

MINUTES
CITY OF NORWICH, WATER COMMISSION

January 17, 2018

Present: Chairman J. Drelich, Comm. T Bresina. Comm. J Kelley, Comm . Nick Testani Comm. K Winans

Absent: Comm. D.Wilson

Also Present: Alderman B. Doliver Alderman M. Caldwell G. Carnrike

The meeting was opened by Chairman J. Drelich at 6:35 pm

Motion to approve minutes of the December 13,2017 was made by Comm. Drelich, seconded by Comm. Winans with typos noted and corrected. Ayes All.

Visitors: None

Correspondence Received: Charles Brooks Town of Norwich Councilman requested water and sewer services to property 218 County Road 46 on Upper Ravine Road #218 County Road #46 for new home construction. Property owner is Margaret Darragh 182 County Road 46 Norwich NY 13815 Ph. 607-316-4657

The answer to follow in writing that all costs associated with engineering, road cut, excavation and plumbing would be at property owner's expense. Sewer lateral would be allowed, however the water main that runs from Lower Booster station up to Jail and CIT is not designed for users along the way. Water is pumped up the hill to the tank which the Upper CIT Station sits on is not capable of supporting users along the way. Sewer is gravity fed and no problem other than the expense. Rule is No water without sewer, however sewer is allowed without water. Again design drawings for any sewer work would need to come again to Water Board for Approval.

Alderman Doliver and Caldwell commented on the 2 Grade III waste water operators filling in until Carl's replacement is hired. Larry Monihan of Norwich, and Pete Andrews Milford New York, have been working part time reviewing plant operations and getting familiar to plant.

Discussion also followed on Lab License requirements were being fulfilled by LSL Labs and daily testing would continue for any plant day to day operation requirements.

Brian Maricle has completed several courses on Waste water and Water and passed with 97% or better grades on both. Brian Maricle will be attending water certification class in March for his 2A water license.

The Board was thanked for the dedication they have shown during this transition period and informed that all will be in compliance at water and waste water facilities. George Carnrike is working with Chenango County Health Dept. on water side, Larry and Pete working with all requirements on Waste water. Interviews for Carl's Job are taking place on 1/22/2018.

G. Carnrike brought the Board up to speed on Change orders for the various projects including Borden Ave Storm water new structure and additional piping, project is 95% complete.

New Filter Plant changes approved included Roof drainage piping, New Insertion valve extra digging , had trouble locating old 100+ year pipe. Electric Disconnect changes on several control panels, New Turbidity Meters. All in all weather delays and Holidays construction was slowed down last month considerably.

Mason will be on site last week of January, then roof and siding panels will start, once enclosed, floor to be thawed and all underground utilities will be installed, then concrete floor placed and finished. Final completion date has been moved back till 6/30/2018.

Water billing will be getting updated in February, bills will be slightly different however will still be a postcard.

Trip De Cordova, owner of Benedict Corp. has addressed Mayor and the Council on relief from the sewer side of his \$5500.00 water sewer bill for the last quarter. Mayor Carnrike and Council asked Water Board for their input. Water system employees responded to a large bill and found waterline going to his used car lot on the far East end of his property was the source of the leak. This water line services his used car lot which is not hooked into the City's waste water, has been turned off till repairs are made. He has a septic tank servicing this part. His normal bill is one thousand dollars or less.

After discussion the Board with a motion from J.Drelich second by J. Kelly, to send to Mayor ,Common Council, and City Attorney a recommendation for relief of the sewer portion only above the normal average quarterly usage, for the amount of sewer that did not enter the system. This would apply to any catastrophic loss by water users who have a bill three times more than average, and can prove water did not enter the sewer system. Again this would be for relief of excess sewer charges only and would not apply to when homeowners choose to fill the swimming pool etc. All ayes by Board.

Finance reports and monthly operation reports will be available to Board members in near future, computer training for new software has Finance Department way behind as well as normal end of year reports.

Chairman Drelich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Comm. Testani, meeting adjourned at 8:50pm