

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

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

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 6:04 PM by President, Kristine S. Trocki. The following members were present:

Mary E. Meagher, Commission Vice-President
Blake A. Dickinson
Eugene B. Mihaly
Thomas T. Tighe

Also present were:

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

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- 1) Presentation by David Bebyn of B & E Consulting
 - a) General Rate Study for the Jamestown Water Division
 - b) General Rate Study for the Jamestown Sewer Division

David Bebyn of B& E Consulting made a short presentation on the General Rate Study for the Jamestown Water and Sewer Divisions and briefly outlined the required 8% increase in the proposed Water Budget and the 7% increase in the proposed Sewer budgets for fy 2014/2015. Mr. Bebyn stated that the increases would allow for a balanced budget and would also provide for the overall needs for both of the divisions. The Commission asked for clarification on several items, as presented by Mr. Bebyn.

Commissioner Trocki stated the it was her understanding that Mr. Bebyn, the Finance Director, the Public Works Director and the Town Administrator have met several times to review this matter.

Administrator Nota asked the Commission to support his proposed Water and Sewer Division budgets for fiscal year 2014/2015, as presented and stated that in the future he would like to carry these discussions pertaining to budgets on a monthly basis. Administrator Nota further stated that he would like to start the budgeting process earlier, to be in line with the general budget process and so that all will have a better understanding.

Commission President Trocki thanked Mr. Bebyn for his presentation.

The Public Works Director distributed a copy of his Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Plan dated September 2, 2014 and briefly outlined the upcoming water and sewer capital improvement projects. The Commission asked for clarification on a few items as presented by the Public Works Director.

7:04 PM-Commission President Trocki extended her apologies to those awaiting the start of the regular Town Council Meeting and asked if anyone had any comments pertaining to water and sewer matters?

OPEN FORUM

1) Scheduled requests to address: (None)

2) Non-Scheduled requests to address:

Bill Munger of 102 Cole Street stated that he was on the former Water Study Committee and that he appreciates the improvements made by the Town since the 1990's. Mr. Munger then expressed his concerns regarding the proposed Water and Sewer Budgets.

Ellen Winsor of 736 East Shore Road made some suggestions regarding possible future action to be taken by the Commission.

Saverio Rebecchi of 13 Sail Street expressed his concerns regarding the line item, Fire Protection Charge on the proposed Water Division Budget for fy 2014/2015.

Chris Walsh of 15 Rosemary Lane stated that he was present for the Reforestation Plan at North Reservoir.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) **08/04/14 minutes** (regular meeting)

Motion was made by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Mihaly to accept the 08/04/14 (regular) meeting minutes. So unanimously voted.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

Administrator Nota asked if the Public Works Director could forgo his Pumping and the Town Project Report? The Public Works Director stated that he could forgo his report, with the exception of one item.

1) **Pumping Report:** no action taken.

2) **Town project reports: (See Project Update Report dated August 2014)**

Water Treatment Plant:

The Public Works Director reported that the assistant superintendent at the Water Treatment Plant has resigned effective September 5th and that he is currently in the process of searching for a replacement.

Town Wells: no action taken.

Transfer Pumping/Reservoir: no action taken.

Distribution System: no action taken.

Wastewater Treatment Facility: no action taken.

3) **Reforestation Plan for North Reservoir**

Arek Galle of Beta Landscape Architecture/Urban Design Land Planning gave a brief presentation on preliminary plan for the reforestation of the North Reservoir property. The plan includes trees, shrubs, and meadow grasses to be planted along the westerly area of the reservoir to enhance the property, improve water quality treatment of runoff to the reservoir and provide wildlife habitat. Following clarification of a few items, Commission President Trocki opened the discussion to the public.

Chris Walsh, Roger Byrne and Lois Migneault all residents of Rosemary Lane and abutters to the reservoir

asked for clarification on a few items regarding the preliminary plan, as presented by Mr. Galle.

Commission President Trocki thanked Mr. Galle for his presentation.

Commission Consensus: To Discuss item number 3) Tick Task Force (**Resolution** No. 2014-01 “A Resolution to Authorize Hunting on Town-owned Properties”) under New Business, at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

3) **Tick Task Force:**

- a) **Resolution** No. 2014-01 “A Resolution to Authorize Hunting on Town-owned Properties”

Bruce Dickinson and David Fuquea made a brief presentation of the proposed areas of harvest. Administrator Nota stated that the Commission needed to take action on **Resolution** No. 2014-01 “A Resolution to Authorize Hunting on Town-owned Properties” and that he will work out the details with the Police Chief prior to authorization.

Commissioner Tighe stated that he would like to see the plan prior to authorization.

Following the reading of the Resolution by Commission President Trocki, motion was made by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Mihaly to approve **Resolution** No. 2014-01 “A Resolution to Authorize Hunting on Town-owned Properties”, subject to a plan to be submitted by the Town Administrator and the Town Solicitor. So unanimously voted.

Administrator Nota stated that he will provide a draft of the plan to the Commission/Town Council for their review prior to taking any action.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(None)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None)

Motion was made by Commissioner Mihaly, seconded by Commissioner Meagher to convene the Water and Sewer Meeting at 8:02 PM. So unanimously voted. Commission President stated that the Water and Sewer Meeting will resume at approximately 10:00 PM, following the regular Town Council Meeting and prior to the Executive Session.

Motion was made by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Tighe to reconvene the Water and Sewer Meeting at 11:01 PM. So unanimously voted.

NEW BUSINESS cont.

1) Proposed **Water Budget fy 2014/2015** for adoption (cont. from 08/04/14)

2) Proposed **Sewer Budget fy 2014/2015** for adoption (cont. from 08/04/14)

Brief discussion and clarification ensued. Motion was made by Commissioner Mihaly, seconded by Commissioner Meagher to adopt the 8% increase to the Water Budget and a 7% increase to the Sewer Budget for fiscal year 2014/2015, as recommended by the Town Administrator. Motion so voted, 4 in favor; Commission Dickinson opposed.

- 3) **Tick Task Force:** discussion on Committee recommendations and possible action
a) **Resolution** No. 2014-01 “A Resolution to Authorize Hunting on Town-owned Properties”
Previously discussed.

TOWN BUSINESS

(None)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further Water and Sewer business before the Commission, motion was made by Commissioner Meagher, seconded by Commissioner Tighe to adjourn the Water and Sewer Meeting and return back to the regular Town Council meeting at 11:07 PM. So unanimously voted.

Attest:

Denise Jennings
Water and Sewer Clerk

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