



**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
 Bethel Municipal Center, 1 School Street  
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**REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, September 14, 2023  
 4:30 p.m.

Meeting held in Meeting Room A and remotely via Zoom Technology

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**Present:** First Selectman Daniel Carter, Selectman Bryan Terzian, Selectman Richard Straiton, Commissioner Denis Gualtieri and Commissioner Peter Valenti Also in attendance, Public Utilities Director Thomas Villa, Utility Supervisor Kelly Curtis, Comptroller Brad Heering and Town Attorney Martin Lawlor

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Carter called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Input:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Minutes:**

Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting of August 10, 2023:

*Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Gualtieri, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2023, as submitted. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.*

**Financials:**

- 1. Financial Report:** In Comptroller Heering absence, Director Villa reviewed the Financial Report, dated August 31, 2023.  
*Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to approve the Financial Report, dated August 31, 2023, as presented. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.*

**2. Invoices:**

<b>Invoices for PUC Approval - Regular Meeting September 14, 2023</b>							
#	Vendor	Inv. Date	Inv. #	Amount	% Complete	Description	Account
1	Kovacs Construction	09/01/23	4	\$144,150.23	15.02% as of 9/1/23	Bergstrom Well WTP	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
2	Green Mountain Pipeline					Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Sub Area 15 Railroad Easement	Sewer Dept. #0340235-5405
3	Wright-Pierce #1024	09/01/23	230762	\$15,637.06	85.41% as of 8/25/23	Water System SCADA Upgrade	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
4	Wright-Pierce #1024	09/05/23	230877	\$53,507.27	29.83% as of 8/25/23	Bergstrom Field Test Well Construction Administration	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
5	Weston & Sampson	09/06/23	9231098	\$1,691.30	89.40% as of 8/25/23	Professional Services Sub Area 14 - Design & Railroad Construction	Sewer Dept. #0340235-5405
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>\$214,985.86</b>			

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to approve the invoices, dated September 14, 2023, in the amount of \$214,985.86, as submitted. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

**New Business:**

**1. Consideration of Wright-Pierce Amendment No. 1 for the SCADA Upgrade Project:**

First Selectman Carter made a motion, seconded by Selectman Terzian, for consideration of Wright-Pierce Amendment No. 1 for the SCADA Upgrade Project, for discussion.

Director Villa gave an overview of the Amendment, which consists of a Change Order 1A for Radio Telemetry in the amount of \$17,928.00, Change Order 1 B for Additional Controls Requirements in the amount of \$33,361.00, for a total amount of \$51,289.00. Discussion ensued.

First Selectman Carter moved the motion, seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve Wright-Pierce Amendment No. 1 for the SCADA Upgrade Project, dated September 7, 2023, in the amount of \$51,289.00.

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

- "Get the Lead Out" mailers sent to 2500 residents and have received approximately 150 responses of mostly copper piping and no lead so far.
- Wright-Pierce sponsors college engineering students Senior Year Design Projects and the students will start a preliminary design on PFOS for the Town of Bethel. The project runs September 2023 through April 2024.

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve the Director's Report. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

**Old Business:**

1. **PUC Capital Project Status Summary:** Director Villa reported the following:
  - **Bergstrom Wells:** Waiting on loan agreement from the State. Two 40,000-gallon tanks delivered and set. Water main installation next week.

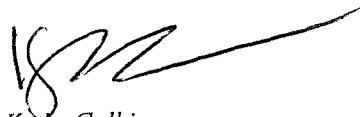
**Utility Supervisor's Report:** Utilities Supervisor Kelly reported the following:

- 55 MIU's replaced this month. Approximately 700-800 failed units to go, with approximately 200-300 in stock.
- Performing lead service pipe inspections from the mailer.
- Some recent high consumption complaints, caused by leaking pipes, and toilets.
- Communication issues between South Street and the tanks – changed antennas.
- Sewer Side – Chestnut Street backed up a few weeks ago, 4 service leaks repaired. New employee is working out well, raising sewer boxes for roads to be paved on Blue Spruce Court and Brookwood and usage has been down.

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve the Utility Supervisor's Report. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

**Adjourn:** As there was no further business on the agenda, Commissioner Valenti made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Unanimously Approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Galbis  
Recording Secretary