



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

Thursday, February 8, 2024

3:30 p.m.

Meeting held in Meeting Room A and remotely via Zoom Technology

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Present: First Selectman Daniel Carter, Selectman Richard Straiton, Commissioner and Peter Valenti. Also in attendance, Public Utilities Director Thomas Villa, Utility Supervisor Kelly Curtis, and Comptroller Brad Heering

Absent: Selectman Bryan Terzian, Commissioner Deno Gualtieri and Town Counsel Melanie O'Brien

Call to Order: First Selectman Carter called the Regular Meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input: None

Correspondence: None

Minutes:

Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting of January 11, 2024:

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2024, as submitted. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved. .

Financials:

- Financial Report:** Comptroller Heering reviewed the Financial Report, dated January 31, 2024, with the Commission. *First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the Financial Report, dated January 31, 2024, as presented. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.*

2. Invoices:

Invoices for PUC Approval - Regular Meeting February 8, 2024							
#	Vendor	Inv. Date	Inv. #	Amount	% Complete	Description	Account
1	Kovacs Construction	02/01/24	9	\$371,355.93	36.41% as of 2/1/24	Bergstrom Well WTP	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
2	Wright-Pierce #1024	02/01/24	233765	\$45,876.72	50.81% as of 1/26/24	Bergstrom Field Test Well Construction Administration	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
3	Wright-Pierce #1024	02/05/24	233956	\$1,572.64	63.41% as of 1/26/24	Water System SCADA Upgrade	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
TOTAL:				\$418,805.29			

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the invoices, dated February 8, 2024, in the amount of \$418,805.29, as submitted. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

New Business:

- Consideration of Proposal for Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey – Subarea 13:**
 Director Villa informed the Commission of the area in town covered by Subarea 13 and stated the Weston & Sampson Agreement would need to be approved by CT DEEP and Town Counsel.

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to accept the Weston & Sampson Agreement for Engineering Services for Subarea 13, contingent upon approval by CT DEEP and Town Counsel, in the amount up to \$286,127.79. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

Director Villa informed the Commission the grant piece would be approximately \$157,000.00.

2. **MIU Replacements:**

Director Villa made a request to four local contractors for MIU replacement. Tom Keane was the lowest. K. Curtis informed the Commission Tom Keane has 2 employees available for approximately six weeks to do outside MIU replacements of the approximately 1084 MIU's needing replacement, at this time. The two employees are averaging a total of 35 MIU replacements daily. K. Curtis requested approval to order 500 MIU's at \$140 each for a total of \$70,000.00. The MIU have a lifespan of 20 years. The Tom Keane labor for approximately six weeks with average \$4,320 per week x 6 weeks for \$25,920.00. Meter pits are a different type of MIU. Commissioner Valenti questioned if should move the MIU that are inside homes, outside of homes during the replacement process. Discussion ensued.

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to retain Tom Keane for full-time MIU replacements through April 1, 2024 and per diem after. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to authorize the Utility Supervisor to purchase 500 MIU's to complete the MIU replacements. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

Director's Report:

1. **Plumtrees Road Pump Station – Pump Replacement/Emergency Standby Pump Rental:**

Director Villa informed the Commission of a Plumtrees Road pump failure requiring the rental of an emergency standby pump for approximately \$23,000.00. K. Curtis has ordered a new pump with a 3-week delivery time. The pump failed on the weekend of 5" of water and was submerged for a long time and had a seal failure.

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

Old Business:

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

Bergstrom – waiting on 2.2 million back as payment reimbursement. A few potential change orders, one for additional valves, piping and hydrant for approximately \$30,000 and another for the PFAS changes for approximately \$63,000.

2. **PFAS Class Action Update:** Samples were taken from all sources. The report is in and needs review.

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

- Main break on Fawn Road repaired.
- Service leak on Midway repaired.
- Sewer – wet wells cleaned as part of preventative maintenance.

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to accept the Utility Supervisor Report. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

Adjourn: *As there was no further business on the agenda, First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Unanimously Approved.*

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Galbis
Recording Secretary