



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

Thursday, September 12, 2024  
 3:30 p.m.

Meeting held in Meeting Room A and via Google Meet

**Present:** First Selectman Daniel Carter, Selectman Straiton, Selectman Bryan Terzian, and Commissioner and Peter Valenti.  
 Also in attendance Utility Supervisor Kelly Curtis and Comptroller Brad Heering

**Absent:** Commissioner Deno Gualtieri, , Public Utilities Director Thomas Villa, and Town Counsel Melanie O’Brien

**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:** Tim Draper                    48 Aunt Pattys Lane West

**Correspondence:** None

**Minutes:**

Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting of August 8, 2024:

*First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2024, as submitted. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved. .*

**Financials:**

1. **Financial Report:** Comptroller Heering reviewed the Financial Report, dated August 31, 2024, with the Commission.
2. **Invoices:** Discussion ensued on Kovacs invoice in regards to the change orders.

<b>Invoices for PUC Approval - Regular Meeting September 12, 2024</b>							
#	Vendor	Inv. Date	Inv. #	Amount	% Complete	Description	Account
1	Kovacs Construction	09/01/24	16	\$251,455.50	62.18% as of 9/1/24	Bergstrom Well WTP	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
2	Wright-Pierce #1024	09/09/24	238382	\$39,687.04	71.50% as of 8/30/24	Bergstrom Field Test Well Construction Administration	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
3	Weston & Sampson	08/14/24	8241244	\$2,218.81	36.73% as of 7/26/24	Professional Services Sub Area 13	Sewer Dept. #0340235-5405
4	Wright-Pierce #1024	09/10/24	238635	\$3,198.41	92.59% as of 8/30/24	Water System SCADA Upgrade	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>\$296,559.76</b>			

*First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to approve the invoices, dated September 12, 2024, in the amount of \$296,559.76, as submitted. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.*

**New Business:** None

**Director's Report:** Kathy Galbis read Director Villa's Director's Report to the Commission:

- Wells 1 and 2A are meeting demand and the rate of drawdown decline has lessened.
- Sanitary Survey inspection is conducted by DPH every 3 years and is scheduled for next month.
- Our lead and copper material inventory are due next month and will be submitted.

Selectman Straiton questioned how the facilities handled the flood. K. Curtis gave a brief overview.

**Old Business:**

1. **Consideration of Acceptance of Sewer Main and Related Easement at property of Steiner, Inc. Benedict Road/Fieldstone Court, Phase 1:**

*First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to accept the sewer main and related easement at the Steiner, Inc. property on Benedict Road/Fieldstone Court, Phase 1. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.*

2. **MIU Replacements:** K. Curtis stated there are 199 left to do, 123 are downtown, 12 are in pits, 30 are un-readables and require additional work, and there are 24 in Stony Hill.

Discussion ensued on setting a timeframe goal for change out inoperable MIUs going forward. K. Curtis suggested a 6-month (2 billing cycle) timeframe.

3. **PUC Capital Project Status Summary:** Kathy Galbis read Director Villa's report on the following:  
**Bergstrom:** Metal building structure is being erected. Building siding, exterior wall air barrier and rough framing around masonry openings is continuing. Interior concrete equipment pads have been poured. Eversource Electric has been to the site and is preparing to install the new utility poles soon. Delivery of the motor control center is delayed until November and will likely delay the substantial completion date into the later winter or spring of 2025.

4. **PFAS Class Action Update:** Kathy Galbis reported the claims forms were recently reviewed and two deficiencies were identified. Corrections have been made and claim forms have been re-submitted and are under review.

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

- One employee is leaving and will need to be replaced.
- New employee, Chris Deluca, is working out very well and is able to do some of the work vendors have done in the past.
- Midway main break – Dave Tinker coming next Monday to finish the work and will be adding two valves.
- Sewer leak at 98 Milwaukee during the flood has been repaired.
- Sewer main break on Nashville was flood related and has been repaired.
- Wells had an issue with the auto feed of chlorine which has been repaired.
- Paul Street – the new pump will arrive mid-November. Pump #3 had issues with the impeller and employees Santos and Chris repaired saving the need for the vendor.

**Adjourn:** *As there was no further business on the agenda, Selectman Terzian made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Carter, to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Unanimously Approved.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Kathy Galbis  
Recording Secretary*