



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 11, 2015
4:00 p.m.

C.J. Hurgin Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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Present: First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectmen Paul Szatkowski, Selectmen Richard Straiton, Commissioner Valenti and Commissioner Gribbin. Also in attendance were, Public Works Director Douglas Arndt, Comptroller Robert Kozlowski and Wright-Pierce Senior Project Manager Mariusz Jedrychowski, PE and Hydro Geologist Greg Smith.

Absent: Town Attorney Martin Lawlor and Utility Supervisor Kelly Curtis.

Call to Order: First Selectman Knickerbocker called the Special Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input: None.

Correspondence: None.

Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting of January 5th, 2015 and Special Meeting of January 12th, 2015:

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton to approve the minutes of January 5th, 2015, as presented. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved. Commissioner Valenti abstained.

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton to approve the minutes of January 12th, 2015, as presented. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved. Commissioner Valenti abstained.

New Business:

- **Reconditioning of Wells:** Mr. Jedrychowski reported in Mr. Curtis's absence. He distributed a handout on well cleaning versus well replacement and The Stephen B. Church Company's well redevelopment Report for Well 1, dated December 29, 2014 and Well 2, dated December 16, 2014. The reports recommended well replacement for both. Greg Smith, Wright Pierce Hydro Geologist, presented some alternate methods to rehabilitate the wells. He would do a file review on construction and testing of the wells and then submit a proposal after presenting options to the Commission on the best course of action. Discussion ensued.

- **I & I Request for Qualifications:** The I & I RFQ was emailed to the Commission for review prior to the meeting. Commissioner Gribbin requested adding Reservoir Street Pump Station to the list on page number 2 and changing Brookfield Court, under Payne Road Pump Station on page 3, to Brookview Court. Commissioner Straiton commented on adding to page 1 downtown sewer system section that 20% is clay tile. Mr. Jedrychowski will make final changes to the I & I RFQ for publishing on Friday, February 12, 2015.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the RFQ for publishing, as amended, for the Inflow & Infiltration Study. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

Old Business:

PUC Capital Project Status Summary: Mr. Jedrychowski distributed a handout and reported the following:

- **Eureka Lake Water Tank:** Plans and specifications were submitted to Connecticut Department of Health (CTDPH) for review. Prepared and submitted funding application for low interest loan/grant. Received approval for the project from the City of Danbury Wetlands on February 10, 2015. Need CTDPH approval to go to bid. Approximate timetable, advertise to bid in early spring and start construction in May 2015.
- **Hoyt's Hill Water Booster Station:** Began design phase and conducted a site visit for creating as built. Proceed for construction this year. Prepared and submitted funding application to the CTDPH for low interest loan/grant.
- **Highland/Andrews and Cindy Lane Water Main Replacement:** Design in progress. Bidding documents to Mr. Curtis for review. Submitted funding application to CTDPH for low interest loan/grant.
- **South Street Water Booster Station Construction:** Final connection to generator completed. Startup on February 3rd, 2015 was postponed due to snow and will be rescheduled with EFI this month.
- **Demolition of Hickok Tank and "gray" pump station building:** Design work began and Wright-Pierce will be doing a site visit to complete environmental assessment of the tank and the pump station in March 2015. Project will be ready for bid in May 2015.
- **New East Swamp Well Field:** HRP requested a pre-application meeting on January 21, 2015 and a Natural Diversity Database (NDDDB) request on January 29, 2015. HRP has not received a response on the pre-application meeting, but have received notification that the NDDDB review is underway.

South Street Pump Station: Covered above.

Water Rate Study: First Selectman Knickerbocker stated the Commission is not ready to vote on this topic at this time.

Plumtrees Pump Station: Public Works Director Arndt reported the department plans on doing metering on the stations. Will review pricing for buying versus leasing meters. Commissioner Szatkowski suggested a moratorium on sewer and water allocations. Discussion ensued. Mr.

Jedrychowski to provide Public Works Director Arndt a draft copy of the proposal on allocations within a few weeks.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, requesting the Public Works Department provide the existing flows going to the Danbury plant, downtown and Stony Hill. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved. Commissioner Valenti abstained.

Transfer Station: First Selectman Knickerbocker reported he still needs two members to be on the Commission. Discussion ensued.

Eureka Boiler: Public Works Director Arndt requested removing this project from the Ameresco Energy project for cost effectiveness and have the PUC pay for the replacement boiler. Three quotes have been obtained but need to be re-bid with required specifications.

Financial Reports:

- **Invoices:**



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Item #	Vendor	Inv. Date	Inv. #	Amount	Description	Account
1	Martin Lawlor #4077	2/1/2015	Sewer Project 15-02	\$924.00	Professional Services	Sewer Dept. #0310160-5352
2	Martin Lawlor #4077	2/1/2015	Sewer Invoice 15-02	\$1,028.50	Professional Services	Sewer Dept. #0310160-5352
3	Martin Lawlor #4077	2/1/2015	Water Invoice 15-02	\$676.50	Professional Services	Water Dept #0210160-5352
4	Wright-Pierce #1024	12/10/2014	97033	\$4,500.00	Professional Services South Street Pump Station Upgrade 11/1/14 to 11/28/14	Water Department #0210160-5313
5	Wright-Pierce #1024	12/10/2014	97028	\$770.00	Professional Services Eureka Water Storage Tank Design 11/1/14 to 11/28/14	Water Department #0210160-5313
6	Wright-Pierce #1024	1/14/2015	97592	\$6,700.00	Professional Services South Street Pump Station Upgrade 11/29/14 to 12/26/14	Water Department #0210160-5313
7	Wright-Pierce #1024	1/14/2015	97589	\$1,492.75	Professional Services Eureka Water Storage Tank Design 11/29/14 to 12/26/14	Water Department #0210160-5313
8	The Stephen B. Church Company #3413	1/10/2015	887	\$14,711.00	Redevelopment of Maple Avenue Well #2 (Proposal 11/7/14)	Water Depart. Plant Maint. #0240260-5207
9	The Stephen B. Church Company #3413	1/29/2015	893	\$13,917.00	Redevelopment of Maple Avenue Well #1 (Proposal 11/7/14)	Water Depart. Plant Maint. #0240260-5207

10	The Stephen B. Church Company #3413	1/30/2015	895	\$1,701.65	Maple Avenue Well - Repair of motor for Well Pump #1	Water Depart. Plant Maint. #0240260-5207
11	PJS, LLC dba INTROL #3661	1/7/2015	15-101-01	\$4,500.00	South Street Pump Station - Communication to Chestnut Ridge (Programming)	Water Department #0210160-5313
12	PJS, LLC dba INTROL #3661	1/23/2015	15-101-04	\$12,500.00	South Street Pump Station - Communication to Chestnut Ridge (Control Panels)	Water Department #0210160-5313
13	S&S Electric #996	1/6/2015	138898	\$1,353.33	South Street Pump Station - Communication to Chestnut Ridge (Electrical)	Water Department #0210160-5313
14	Xenelis Construction #4622	12/31/2014		\$50,791.75	Construction South Street Pump Station - Payment #5	South Street Pump Station Water Dept. 0210160-5313
TOTAL				\$115,566.48		

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton to approve the invoices, dated February 11, 2015, in the amount of \$115,566.48. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

- **Financial Report:** Comptroller Robert Kozlowski distributed the financials for the Commission's review.

Engineering / Utility Consultant Report:

- **Supervisor's Report:** In Mr. Curtis's absence, Public Works Director stated nothing else to report.

Adjourn: *As there was no further business on the agenda Commissioner Valenti made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Gribbin, to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Vote: All in Favor, Motion Unanimously Approved.*

Respectfully submitted,


Kathy Galbis, Recording Secretary