

Town of Montville Water & Sewer Commission
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2023-- 6:00 PM
Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

1. Water and Sewer Commission

a. Call to Order

Chairman Longton called the regular meeting of the Water and Sewer Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and pledged the flag.

c. Roll Call

Present were Commissioners Kevin Lathrop, Chuck Longton, Town Councilor Alfred Mandler, and Frank Miceli. A quorum was present.

Also in attendance was Superintendent Derek Albertson and Bill Pieniadz of P & H Construction.

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

Chairman Longton asked three (3) times for remarks from the public. There were none.

e. New Business – [Chairman Longton expressed his personal appreciation to the Commission for attending the meeting on short notice on a Friday.]

1. To Consider and Act on the Bid Waiver for Repair of the RWCB Discharge Line.

THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES To Consider and Act to waive the sealed bid requirement in Section 708(1) of the Town Charter for the Repair of the Rand-Whitney Container Board sewage discharge line extending from Depot Road to Route 32 to Maple Avenue in the vicinity of St. John's Church as it is in the best interest of the Town.

Motion – Discussion – Roll Call Vote

SAR-No. 2023-14 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES To Consider and Act to waive the sealed bid requirement in Section 708(1) of the Town Charter for the Repair of the Rand-Whitney Container Board sewage discharge line extending from Depot Road to Route 32 to Maple Avenue in the vicinity of St. John's Church as it is in the best interest of the Town. **Motion** by Commissioner Mandler; seconded by Commissioner Miceli. Per this excerpt from the September 2023 Superintendent's Report, Superintendent Albertson reported on the circumstances surrounding the breach in the RWCB discharge line as follows: **The RWCB discharge line is leaking in the vicinity of Depot Road and Route 32, Maple Avenue and Route 32 and other areas along Maple Avenue. Primary sampling of the discharge (as compared to their influent contribution to the WPCF) confirmed the pipe is leaking. Leak detection studies were carried out (hydrophone studies and dye testing and pressure testing). On August 13 and 14, reports of surface leaks were reported at 12 and 167 Maple Avenue, respectively. Excavation and repair were conducted on August 14 and 15. Per contract, we are responsible for the RWCB sewer/return lines. RWCB contributes money each year for this (\$200,000). RWCB has requested that P & H Construction conduct the initial repairs (Depot Road to Route 32 to Maple Avenue). New plumbing is considered as a long-term remedy for several lengths of line with C900 pipe for two other locations along Maple Avenue.**

Bill Pieniadz of P & H Construction provided a detailed description of the damaged discharge line, its existing condition, the plan for a new discharge line for remediation of the immediate problem and for additional work for an overall repair of the existing lines. He responded to questions from the Commission on the steps to be taken to complete the immediate, emergency plan for repair and

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long-term repair and remediation. Roll Call Vote: *In Favor*: Commissioners Mandler, Lathrop, Longton, and Miceli. *Opposed*: None. 4-0-0. **Motion Approved.**

f. Remarks from Commission Members

Commissioner Mandler thanked the Commissioners for attending the meeting. Commissioner Lathrop praised B. Pieniadz for purchasing and getting the replacement pipe here for the project. Chairman Longton thanked the Commissioners again for attending the meeting on short notice.

e. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Mandler; seconded by Commissioner Miceli to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 4-0-0 , all in favor. **Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Gloria J. Gathers
Recording Secretary, Town of Montville

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MONTVILLE WEBSITE.**