

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

Monday, November 2, 2015

A regular 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 6:36 PM by Commission President Kristine S. Trocki.

The following members were present:

Mary E. Meagher, Vice-President
Blake A. Dickinson
Thomas T. Tighe
Michael G. White

Also present were:

Andrew Nota, Town Administrator
Peter D. Ruggiero, Esq., Town Solicitor
Michael Gray PE, Public Works Director
Christina D. Collins, Finance Director
Denise Jennings, Water and Sewer Clerk

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

(None)

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) 10/05/15 (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Dickinson to accept the 10/05/15 regular meeting minutes. Motion so voted, 4 in favor; Commissioner Meagher abstained. Commissioner Meagher was absent at said meeting.

OPEN FORUM

1) Scheduled requests to address:

(None)

2) Non-Scheduled requests to address:

(None)

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

1) **Pumping Report:**

The Public Works Director reported the following:

- JR-1 has been in service since May.
- Pumping was down for the month of October.
- Rainfall was below average for the month of October.
- Water quality/color was good.
- North Reservoir is @ 33MG, usable storage-60MG.
- South Pond is @ 6MG, usable storage-6MG

2) **Town project reports: (See Project Update Report dated October 2015)**

Treatment Plant:

The Public Works Director reported the following:

- The Water Department is responsible for monitoring water from the distribution system on a quarterly basis for disinfection byproducts. The Public Works Director briefly described the process of monitoring the Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) and the Total Haloacetic Acids (HAAs) byproducts.

Transfer pumping/Reservoir:

The Public Works Director reported the following:

- Were able to transfer water from South Pond to North Pond, for 5 days during the month of October.
- The reservoir is 39 inches below the spillway. The next threshold for the next level of water restrictions is when the reservoir reaches 42 inches below the spillway. The Public Works Director stated that he will be keeping a close watch on the reservoir level over the next few weeks and will place a notice in the newspaper, if necessary.
- Since the reservoir is below the spillway, Engineer's from Pare Corporation completed soil borings, which are required for the design of the bridge and abutments for the proposed bike path.

Distribution System:

The Public Works Director reported the following:

- Staff has completed the installation of piping on High Street between Green Lane and High Street and the new line has been flushed and chlorinated.
- The next step for the project would be to connect the individual house services to the new water main.

The Public Works Director briefly outlined the ongoing water improvements and stated that he would like to continue this work in-house, over time.

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

The Public Works Director reported the following:

- There were no SSO's for the month of October.
- The renewal of the discharge permit application has been submitted to RIDEM for review and approval. Renewal of the permit is required every 5 years.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(None)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

NEW BUSINESS

1) Potential reuse of **storm water for field irrigation**

Administrator Nota stated that he placed this item on the agenda and what had prompted this was that he had recently met with RIDOT and to discuss their solar project and their new maintenance garage underneath the Newport Bridge near the Highway Garage. There was also discussion on the Eldred Avenue fields and irrigation and also the retrofitting of the pumping station on North Main Road, with possible reuse of storm water from the pumping station. Administrator Nota stated that currently this water is going into the bay. Administrator Nota further stated that there was also discussion regarding and easement on RIDOT property for the installation of a well near the Eldred Avenue field.

TOWN BUSINESS

(None)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner White to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings
Water and Sewer Clerk

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