

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

Monday, July 21, 2003

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Town Council sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners was called to order at the Melrose Avenue School, Multipurpose Room, 76 North Road at 7:01 PM by Commission President Kenneth G. Littman. The following members were present:

David Long, Vice-President
Julio DiGiando
Claire W. Ferguson
Guy Settipane

Also present were:

Maryanne Crawford, CPA, Town Administrator
Steven J. Goslee, Public Works Director
Douglas DeSimone, Esq., Town Solicitor
Arlene D. Petit, Town Clerk
Denise Jennings, Assistant Finance Director/Water and Sewer Clerk

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) 06/16/03 (Regular meeting)

Commissioner Settipane referred to Page 3 of the 06/16/03 minutes, specifically the discussion under the application of Ronald Wilkie (Plat 9, Lot 505; Clinton Avenue) for extension of water service for duplex.

Commissioner Settipane: The line as follows “the Commission should not hold the applicant to the past and the Commission should review this issue.” this should be amended to read as follows, “the Commission should not hold the applicant to *unwritten policy or standards* ~~the past~~ and the Commission should review this issue.”

Motion was made by Commissioner Settipane, seconded by Commissioner Long to accept the 06/16/03 minutes as amended. So unanimously voted.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

1) **Pumping Report:**

Mr. Goslee reported the following:

- Pumping was down slightly for the month of June, compared to last year and could be attributed to the heavy rainfall. Mr. Goslee stated that it was one of the wettest Junes that he could recall.
- North Reservoir is slightly down at 5”.

- Turbidity (color) is still up and goes up with each rainfall and is expected to peak the last week of July. The color should then start to improve.
- Transfer pumping will resume when turbidity at South Pond improves.

2) **Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2002**

Mr. Goslee reported the following

- The report was mailed out to all customers.
- The report was very positive for the Town.

3) **Town project reports**

Town Wells:

Mr. Goslee reported the following:

- JR-1 and JR-3 are still online.
- JR-5-Will be used in the Reverse Osmosis Pilot. Still awaiting installation of the pole by Narragansett Electric. Anticipate installation within the next 30-days.
- JR-6-The Town has reached a tentative agreement with the Audubon Society.

North/South Pipeline:

Mr. Goslee reported the following:

- The project is currently out to bid. The bids are due back on August 6, 2003.
- Work will begin late summer, early fall.

Aeration System:

Mr. Goslee stated that the Aeration System is running well and that Dr. Kortman feels that the color is due to leaf debris and runoff.

Beavertail Road water line replacement:

Mr. Goslee reported the following:

- The water table has dropped.
- Work will resume and will be fit into lag times between drainage and road paving projects.

Reverse Osmosis Pilot Study/Treatment Plant:

Mr. Goslee reported the following:

- Filter evaluation fieldwork was completed last week; initial results were very positive.
- New chemical coagulants and water chemistry changes have allowed the plant to have longer filter run times.
- Filter run times are currently at 8-9 hours per day. Anticipate being up to 20 hours per day.
- The treatment plant is currently processing 400,000 gallons per day.
- Fay, Spofford & Thorndike will be preparing a final report on the filter evaluation.
- Will have a URI grad student to assist in the daily lab testing and record keeping.

Sewer Plant Rehabilitation:

No action taken.

The Commission asked for clarification on a few items as reported by Mr. Goslee.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1) Letter from Sirje Carl, Executive Director of the Jamestown Housing Authority re: request for exemption from penalty fee for excess usage. Ms. Crawford stated that neither Ms. Carl nor Mr. Anthony would be able to attend this evenings meeting due to previous commitments and requested that their letter be continued to the next meeting on 08/18/03. Motion was made by Commission President Littman, seconded by Commissioner Long to accept the letter from Sirje Carl, Executive Director of the Jamestown Housing Authority re: request for exemption from penalty fee for excess usage and to continue discussion at the next meeting on 08/18/03. So unanimously voted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Discussion re: **Water Distribution System Improvements To Meet Fire Flow** Deficiencies (continued from 06/21/03)
Mr. Goslee: I have meet with the Fire Chief to review the priority for the pipeline replacement. The Fire Chief would like the priority to be the water tower, line 1A, 1B and 2A. He also requested that the Narragansett Avenue lines all be 12” and that the feed lines to the schools to be 10”. Also, the Chief would like a new line of 10” or 12” to be run up Green Lane to High Street and suggested that the remaining pipe be replaced to loop new pipes to the water plant along North Road and Conanicus Avenue. The remainder of the project should follow the recommendations of Fay, Spofford and Thorndike. Following brief discussion and clarification of a few items, Mr. Goslee stated that he would have cost estimates for pipeline replacement for fire flow protection for the next meeting on 08/18/03.
- 2) Discussion re: Written guidelines regarding **extension of service** (continued from 06/21/03)
Mr. Goslee stated that he would have guidelines regarding extension of service for the next meeting on 08/18/03.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Application of Donald Bresnan (Plat 8, Lot 598; 10 Coronado Street) for **expansion/change of use**.
Mr. Bresnan owner of 10 Coronado Street stated that his property is currently mixed use with an office on the first floor and an apartment on the second floor. He further stated that he would like to change the second floor to a commercial/office unit.
- Mr. Goslee stated that the applicant has shown that the water consumption will decrease substantially with the change of use.

Motion was made by Commissioner Settipane, seconded by Commission President Littman to grant the application of Donald Bresnan (Plat 8, Lot 598; 10 Coronado Street) for expansion/change of use. So unanimously voted.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

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

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Sewer Bills and Payroll. So unanimously voted.

TOWN BUSINESS

(None scheduled)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commission President Littman, seconded by Commissioner Long to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings
Assistant Finance Director/Water and Sewer Clerk

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