

NEW SHOREHAM WATER DISTRICT

MONTHLY MEETING

July 20, 2009 Minutes

Present were members Robby Brown, Sandra Finizia, alternates Frank Leslie and Rally Migliaccio and District Clerk Janet Ziegler.

Absent were members Jason Howarth and Bob Pokraka.

Also present were Public Works Director Nancy Dodge, Superintendent Dave Simmons, and Counsel Elliot Taubman.

Absent was Finance Director Amy Lewis.

Interim Water Chair S. Finizia called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

She announced that she would continue acting as Chair through October's Annual Allocation meeting while the Board is in transition with new members.

1. Approve Minutes: Joint Meetings April 20, May 11, May 18, June 15 at Noon, June 15 at 5:30PM and June 15 Annual Water District Financial Meeting.

MOTION: by R. Migliaccio to approve the minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded, a quorum was present and the motion was unanimous approved by all members present.

2. Reports from Officials.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING. N. Dodge said that there was nothing new to report.

FINANCE.

Financial Report June; Aging Report June 30.

The Commission discussed enforcement of collections during the summer season when usage and billing was at its highest peak of the year. J. Ziegler reported that A. Lewis was in favor of temporarily returning collections to the Sewer/Water District office until the finance staff is back to normal operations. Collections become difficult in the fall when businesses close and people leave the island.

MOTION: by S. Finizia to have the 'collections and shut-offs' enforcement returned to the Water District office on a temporary basis until the Finance office becomes fully staffed. The motion was seconded, a quorum was present and the vote to approve was:

Vote: AYE: 5 (Brown, Leslie, Finizia, Migliaccio). NAY: Ø. ABSTAIN: Ø.

The motion carried.

WATER PLANT OPERATIONS.

D. Simmons reported that revenue billing was on target for June and that the annual Consumer Confidence Report had been mailed out to all customers. The RI Department of Health made its annual inspection of the plant and had only one minor notation – to install a thermometer in the refrigerator where samples are stored. This differs greatly from the twenty-five page plus report of the old days. Noted leaks occurred on Perry Lane (substandard private line with ownership conflicts), Water Street (Mohegan Cafe building) and High Street (BI Power drilled through a water line while installing a new utility pole; Dig Safe was not notified).

3. Recommendation to Town Council for Appointment to Board.

Because of the absence of two regular members, there was general agreement to postpone making a recommendation until a majority of members could be present. The Board suggested calling a special meeting for

Friday, July 31 so that a recommendation could be before the Town Council at its August 3 meeting. Adding other agenda items was discussed.

4. Correspondence.

- July 1, Town Council accepts resignation from Water Commissioner. The Commission suggested sending get-well flowers and their kind thoughts.

5. Announcements and Public Comment. None.

Adjourn.

MOTION: by S. Finizia to adjourn the meeting was seconded; a quorum was present and the vote to adjourn was unanimously approved by all members present.

E. Taubman noted that his legal opinion was that the Sewer meeting scheduled for 5:00 PM could commence earlier than posted, but that no votes could be taken.

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Ziegler

District Clerk Approved: September 21, 2009

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