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REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, October 9, 2025
 3:30 p.m.

Meeting held in Meeting Room A and via Google Meet

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

Absent: Commissioner Valenti and Selectman Bryan Terzian

Call to Order: First Selectman Carter called the Regular Meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. and led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input:

1. **Summit at Bethel Master Association:**

Bill O'Halloran spoke on behalf of the Summit at Bethel Master Association.

Correspondence: None

Minutes:

Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting of September 11, 2025:

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to table the approval of the minutes due to D. Gualtieri needing to abstain and a lack of quorum for the vote. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

Financials:

1. **Financial Report:** Comptroller Heering reviewed the Financial Reports. He provided an updated report for June 30, 205 and reviewed the September 30th report with the Commission. He reported the City of Danbury invoice for approximately 1.3 million was received and added to the September 30th report as a placeholder. He is requesting additional details and back up for the invoice as it is approximately \$250,000.00 more than previous years. Once he has vetted out the invoice, he will submit for the Commission's approval. Discussion ensued.

2. **Invoices:**

Invoices for PUC Approval - Regular Meeting October 9, 2025							
#	Vendor	Inv. Date	Inv. #	Amount	% Complete	Description	Account
1	Kovacs Construction	10/1/2025	29	\$135,697.57	91.08% as of 10/01/25	Bergstrom Well WTP	Water Dept. #0240235-5405

2	Wright-Pierce	09/18/25	246584	\$18,586.41	50.36% as of 9/12/25	Water System SCADA Upgrade	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
3	Wright-Pierce	10/07/25	247174	\$1,104.98	50.65% as of 9/26/25	Water System SCADA Upgrade	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
4	Wright-Pierce #1024	10/1/2025	246649	\$21,793.89	92.85% as of 9/26/25	Bergstrom Field Test Well Construction Administration	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
5	David Tinker Excavating	10/02/25	25-14804	\$124,996.60	N/A	Midway Drive	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
6	Pullman & Comley	09/09/25	447179	\$4,791.00	N/A	DWSRF #2024-4000 Loan Agreement	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
7	Cannondale Generators	09/10/25	94498	\$20,405.09	N/A	Turnage Sewer	Sewer Dept. #0340235-5405
8	Law Offices of Melanie P. O'Brien, LLC	08/15/25	2025.06 S	\$394.80	N/A	Professional Services Sewer Invoice 6/1/25 to 6/30/25	Sewer Dept. #0340235-5405
9	Law Offices of Melanie P. O'Brien, LLC	08/15/25	2025-06W	\$270.25	N/A	Professional Services Water Invoice 6/1/25 to 6/30/25	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
TOTAL:				\$328,040.59			

Selectman Straiton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gualtieri, to approve the invoices, dated October 9, 2025, in the amount of \$328,040.59, as submitted. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

New Business: None

Director's Report: Director Villa reported the following:

- The Governor had declared a Stage 2 drought for Fairfield, Middlesex and New Haven County.
- DPH DWSRF intended use plan for 2026 was issued and the Town has a few projects on it.

First Selectman Carter questioned what occurred on Spring Hill over the weekend. K. Curtis reported the tank got too low causing low pressure or no water to some residents. Repaired on Sunday.

Old Business:

1. **MIU Replacements:** K. Curtis reported down to 84. Hung door tags to encourage calls.
2. **PUC Capital Project Status Summary:** Director Villa provided the following updates:
Bergstrom: Pay level is at 91%. Updated on progress for this month. Disinfected and tested well. DPH had a site visit on Tuesday and they received approval on Wednesday. They went Live and in service and ran it overnight for the first time.

T. Villa gave kudos to Justin and the operators for learning the system.

SCADA:

- Received paperwork from the EPA. Application for the grant was approved.
 - NIC has the contract for signature. T. Villa reported an issue with the communication being done via radio frequency and Eversource uses that frequency and an alternate way will be needed. There is cellular and fiber in the areas of the Town sites and it may be more cost effective. NIC will provide a plan to go cellular. The contract will be signed tomorrow.
3. **PFAS Class Action Update:** T. Villa received an email requesting verification of account number.
 4. **Sewer Capacity Update Study:** No update. Information was sent to Tighe & Bond and he will check in for an update next month.

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

- Clarke Park 1 – The building was taken down, and the generators were removed. Pump will need to be replaced. New one is on order and the other pump is fine.
- Walnut Hill – Need to replace the impeller.

Adjourn: *As there was no further business on the agenda, Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Gualtieri, to adjourn the meeting at 4:14 p.m. Vote, All in Favor, Motion, Unanimously Approved.*

Respectfully submitted,



*Kathy Galbis
Recording Secretary*