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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

MAY 23, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Philip Grande, Sr., Chairman
C. Robert Sigler
Michael Richetelli

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Brinton, Director, Public Works/Town Engineer
Art Williams, Treasurer
Mr. John Oatley, VP, Veolia Water North America
Mr. Mark Barrows, Project Manager, Veolia Water North America
Vin Marino, Attorney

Chairman Grande called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

Approve Minutes of January 24, 2019 Meeting: A motion to approve the Minutes of the January 24, 2019 meeting was made by Commissioner Sigler and seconded by Commission Richetelli. With no discussion needed, the motion was unanimously approved.

Veolia Operations and Maintenance Reports: Mr. Oatley and Mr. Barrows of Veolia Water North America proceeded to review their monthly operations and maintenance reports for January thru April noting specific issues and resolutions. A general discussion ensued wherein it was noted that a list is being prepared of items that Veolia feels will be needed to do the job properly.

Town Engineer's Report: Mr. Brinton reported that the Post Road/RT 1 to Racebrook Road is being paved and, upon completion of the paving, a check of the manholes will be needed to ensure they have not been paved over. He also noted that the odor control system for the Post Road pump station is on order. Regarding Carlson Road private system, Chairman Grande noted that ownership of this system must be defined. Discussion ensued. Mr. Brinton noted that, even though it is a private system, the Town of Orange responds to issues on a case by case basis and bills the property owners for our services; to date, these bills have gone unpaid. Also, a grease trap overflow incident at 5 Guys on the Post Road was reported. Discussion ensued. Since this overflow problem was the business's fault, it was the consensus of the Commission to bill the business for the pump out expenses incurred. A short discussion ensued regarding after hours calls and cost of same.

Sewer Connection Application for 197 Indian Field Road: Mr. Brian Philip of Langan Engineering was in attendance to make a presentation on behalf of his client regarding the sewer connection application before the Commission for the proposed assisted/independent living facility. The Commissioners reviewed the plans for this facility which will have 78 independent and 95 assisted living residents. Discussion ensued. With all issues and concerns resolved, a motion to approve the application conditioned upon a force main stub being installed from the gravity manhole parallel to the main within the Town's easement was made by Commissioner Richetelli, seconded by Commissioner Sigler and unanimously approved.

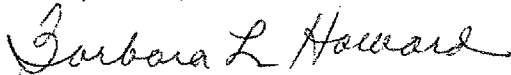
Treasurer's Report: Mr. Williams distributed copies of the trial balance as of June 30, 2019 for review and discussion. He reported that he has authorized payment to West Haven for another \$130,000 and that the balance will be paid when the final total is figured out by West Haven. It was also reported that Veolia has been paid thru April at approximately \$12,000/month. Mr. Williams further reported that Tractor Supply recently paid off its assessment of \$55,000. Discussion ensued. Mr. Williams also reiterated that we are working with Veolia on putting together a list of future capital improvements.

Executive Session: Prior to the Commission going into Executive Session, those present who are not Commissioners (Bob Brinton, Vin Marino, Art Williams, Barbara Howard) were invited to stay for the Executive Session. The meeting then proceeded into Executive Session at 7:08 PM. With all issues/concerns regarding a possible rate increase discussed, the Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:21 PM and proceeded into Regular Session.

Set date for Public Hearing re: rate increase: Discussion ensued regarding a rate increase and noted that the rate which is billed in arrears will be for the period July 01, 2018 to June 30, 2019. It was also agreed that the Public Hearing for said rate increase will be scheduled for June 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM and further the rate will be changed from \$6.20 per 1000 gallons and \$6.95 per 1000 gallons. With no further discussion needed, a motion to refer setting the new rate of \$6.95 to a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM was made by Commission Richetelli, seconded by Commissioner Sigler and unanimously approved. Mr. Brinton will coordinate with Sylvie Napoli in the Public Works Office regarding the proper notices.

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Richetelli and seconded by Commissioner Sigler; the meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara L. Howard
Recording Secretary

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cc: WPCA Members, Town Treasurer, Director, Public Works/Town Engineer, Sylvie Napoli
