

NEW SHOREHAM BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
MONTHLY MEETING

September 21, 2009

Present were Water Commission members Wayne Battey, Robby Brown, Sandra Finizia, Peter McNerney alternates Frank Leslie, Rally Migliaccio and District Clerk Janet Ziegler.

Absent was member Jason Howarth.

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

Absent was Finance Director Amy Lewis

Chair S. Finizia called the meeting to order at 4:36 PM and stated that R. Migliaccio would be voting.

1. Approve Minutes July 20 and August 17.

MOTION: by P. McNerney to approve the minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded, a quorum was present and the vote to approve was unanimous.

MOTION: by S. Finizia to amend the agenda and first consider item 4. Request of the Leone's since they were all present. The motion was seconded and all water commissioners voted affirmatively to amend.

4. Request by B. Leone, Representing Three Condos on Plat 6 Lot 89, for Special Metering Consideration.

E. Taubman said that he would recuse himself from the discussions at the meeting as he is the attorney the Leone family are clients of his.

The Leone stated that Plat 6 Lot 89 was split into five (5) condo units; three of the units (Aldo's Bakery, Aldo's Restaurant Place and Ashley House Hotel) are businesses which are currently metered through the main water feed line to the lot. There is only one curb stop into the property and the businesses have installed private meters to sub-monitor each of the businesses' use. They are requesting that separate accounts be created with separate utility meters installed.

D. Simmons responded that the Water District's Regs state that only one meter per service connections would be installed, for example the Seawinds Condos were built with separate curbstops installed for each condo unit serviced. The Regulation exist so that sub-metering off the main feed (for tenants, etc) would be the responsibility of the property owner. In the Leone case, the property owner is now the condo association.

However, Simmons stated that the businesses were additions to the historic structure and that the feed lines to the individual business had been plumbed in such a way that separate meters might be installed under the unique circumstances. All plumbing configurations on the Lot must comply with the new backflow prevention and cross-connection controls mandated by the State, the Water District's Rules and be authorized/approved by the Water Superintendent.

MOTION: by S. Finizia, based on working out a signed agreement with the association, plans and infrastructure approvals with the Water Superintendent, that the request be granted while recognizing that the particular circumstances would not set any precedent within the Water District. The motion was seconded, a quorum was present and the vote to grant was:

AYE: 5 (Battey, Brown, Finizia, McNerney, Migliaccio). NAY: Ø. ABSTAIN: Ø.

The motion passed.

New meters shall be charged to the account holders and become the property of the BIWC. The applicants will need an application for new service.

2. Reports from Officials.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING.

Communications and Alarms. N. Dodge reported that the plans are still being worked out. The radio boxes are expected mid-October. In the meantime, the phone line alarms and enunciators are functional.

FINANCE.

Financial Report for August. Appoint Finance Committee.

S. Finizia recommended that all Commissioners set up an appointment with A. Land for a review of the financials; the meetings were enlightening. Until a Vice-Chair is elected, S. Finizia will stand in on the committee.

WATER PLANT OPERATIONS.

There were no questions regarding the monthly report.

WATER COMMISSION.

Consider Request For Bid: Attorney Services.

E. Taubman asked that this item be postponed to the next meeting so that he could first meet separately with each Chair; the Commission agreed.

3. Backflow Prevention Program and Cross-Connection Control Plan. (RI State Requirement.)

Draft amendments to New Shoreham Water District Rules and Regs

D. Simmons said that the proposed changes, mostly dictated by the State, amount to ~ten additional pages.

The drafts were distributed and input/comments were asked to be received by October 3. The State has required that the new regulations be in place by December. The 30-day Public Notice would begin in October with the Public Hearing scheduled for the November meeting.

4. Groundwater Rule Compliance. The EPA/State passed the laws pertaining to well water in 2006, the enforcement period begins this December. Compliance monitoring, in the form of proof, ensures reduced risk of illness caused by microbial contamination in public groundwater systems (GWSS).

5. Residuals Management Plan for RIPDES Permits.

The RI Department of Environmental Management (DEM) requires monitoring of BOD (biological oxygen demand), total suspended solids and pH of waste streams into the ocean. Since the Water Company does not generate any residual solids, Geremia is requesting release from the annual review/update.

6. Correspondence.

- September 11, Letter from Geremia to DEM regarding BIWC's RIPDES Permit compliance.

7. Announcements and Open Forum (Public Input).

Reminder that October is the joint annual allocation meeting with Town Council, Water and Sewer.

MOTION: by S. Finizia to adjourn the meeting was seconded, a quorum was present and by unanimous vote the Commission agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Ziegler

Approved: October 19, 2009