



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

Thursday, March 14, 2024
 3:30 p.m.

Meeting held in Meeting Room A and remotely via Zoom Technology

Present: First Selectman Daniel Carter, Selectman Richard Straiton, Selectman Bryan Terzian, Commissioner Deno Gualtieri, and Commissioner and Peter Valenti. Also in attendance, Public Utilities Director Thomas Villa, Utility Supervisor Kelly Curtis, Town Counsel Melanie O'Brien, and Comptroller Brad Heering

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 February 8, 2024:

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Gualtieri, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2024, as submitted. Abstention: B. Terzian and D. Gualtieri. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved. .

Financials:

- Financial Report:** Comptroller Heering reviewed the Financial Report, dated February 29, 2024, with the Commission. He stated the Town has not received the City of Danbury's sewer bill. *Commissioner Valenti made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Carter, to approve the Financial Report, dated February 29, 2024, as presented. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.*

2. Invoices:

Invoices for PUC Approval - Regular Meeting March 14, 2024							
#	Vendor	Inv. Date	Inv. #	Amount	% Complete	Description	Account
1	Kovacs Construction	03/01/24	10	\$562,898.89	42.01% as of 3/1/24	Bergstrom Well WTP	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
2	Wright-Pierce #1024	03/01/24	234409	\$36,829.55	53.96% as of 2/23/24	Bergstrom Field Test Well Construction Administration	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
3	Wright-Pierce #1024	03/05/24	234685	\$950.51	63.97% as of 2/23/24	Water System SCADA Upgrade	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
TOTAL:				\$600,678.95			

Commissioner Valenti made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve the invoices, dated March 14, 2024, in the amount of \$600,678.95, as submitted. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

New Business:

- 140 Greenwood Avenue – Sewer Allocation:**

Dainius Virbickas, P.E., Artel Engineering, spoke on behalf of the Applicant, who is proposing a two-story addition above English Drug and MT Bank. It will be 16 residential units, 8 with 2 bedrooms, and 8 with 1 bedroom, for a

sewer allocation request of 2,400 gallons per day. There will need to be a new connection made to the water main for a fire sprinkler line.

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to approve the sewer allocation of 2,400 gallons per day for 140 Greenwood Avenue. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

Director's Report: Director Villa reviewed the current Sewer Allocation Bank numbers with the Commission. Discussion ensued.

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

Old Business:

1. **MIU Replacements:**

K. Curtis reported Tom Keane crew started Monday, February 12th on replacing MIU's. There were 1085 MIU's needing replacement with approximately 407 remaining to do. He has 160 MIU's in stock and needs 240 to finish. Some meter pits will need to have the meter head replaced, as well. He has 23 in stock and needs 40 more.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Carter, to appropriate the not to exceed amount of \$40,000.00, to purchase MIU's and Meter Heads, with the amount being split between water and sewer at \$20,000.00 each. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

2. **PUC Capital Project Status Summary:** Director Villa reported the following:
Bergstrom: On track with reimbursements. Metal building to be delivered early April.
3. **PFAS Class Action Update:** Effective date not established yet.

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

- Pump back to working on Plumtrees. Obtaining quotes for a backup pump.
- Generators – level II service done on all generators.

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, Selectman Terzian made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the meeting at 4:09 p.m. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Unanimously Approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy Galbis
Recording Secretary*