

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN**  
**Board of**  
**Water and Sewer Commissioners**

Monday, May 15, 2000

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 7:02 PM by Commission President David J. Long. The following members were present:

Kenneth G. Littman, Commission Vice-President  
Craig A. Amerigian  
Bruce McIntyre  
David Swain

Also present were:

Maryanne Crawford, CPA, Town Administrator  
Denise Jennings, Assistant Finance Director/Water and Sewer Clerk  
Steven Goslee, Public Works Director  
Arthur Christman, Fire Chief  
James Murphy, Esq., Town Solicitor

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Littman stated that on page 4 under Bills and Payroll, "Commission President Littman" should be changed to "Commission President Long".

Motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner Littman to accept the minutes of 04/17/00 as amended. Motion so voted, 3 in favor; Commissioner Amerigian and Swain abstaining. Commissioners Amerigian and Swain stated that they were not present at said meeting.

**REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS**

1) **Pumping Report:**

Mr. Goslee reported that pumping for the month of April was identical to the previous year and that rainfall was up. He also reported that the north reservoir was full. Following clarification of a few items, motion was made by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner Littman to accept the pumping report. So unanimously voted.

**LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1) Greater Pine Island Water Assn., Inc. communications

- a) 1998 Annual Consumer Report
- b) Watermarks report (Spring 2000)
- c) History of assn.

Ms. Crawford stated that this communication was brought in by a resident who asked that this be passed along to the Commission. Motion by Commissioner Amerigian, seconded by Commissioner Swain to forward a copy of the communication to the Water Study Committee. So unanimously voted.

- 2) Copy of a letter from RIDEM to the Administrator re: Order of Approval-Sludge Management Plan and Modified Order of Approval-Operation and Maintenance Plan

Motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner McIntyre to accept the communication. So unanimously voted.

- 3) Memorandum from Bill Munger re: **Boat washing water and tank trailer**  
Mr. Munger proposed trucking water in from the City of Newport to replace the water tank that he had previously used in prior years and if favorable, this water could then be dumped into the reservoir. Mr. Goslee stated that he was very concerned and that he has a problem with dumping things into the reservoir. Commissioner Amerigian recommended that the Town Administrator and the Public Works Director investigate this option and other alternatives with the regulatory agencies. Following further discussion, motion by Commissioner Swain, seconded by Commission President Long to ask the Town Administrator and the Public Works Director to contact the City of Newport and to check with regulatory agencies and report back at the next Town Council meeting on 05/22/00. So unanimously voted.

- 4) Letter from the **Conanicut Island Land Trust** re: proposed meeting
  - a) Copy of a portion of the 03/13/00 Town Council meeting minutes re: last Council action
 Motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner Littman to schedule a work session with the Conanicut Island Land Trust for Wednesday, 06/21/00 at the Library. So unanimously voted.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1) Update on **JR3 well application**  
Ms. Crawford reported that she had received the permit from RIDEM for JR3. She also reported that she and the Public Works Director had walked the site and others with Russell Chateaufneuf from RIDEM.
- 2) Update on proposed changes to the **rules and regulations**  
Ms. Crawford gave a brief overview of the recommended proposed changes. She stated that most of the changes were in the conservation area of the regulations. Following brief discussion regarding wording changes, motion by Commissioner

Amerigian, seconded by Commission President Long to ask the Solicitor to rewrite items discussed and report back to the Commission at the next Town Council meeting on 05/22/00. So unanimously voted.

3) Water study re: **desalinization**

Ms. Crawford suggested that a Water Study Committee meeting be set up to discuss the desalinization proposals. Motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner Swain to schedule the next meeting of the Water Study Committee for Thursday, 05/25/00 at the Library. Ms. Crawford stated that she would ask Water Study Committee members Munger and Swain to stop by the Town Office to review the proposals and maybe shorten the list prior to said meeting. Motion so unanimously voted.

4) **Draft legislation** authorizing the Town of Jamestown to finance the installation, expansion, construction and improvements of sewers, storm drains, pumping stations and sewage treatment and disposal facilities

Following short discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Amerigian, seconded by Commission President Long to place this item on the next Town Council agenda for the meeting on 05/22/00. So unanimously voted. Administrator to supply information regarding the impact on the tax rate and on the users.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1) Fourth of July **water ban**

Ms. Crawford reported that the Tall Ships would be here 06/29/00 through 07/02/00. She recommended that a water ban be put into effect over that weekend through the holiday (06/29/00 through 07/04/00), for all outdoor water uses. Following clarification of a few items, motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner Swain to table this issue until the Town Council meeting on 06/12/00. So unanimously voted.

### **BILLS AND PAYROLL**

Motion by Commissioner Amerigian, seconded by Commission President Long to approve bills and payroll. So unanimously voted.

### **TOWN BUSINESS**

1) Letter from Amy Barclay de Tolly, Harbor Commission member re: **Harbor office staff**

Amy Barclay de Tolly, Harbor Commission Member reported that all mooring applications needed to be processed by 06/15/00 and that the Harbor Clerk is in need of

temporary assistance to complete this task.

Councilor McIntyre asked if there was a provision in the union contract for temporary help. The Solicitor stated that there was. Following short discussion, motion by Councilor Swain, seconded by Councilor McIntyre to hire a temporary assistant to the Harbor Clerk, not exceed 30 days; for 4 hours a day, at a rate of pay not more than the current clerk. So unanimously voted. Ms. Crawford stated that the Town would have to go through a temporary agency.

2) Award bid re: **Recreation center windows**

Motion by Commissioner Amerigian, seconded by Commission President Long to award the bid to Champion Windows in the amount of \$23,094. So unanimously voted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission, motion by Commission President Long, seconded by Commissioner McIntyre to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 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