

Town of Montville Water and Sewer Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 3 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall – Town Council Chambers

1. Water and Sewer Commission

a. Call to Order

Chairman May called the regular meeting of the Water and Sewer Commission to order at 6:02 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and pledged the flag.

c. Roll Call

Present were Commissioners Gary Murphy, Deborah Schober, Anthony Siragusa, Robert Thorn, and Chairman/Town Council Liaison Tim May. Also present were Administrator Brian Lynch, Superintendent Michael Didato, and Mayor Ronald McDaniel. A quorum was present.

d. Alterations to the Agenda - None

e. To consider an act on a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2017 Motion by Commissioner Siragusa, seconded by Commissioner Thorn to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2017. Discussion, none. **Voice vote, 5-0; all in favor. Motion carried.**

f. Communications pertaining specifically to matters which concern the Commission --None

g. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda with a three-minute limit

Chairman May asked three times for remarks. There were none.

h. Commission Attorney on Matters Referred

i. Report from Administration Division

Administrator Lynch submitted an Administrator's Report for March 2017 that was included in the packet and summarized as follows:

1. I sent everyone the Water Budget earlier in the week. There were no major changes in the overall budget. It's a little challenging to predict how much water we are going to purchase from Groton each year. I looked at the last year's billing to gauge the next year's purchase. We were down slightly from the year before, so I took a conservative estimate on this

year's water purchase estimate. This lowered the estimated revenues for next year's budget.

2. We received the 60 percent design of the Anaerobic Digester last month. We sent it off to Wright-Pierce for their review. They completed it and I sent the report to Woodard & Curran, so we could get the guaranteed maximum price on the digester. I was informed that the price to construct the digester would now be over \$10,000,000.
3. I have placed a call to George Hicks at DEEP so I can set up a meeting to discuss options we may have with the remainder of the grant money.

In follow to his report, Administrator Lynch stated that a meeting would be set up with Rand Whitney, Woodard & Curran, and Wright-Pierce regarding the anaerobic digester to discuss the cost that was grossly underestimated. Mayor McDaniel asked to be noticed about that meeting.

j. Report from Operations Division

Superintendent Didato submitted an operating report as of March 2017 that was included in the packet and summarized as follows:

1. With the available data to date, the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) continues to be in full compliance of its NPDES permit.
2. There were no treatment plant odor complaints last month.
3. Sludge thickness averaged about 5.3%.
4. We had an average of 53 lbs/day of nitrogen in our discharge last month. We are keeping an average well below the 118 average limit, and look forward to another check from the DEEP this year.
5. Regarding our TTHM, the results of our unidirectional flushing resulted in a nice low 46 ug/L. On our most recent compliance test we got 66 ug/L. We need to stay under 80 ug/L on a running average. We still want lower results to have the confidence never to exceed the 80 ug/L limit again. To this end, we have spent time deliberating on system changes that have a real potential of a greater reduction of TTHM's. Lots of data needed to be acquired to be sure all of the town will continue to have a robust system regarding pressure and flows.
6. As with any normal month, we continue to maintain and repair things on a routine basis. Some to include are: Changing out a vital air valve used on the SBR's. This large valve is

not just mechanical in nature. It is a composite of electrical and electronics to interface with the SBR computer control system. While waiting for parts to arrive the mechanics kept everything operational with some rather ingenious ideas! I am fortunate to have men with such skill sets onboard. Additionally, we are preparing our equipment and testing devices for the new chlorination season ahead. We replaced a bad Waste Sludge Pump (WSP) with one that had been overhauled.

7. I reviewed the Woodard & Curran 60% design for the APS and upgrades at our facility. More to follow.
8. Working on safety requirements and required reports. **UPDATE:** We had the Town inspection for Fire & Life Safety this month. Our combined efforts lead to another year without issue.

Superintendent Didato stated that per review, expectations were that the cost for the anaerobic digester would be more than estimated due to blowers, generators, and other operational concerns and issues as questioned by Chairman May.

k. Report from the Mayor

Mayor McDaniel reiterated support for the action item under Old Business. He also commented on the issue regarding the anaerobic digester characterizing it as misrepresentation. Mayor McDaniel spoke about the Route 32 corridor and its future with accessible water.

l. Report from special or sub-committees -- None

m. Report from Engineers -- None

n. New Business -- None

o. Old Business

1. Motion to approve the sewer main extension at Jensen's – Millwood Age Restricted Community, 416 Old Colchester Road. Motion – Discussion – Roll Call

SAR NO. 2017-03 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES to approve the sewer main extension at Jensen's – Millwood Age Restricted Community, 416 Old Colchester Road. Motion by Commissioner Siragusa; seconded by Commissioner Thorn. Discussion, none. **Roll Call Vote, all in favor, Commissioners Murphy, Schober, Siragusa, Thorn, and May; 5-0. Motion approved.**

p. Reports/referrals from Planning & Zoning None

q. Payment of bills -- None

II. Water Commission

a. This item was included on the agenda.

b. Report from Engineers -- None

c. Old Business -- None

d. New Business -- None

1. To consider and act on the Water budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 in the amount of \$1,406,975 (One Million Four Hundred Six Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars). Motion – Discussion – Roll Call

SAR NO. 2017-04 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES to approve the Water budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 in the amount of \$1,406,975 (One Million Four Hundred Six Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars). Motion by Commissioner Thorn; seconded by Commissioner Siragusa. Discussion: Administrator Lynch stated that the budget was adjusted down by \$100,000 for water purchase due to the conservation of water last year. He also reported that there would be no increase in rate. Per questions by Chairman May and Commissioner Siragusa, Administrator Lynch commented on the department's reserves and long-term plans for anticipated extension of water. This item will be put on the Town Council agenda for approval. **Roll Call Vote, all in favor, Commissioners Murphy, Schober, Siragusa, Thorn, and May; 5-0. Motion approved.**

e. Payment of bills -- None

f. Remarks from the Public

Chairman May asked three times for remarks. There were none.

g. Remarks from Commission members

Commissioner Thorn stated that he would be retiring from teaching in June but remain on the Commission and the Wounded Warriors Project. He invited the Commissioners and Recording Secretary to his retirement party on July 15th. The Commissioners and Mayor McDaniel congratulated him on his retirement.

h. Adjournment

Motion made by Chairman Siragusa, seconded by Commissioner Thorn to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. Discussion, none. **Voice Vote, 5-0, all in favor. Motion approved—meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Gloria J. Gathers
Recording Secretary, Town of Montville

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