



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, October 10, 2024

3:30 p.m.

Meeting held in Meeting Room A and via Google Meet

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Present: First Selectman Daniel Carter, Commissioner Deno Gualtieri, and Commissioner Peter Valenti. Also in attendance, Public Utilities Director Thomas Villa and Comptroller Brad Heering.

Absent: Selectman Richard Straiton, Selectman Bryan Terzian, and Utility Supervisor Kelly Curtis.

Call to Order: First Selectman Carter called the Regular Meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. and led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input: None

Correspondence: None

Minutes:

Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting of September 12, 2024:

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Valenti, to table the approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2024 for next meeting. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

Financials:

1. **Financial Report:** Comptroller B. Heering reviewed the Financial Report, dated September 30, 2024, with the Commission. Discussion ensued.
2. **Invoices:**

Invoices for PUC Approval - Regular Meeting October 10, 2024							
#	Vendor	Inv. Date	Inv. #	Amount	% Complete	Description	Account
1	Kovacs Construction	10/01/24	17	\$214,186.97	64.29% as of 10/1/24	Bergstrom Well WTP	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
2	Weston & Sampson	09/12/24	9241370	\$469.22	29.37% as of 8/23/24	Professional Services SSES Sub Area 13	Sewer Dept. #0340235-5405
3	Wright-Pierce #1024	10/03/24	238931	\$23,045.70	73.47% as of 9/27/24	Bergstrom Field Test Well Construction Administration	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
TOTAL:				\$237,701.89			

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Valenti, to approve the invoices, dated October 10, 2024, in the amount of \$237,701.89, as submitted. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

Director's Report: Director Villa reviewed the following with the Commission:

- We have been working on the Lead and Copper inventory. Implications are that the Town is going to end up with a select number of "unknown" services. Types of services that will require additional action will include: known lead services, galvanized iron required replacement services, and unknown services. Customers will receive a letter within 30 days from inventory submission with further direction if they fall within any of these three categories. It is anticipated that per the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements, the Town will have three years to update the inventory and a 10-year grace period to replace all known lead, galvanized iron required replacements, and unknown types of services. The EPA is lowering the action level for lead contamination to 10 parts per billion (ppb) from 15 ppb. Discussion ensued.

Old Business:

1. **MIU Replacements:**

Director Villa reported that we were down to about 199 MIU replacements last month.

2. **PUC Capital Project Status Summary:** Director Villa reported the following:

Bergstrom: 64% of the project is paid out. Substantial completion is forecasted to be done by the Spring of 2025. Work being done include: metal building being erected, roof installation, and siding construction. Once roof is up, electrical work will be scheduled to be done. Upcoming work includes: pressure testing and chlorinating the water line.

Sanitary Sewer Evaluation of Sub Area 13: Heavy cleaning of the swampy areas within the SSES Sewer Subarea 13 is currently being done. This includes the areas behind Grassy Plain Street, up through Parloa Park, crossing over at Greenwood Avenue, and going behind Elgin Avenue.

3. **PFAS Class Action Update:**

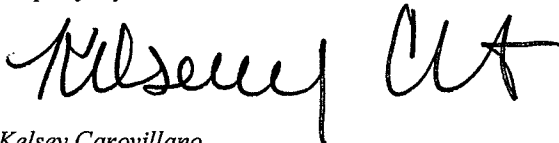
The two deficiencies that were identified were corrected. One deficiency was verifying if Bergstrom was truly a zero-flow reading, and it was confirmed to be correct. Claim forms show under review and no deficiencies are being shown.

Utility Supervisor's Report: Utilities Director Thomas Villa reported the following on behalf of Utility Supervisor Kelly Curtis:

- There was a water main repair on Midway Drive.

Adjourn: *As there was no further business on the agenda, Commissioner Valenti made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Carter, to adjourn the meeting at 4:13 p.m. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Unanimously Approved.*

Respectfully submitted,



*Kelsey Carovillano
Recording Secretary*