fhohlich stated that pollutants could follow the line for miles. Commissioner Settipane stated that this proposal and investigation would not only serve the municipal water users, it will also help those on wells. Commissioner Settipane further stated that discussion on this matter should continue at a regular meeting of the Town Council. Commission President Littman thanked Dr.'s Frohlich and Barosh for their presentation.

Commission consensus: To continue discussion on this matter at a regular Town Council meeting on 04/12/04.

2) Letter from Attorney Margaret A. Laurence re: **Sewer issues** (7 Clarke Street)
Motion was made by Commissioner Settipane, seconded by Commissioner DiGiando to accept the communication from Attorney Margaret A. Laurence re: Sewer issues (7 Clarke Street) and to forward the letter to the Town Solicitor and Town Administrator for their review. So unanimously voted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) Discussion regarding **Filter Evaluation** (cont. from 02/17/04)
Previously discussed, under the Public Works Director's Status Report dated February 2004.

2) **Verizon Wireless** re: Amendment to lease (cont. from 02/17/04)
Following clarification of a few items, motion was made by Commissioner Settipane, seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the amendment to the Verizon Wireless lease as presented. So unanimously voted.

3) Letter dated 01/29/04 from **Jocelyn T. Shaw** (6 Blueberry Lane) re: 12/03 water bill and water supply management (cont. from 02/17/04)
No further discussion on this matter. Motion was made by Commissioner Settipane, seconded by Commissioner DiGiando to accept he communication from Jocelyn T. Shaw (6 Blueberry Lane) re: 12/03 water bill and water supply management. So unanimously voted.

NEW BUSINESS

(None scheduled)

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Following clarification of a few items, motion was made by Commissioner DiGiando, seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the Water Bills and Payroll. So unanimously voted.

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

TOWN BUSINESS

(None scheduled)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Settipane, seconded by Commission President Littman to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings
Water and Sewer Clerk

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