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REGULAR MEETING - REVISED

Monday, August 15, 2016
4:00 p.m.
C.J. Hurgin Municipal Center – Meeting Room "A"

Present: First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Richard Straiton, Selectman Paul Szatkowski, and Commissioner Valenti. Also in attendance were, Public Works Director Douglas Arndt, Comptroller Kozlowski, Utility Supervisor Kelly Curtis and Town Attorney Martin Lawlor and Wright-Pierce Senior Project Manager Mariusz Jedrychowski, PE

Absent: Commissioner Gualtieri

Call to Order: First Selectman Knickerbocker called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input: None

Correspondence: None

Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting of August 1, 2016:

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the minutes of August 1, 2016, as presented. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

Financial Reports:

- **Financial Report:** Comptroller Kozlowski distributed the Financial Report and gave an overview.

- **Invoices:**

Invoices for PUC Approval - Regular Meeting August 15, 2016							
#	Vendor	Inv. Date	Inv. #	Amount	% Complete	Description	Account
1	D'Amato Construction	08/10/16	8	$186,445.00	80.7% as of 8/4/16	Eureka Lake Storage Tank 7/9/16 to 8/4/16	Water Dept. #0210160-5313
TOTAL: $186,445.00							

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the invoice, dated August 15, 2016, in the amount of $186,445.00. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

Director's Report: Director Arndt reported the following:

- Xenelis – preconstruction meeting last week for Maple Avenue Wells. First Selectman Knickerbocker had questions on the existing wells, options were discussed.
- Eureka Tank –Filling of the tank to tentatively occur week of August 22nd, 2016. The City of Danbury is onboard as backup, if needed.

Old Business:

- **PUC Capital Project Status Summary:**
  - **Eureka Lake Water Tank**: D'Amato Construction installing drain pipe and backfilling. New leaching field is being constructed this week and next. Tank filling and disinfecting is scheduled for the week of August 22nd.
  - **Hoyts Hill Water Booster Station**: Town meeting for approval is scheduled for September 13, 2016.
  - **Maple Avenue Wells:** Conducted pre-construction meeting on August 11, 2016 with the driller and Xenelis. Xenelis to submit shop drawings for review and approval.
  - **Chestnut Ridge Service Zone Tank Study:** The draft report submitted August 15th to Director Arndt for review.
  - **Beach Street and Putnam Park Water Main Replacement:** Putnam Park Road-Contractor is finishing installing the services. Beach Street – Water main plans submitted to Kelly Curtis for review.
  - **Chestnut Ridge WTP GAC Study:** A GAC Study-Summary of Results handout distributed to the Commission. Options and next steps were discussed. Mr. Jedrychowski to check on timeline for implementing chemical system.

    First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adopt the granular activated carbon (GAC) method for addressing the total organics in the water system and include in the consent order. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

  - **Briar Cliff Manor Booster Station Design:** Conducted site visit to locate existing utilities and pump station location.
  - **Water Supply Plan Update:** Conducted project meeting with Water Department staff and provided a list of additional information needed.
  - **Consent Order Items:** Assisting the Town with preparation of required responses to the CTDPH. Reviewed items required by September 15th, 2016. Director Arndt and Mr. Jedrychowski will meet with the State prior to September 15th to present the Town's plan prior to the report due date.
  - **Dam Inspections:** The proposals are being revised to include a dam breach analysis and flooding impact study.

- **Water Rates:** A revised water rate handout was distributed to the Commission that incorporated feedback from the last PUC meeting. Discussion ensued and First Selectman Knickerbocker will plan to schedule a Public Hearing towards the end of September 2016. First Selectman Knickerbocker will schedule a meeting with Chris Woodcock to project out the water rates and incorporate some of the I & I Study findings.

Town Attorney Lawlor requested Comptroller Kozlowski review amounts paid to Danbury for clarification.

Engineering / Utility Consultant Report: Mr. Curtis reported the following

- Putnam Park water main has one service left to tie in and he is working to resolve issue at #5.

First Selectman Knickerbocker handed out a proposal for the Commission's review regarding a Director of Public Utilities position for discussion at a later meeting. Also, he spoke with Attorney Frank Cleary, Bond Counsel, regarding separating the PUC to be able to borrow money on own. This would probably require a Charter revision. Also, a letter was received from the DPH regarding a Danbury resident's complaint of people swimming, fishing and garbage dumping at the Eureka Lake site. DPH is aware of our supervision of the facility and area but mentioned we can't allow fishing without a separate recreational license from DPH. Mr. Curtis reported No Trespassing signs are currently posted. Discussion ensued. First Selectman Knickerbocker will work on some regulations for review at the next meeting.

Adjourn: ***As there was no further business on the agenda, Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. Vote: All in Favor, Motion Unanimously Approved.***

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Galbis
Recording Secretary