

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONS – MINUTES 2019
July 22, 2019

Meeting opened at 4:30 P.M.

Present: Carol Beauregard, Paul Joly, Thomas Ferry, Supt. Harold Gracia and Dianne Curtis.

Review and sign bills.

Payroll was signed singularly by Carol Beauregard singularly on 6/24/19, 7/1/19, 7/8/19, 7/15/19 and 7/22/19.

Minutes: Minutes of June 17th were approved.

New Business:

A. Correspondence:

1.) Dighton Water Backflow Reports: The Board and Supt. Harold Gracia reviewed the Water Backflow Reports from the Dighton Water District. All the Water Backflow Testing passed.

2.) Power Products Generator Inspector Reports: Supt. Gracia reviewed the Inspector Reports from Power Products for the Generators at the Pump Stations. He stated that all the generators were serviced.

3.) Letter to Town Administrator and Response from Town Administrator: There was discussion regarding a letter that was sent to the Town Administrator after the last Sewer Commissioners Board Meeting, regarding a contact person for the Study of Sewer Expansion on Rt. 138. The Board also discussed the response letter to The Board from the Town Administrator.

4.) Email from Z.B.A. Re: Site Walk-Through for Strawberry Fields Project: Thomas Ferry stated that he would attend the Site Walk-Through for the Strawberry Fields Project.

5.) Letter from Carol Beauregard to Town Clerk: Chairwoman Carol Beauregard read her letter addressed to Susana Medeiros, Town Clerk, resigning from her Position as Chairwoman for The Board of Sewer Commissioners. Mrs. Beauregard continued to state that neither Thomas Ferry nor Paul Joly wish to be Chairman and they also refused to accept her resignation. Chairwoman Beauregard agreed to stay as Chairwoman until her term expires. She stated that all future Sewer business is to go through the Sewer Dept. Office and then put on the Meeting Agenda, and to not have anything be brought to her verbally.

6.) 5:00 P.M. Suspend Board Meeting for “Open Public Hearing” to set FY 2020 Sewer Rates: The Board suspended the Regular Board Meeting at 5:00 P.M. to open the Public Hearing Meeting for Setting of Sewer Rates for FY20.

7.) 6:10 P.M. Re-Open Regular Board Meeting: The Board re-opened the Regular Board Meeting at 6:10 P.M.

8.) Meeting with Strawberry Fields Proponent: Bisher Hashem, Proponent for Strawberry Fields and his Engineer, Gregory Driscoll, met before The Board and Supt. Harold Gracia to discuss the Strawberry Fields Project and how this will affect sewer. Mr. Hashem stated that he will be meeting with the Zoning Board of Appeals (Z.B.A.) on Wednesday, August 14th. Mr. Hashem stated that he does not have a sewer design yet. He stated to the Board and Supt. Gracia gallon usage per house based on studies of his previous developments. Mr. Driscoll brought sewer information from Dighton Woods. There was discussion about flows and the number of houses on gravity vs. a pump station. Supt. Gracia stated his concerns about the plumbing/construction quality in regards to groundwater. Mr. Hashem stated that he would be happy to provide The Board and Supt. Gracia any information they would need. Supt. Gracia stated that they would really need to look and figure out if they are planning on using gravity as this would impact the current Pump Station. He stated to Mr. Hashem and Mr. Driscoll that there are two big sewer users (Power Plant and Aquaria) that are on that sewer system. Supt. Gracia stated to Mr. Hashem and Mr. Driscoll that The Board would consult with an engineer. Mr. Hashem stated that he had already met with the Water Dept. He also stated that he would not have specific details for sewer until they are further along in the Strawberry Fields Project. The Board, Supt. Gracia, Mr. Hashem and Mr. Driscoll reviewed plans from the Sewer Dept. and discussed elevations. Thomas Ferry stated to Mr. Hashem that The Board will review the engineering situation for the Sewer Dept. and get back to him on this. Mr. Ferry and Supt. Gracia stated to Mr. Driscoll that they would need the specs of the pump station, flow, capacity, etc. Mr. Hashem stated, when The Board has an engineer in place, to have the Sewer Dept.'s engineer and his engineer get together to discuss this project. Supt. Gracia requested a copy of plans for the Strawberry Fields Project. He also stated to Mr. Hashem, that the Pump Station needs to be updated. Supt. Gracia stated to Mr. Hashem that he will need some of the Sewer Dept.'s Sewer Plans to determine elevations, field measurements, etc. Mr. Hashem stated that he has a copy of the Sewer Dept.'s Sewer Rules & Regulations Book.

9.) Set New Meeting Dates:

All Board Meetings Begin at 4:30 P.M.:

August 19, 2019

September 16, 2019

October 7, 2019

October 21, 2019

November 4, 2019

November 18, 2019

December 16, 2019

10.) Drain-Layer Application from Martelly Building and Design: The Board reviewed a Drain-Layer Application from Martelly Building & Design. Paul Joly motioned to accept Martelly Building & Design as a Licensed Drain-Layer for the Town of Dighton; Thomas Ferry seconded; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.

11.) Sewer Connection Permit: 476 Tremont Street: The Board reviewed a Sewer Connection Permit Application for 476 Tremont Street. Paul Joly motioned to approve the Sewer Connection Permit Application for 476 Tremont Street; Thomas Ferry seconded the motion; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.

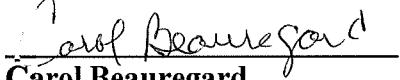
Superintendent's Report:

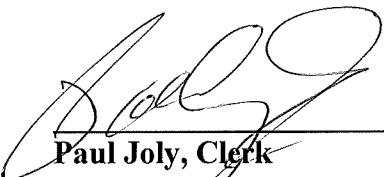
Supt. Harold Gracia stated that Delta Electric has not responded to any of his requests to submit a bill for work on the pump for the Rt. 138 Pump Station. Dianne Curtis will contact Eric Novouski at Delta Electric. Supt. Gracia stated that he contacted a company for a quote, Corrosion Products Equipment, who manufacture parts for the Chicago Pump. He discussed quotes he obtained for a new or repaired pump for this station. Thomas Ferry motioned to purchase a pump for the Rt.138 Pump Station, not to exceed the amount \$15,000.00; Carol Beauregard stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.

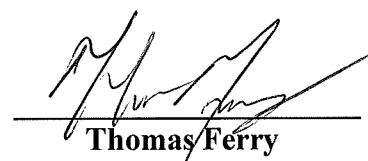
Thomas Ferry motioned to adjourn at 8:25 P.M.; Carol Beauregard stepped down as Chair and seconded; all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Minutes taken by Dianne Curtis. Transcribed by Joelle Anger.


Carol Beauregard


Paul Joly, Clerk


Thomas Ferry