

**Town Commissioners' Meeting Minutes**

**May 22, 2012, 7:00 pm**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Dr. Robert Gell. Commissioners Robert Gell, Kenneth Confalone, Joseph Letts, and Renee Capano were in attendance. Mary Carol Durange arrived at 7:19PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nick Capano.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes from the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Commissioner Confalone motioned to accept the minutes as they were written. This was approved, 4-0.

**Accounts Payable Review** - The Accounts Payable report that was provided to the Commissioners was reviewed. Commissioner Confalone motioned to accept the Accounts Payable report. This was approved, 4-0.

**Water Street Properties Accounts Receivables** – Commissioner Letts asked if Water Street Properties had paid their lease that was past due. Mr. Pumpaly indicated that they have paid. Commissioner Letts said that this is not the only time that they have been in arrears and the only reason they paid was because Mr. Pumpaly paid them a visit.

**Proposed Sewer Rate Increase FY 2013 & Resolution 2012-01** – Commissioner Gell indicated that a public hearing was held last night. He asked Mr. Pumpaly to present a brief review of what was discussed in that meeting. Mr. Pumpaly indicated that of the several scenarios presented, the reduction of the 15,000 gallon minimum reduction to 10,000 gallon minimum and leave the minimum rate the same. He further reviewed all other fixed rates, commercial rates, and out of Town rates will increase by 20%. In addition, the amount for all amounts over the minimum will be increased from 5.30/1000 gallons to \$6.33/1000 gallons. This is what the County charges the Town for sewer. The only other increase will be the increase in the flush tax – Bay Restoration Fee which will go from \$7.50 to \$15.00 per quarter. If the Commissioners agree with the increases as presented, a resolution 2012-01 has been presented for their approval. The proposed increase will be effective July 1, 2012. Commissioner Letts motioned to accept Resolution 2012-01. This was approved, 4-0.

**FY 2013 Final Budget Review Draft #7 (Proposed Sewer Increase Included)** – Commissioner Gell indicated that with the approval of the sewer increase we will propose budget draft #7. Commissioner Confalone motioned to approve budget draft #7 and Resolution 2012-02. This was approved, 4-0.

**Town Administrator's Report**

**Old Business**

- **Trinity Woods Waste Water Up-Date** – WPA letter was written to the County Commissioners by a former Commissioner. The letter was received by the former Commissioner on May 8<sup>th</sup>. In this letter, they summarized that any additional requests regarding this issue could result in the termination of the 25% discount provided to the Town for the sewer services. Mr. Pumpaly further reviewed that there was a letter written by the Town Attorney in response to a request by the former Commissioner to their situation in Trinity Woods. Mr. Pumpaly is asking the Commissioners how they would like to proceed with this situation. Commissioner Gell indicated that this discount was imposed by EPA when they built Seneca Point. Commissioner Gell said

that Trinity Woods can do what they want in regard to their situation, but the County does not know the history of the situation.

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Commissioner Confalone indicated that the residents were aware as they moved in that they would be paying the County for their sewer. Commissioner Letts asked who had asked the attorney to do the writing in response to the Trinity Woods letter. Mr. Pumpaly said he had sent the email to the attorney requesting the information. Discussion then ensued about the infrastructure of the sewer system. Commissioner Capano questioned if the issue is because the sewer does not go into the Seneca Point sewer system. Commissioner Gell said overall, there was a conflict in the original annexation agreement.

- **Proposed Emergency Water Connection – 1149 Old Philadelphia Road** – Mr. Pumpaly presented a sample of water from this residence, which comes from the well. Ms. Miller is requesting the Board of Commissioners to allow her to connect to the Town water system. She has agreed to all of the provisions that were set out years ago for similar situations. Her property is contiguous to Town lands. Ms. Miller came to the Board almost a year ago, and annexation was discussed, however there are several other properties that fall into the same category she does that were not annexed that have been allowed in the past to tie into the system. She has signed an agreement to accept future annexation, pay connection fees, pay for the installation fees, and pay water consumption at the standard out of Town water rates. Mr. Pumpaly also has an additional easement agreement between Ms. Miller and her neighbor, Joseph McKinney, who is a Town resident, as her water service line will have to pass through his property. This is not a document required by the Town, but it has been agreed to and signed by Mr. McKinney. Commissioner Letts moves to accept the agreement. This was approved, 4-0. Commissioner Letts indicated to stay on this same thought; we ought to look into the other properties that have requested connection to the system.
- **License Agreement – 134 Louisa Lane (Garage)** – Mr. Pumpaly spoke regarding the garage in the middle of Calvert Street. He spoke to the heir, the son that will be living at the residence and the Town Attorney. As long as they have the license agreement, they have permission to use the land to park and use the land. They cannot build anything on the land. Mr. Pumpaly will present it to Claudia Patterson for review. Commissioner Gell asked if a motion is needed, Mr. Pumpaly indicated since a fee is not being requested, a motion is not needed.

### **New Business**

- **Parking Lot Striping at Long Point Park** – The quotations did not come in, so Mr. Pumpaly will be pushing this topic to the next meeting.
- **Basketball Court Refurbishment (Athletic Complex)** – The quotations did not come in, so Mr. Pumpaly will be pushing this topic to the next meeting.
- **Fairgreen Park Resident Request** – A resident has requested use of the small lot for parking. Mr. Pumpaly indicated this may become a more frequent request. We had someone use it with permission for a wedding. Then someone else used it without permission. Then, we had another request to use it for parking. Mr. Pumpaly is asking the Board if we should have some type of agreement or charge to use this lot. Commissioner Durange asked if no parking signs were placed. Mr. Pumpaly indicated that two signs were placed, but since have been stolen. The Commissioners asked about having an agreement. Commissioner Letts also asked about charging someone to use it for parking. Mr. Pumpaly said he would put a document together for the Commissioners review.

- **Period of Public Comment**

**Ursula Boudart** – Mrs. Boudart commented that she would like to see the front portion of the lot next to Fairgreen Park be turned into parking for people who come to enjoy Footlog Park because there is currently not any parking for Footlog Park. Commissioner Confalone indicated that every access area is stressed for parking, so allowing more parking would be helpful. Mrs. Boudart indicated that she would also like to see trash cans.

Mr. Pumpaly presented information from Mike Collins of Waste Industries – Mr. Pumpaly asked if they could provide trash and recycling containers. They can provide container at \$3.25 each per month to residents. Mr. Pumpaly said we can advertise it to the residents in the chatter/website, etc.

**Gophery Richardson** – Passed, his question was addressed.

**Michael Doss** – Mr. Doss commented that the Town should not charge people to park; he feels it would cause people to park all over the streets. We don't charge to park in the other parks. Second, he would like to ask about the Artesian interconnect and find out what is status of the project. Commissioner Confalone said in response to his question last night about the enterprise fund. He said there is no enterprise fund, unless he is speaking of the utility fund. He explained that within this fund there is a line item budgeted this year in the amount of \$110,000 for the Artesian interconnect project. Commissioner Confalone indicated funds for the project was approved by a prior set of Commissioners. The project timeline is not only in the ballpark of the Commissioners but also in the timeline of Artesian. As they are splitting the cost of the project with the Town, we have to coordinate timelines and work with financial statuses of both the Town and Artesian. Commissioner Capano said she looked up the past meeting minutes with the vote on the emergency interconnect. We do need a generator, we could spend the money on a generator instead and have backup right now. Mr. Doss argued that what if we have a problem with the Tower. Commissioner Capano indicated that right now Artesian's water lines are not close enough to Town lines to connect. Commissioner Capano said that if we had a generator, we could pump the water into the Tower, should we have a failure. She also commented that she felt the Town should still get a generator. Commissioner Confalone asked whether the current Board should be obligated to the decisions made by the previous Board as a new board is elected each year. He then commented that the board is bound unless they made a change because the prior group of Commissioners approved the funded project.

**Prosper Boudart** – Regarding the Boys Scouts doing the Ice House, he was wondering about the Town supplying the tin for the roof as he has a roofer that will donate the work. Commissioner Gell said it would definitely be of interest to replace the tin on the roof if the Town provides the materials. He said the contractor would replace the roof au gratis if the Town gives a letter for tax purposes.

**Chip Spangler** – would like to shut off water service to the Bay Trader. He wanted to know what the cost would be to turn water off and disconnect. Mr. Pumpaly indicated that to just shut the water off, they would have to pay the minimum each quarter. To pull service, they would have to pay \$6000.00 for the water and \$6000.00 for the sewer.

Commissioner Letts motioned to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christina Jackson; Town Clerk.