

WATERFORD UTILITY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 17, 2020

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

PRESIDING: Chairman Peter Green

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Negri, Raymond Valentini, Rodney Pinkham and Ken Kirkman

ALSO PRESENT: Staff: Neftali Soto-Chief Engineer, Jim Bartelli-Assistant Director and Attorney Nick Kepple

Chairman Green called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

CITIZEN SESSION

None

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION Made by Mr. Negri to approve the Minutes of the Oct 20, 2020 meeting, Mr. Kirkman seconded.

VOTE The motion passed

BILLING ADJUSTMENTS

The Commission reviewed the October Adjustments. The adjustment report will be kept in the office for review.

EXPENDITURES

MOTION made by Mr. Negri to approve November 2020 bill list, Mr. Pinkham seconded.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS – REPORTS & UPDATES

- FINANCIALS – WW FUND REVENUES/EXPENDITURES REPORT

The financial were reviewed.

- MUNICIPAL COMPLEX REHAB – STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Kirkman gave a report. Committee gave a punch list to O&G to be able to close out Phase I & II. It was reported that the roof on the new garage is completed. Most of the paving is done. Currently working on the putting up the exterior walls.

- COLLECTIONS-UPDATE

Attorney Kepple reported that the courts might be shutting down again so this will delay the foreclosures that have been filed. Also, pointed out that the collection are going well than last year.

- TRI TOWN AGREEMENT

Chairman Green gave an update on the status of the negotiations. He went over the six areas that the three towns have agreed on. The next meeting will be this Thursday, November 19th. They will start having bi weekly meeting until the negotiations are completed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

None

Executive Session

MOTION was made by Mr. Negri, in response to pending claim by New London regarding termination of agreement and Waterford finding alternate wastewater treatment facility to enter into executive session, seconded by Mr. Pinkham. Went into Executive session at 6:40 and came out at 7:40

VOTE Passed Unanimously

The following language is proposed by New London was discussed:

While the Parties agree that a replacement Tri-Town Agreement will not be concluded prior to January 20, 2021 we hereby agree to a temporary extension of the existing Tri-Town Agreement for a term of 6 months from 1/20/2021 until 7/20/21. During said extension all terms and conditions of the existing

agreement will remain in effect as is with the exception of financial responsibility of the Evergreen Force Main to be apportioned between the Towns and City based on flow through that force main. Specifically New London will have 17% responsibility, Waterford will have 56% responsibility, and East Lyme will have 27% responsibility. All the parties recognize this is a temporary bridge agreement and commit to continue to negotiate in good faith to arrive at a permanent new agreement on or before July 20, 2021.

MOTION made by Mr. Valentini to authorize the chairman to enter into the temporary contract extension proposed by New London, in order to afford an opportunity for the parties to complete the negotiations for renewal of the tri-town wastewater agreement, seconded by Negri.

VOTE Passed Unanimously

WATER-VEOLIA REPORT

Report was emailed to the commission. It was reviewed by the members.

CORRESPONDENCE

PLANS REVIEW

None

PERSONNEL

- There are two internal candidates for the Sewer Tech II.

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

MOTION made by Mr. Pinkham to adjourn. Mr. Kirkman seconded.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Windle
Recording Secretary