# CITY OF MILFORD SEWER COMMISSION REGULAR JULY 23, 2014

The Sewer Commission of the City of Milford held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 2014, in Conference Room A of the Parsons Government Center, 70 West River Street, Milford, CT. Vice-Chairman Don Anderson opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

The following Commissioners were in attendance:

Chairman Robert Carroll
Vice Chairman Don Anderson
Commissioner Lee Cooke
Commissioner Bradford Hubler
Commissioner Edmund Collier

#### Others in attendance:

Chris Saley, Public Works Director Jim Cooper, Wastewater Ray Macaluso, Westcott & Mapes Toni Weeks, Recording Secretary

Chairman Carroll asked for Citizens Comments and reminded everyone that statements are limited to the legislative functions of the Sewer Commission and the time limit granted to each speaker shall be 3 minutes, residents, taxpayers or electors may address the Commission.

## 1. <u>CITIZENS COMMENTS</u>

None

### 2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. <u>Infill Project No. 1: Seabreeze Avenue Sanitary Sewer potential claim.</u>

Chairman Carroll asked for motion to go into to executive session to discuss Infill Project No. 1: Seabreeze Avenue Sanitary Sewer potential claim and invited Assistant City Attorney Debra Kelly.

Commissioner Cooke made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:32 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Collier. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Cooke made a motion to exit executive session at 6:39 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Collier. Motion carried unanimously.

## 3. PETITIONS ACCORDING TO DATE AND TIME THEY WERE SUBMITTED

None

## 4. NON CONFORMING APPLICATIONS (PETITIONS)

None

## 5. TABLED APPLICATIONS

A. 335 Meadowside Road – 18 Units.

<u>Commissioner Cooke made a motion to take 335 Meadowside Road – 18 Units</u> off the table. Seconded by Commissioner Hubler. Motion carried unanimously.

Warren Field passed out information and explained that they researched the issue as requested by the Commission and were proposing to use new improved devised that will work better than those being used by Garden Homes. He explained they are allowed 15,020 gallons and had been requesting 18 two bedroom units. They are proposing to reduce project to 15 two bedroom units and 3 one bedroom units dropping the usage to 15,002 gallons similar to Bic Drive. The researched other projects and found that Delta has new line developed by EPA that uses less water than dual flush and using vacuum system. These devices will be used in all homes using 40% less. The showerhead will be nothing less than 1½ with on demand hot water heaters. With less bedrooms and water saving devises they estimate usage at 14,086 gallons, lower than approved previously. A lot of builders are not using this new technology because they have not researched it. The spec sheets show the flow. They had been asked to come up with something lower and they did.

Chairman Carroll asked if there were any questions from the Board.

Commissioner Cooker stated he thought it was a no brainer and that if it meets the requirements it should be an over the counter approval.

Ray Macaluso stated it does not meet with the number of bedrooms. It is only meeting it now because of the water saving devices. They are reducing the usage based on our criteria. He is doing the same thing as Garden Homes and will be applying under 8-30g. The Commission must decide based on the material requested and may want to add a condition that he must come back in 6 months with water records.

Commissioner Collier stated that currently there is a moratorium on 8-30g applications. He see no problem with tabling this and giving it more consideration.

Commissioner Collier made a motion to place the application the table. Seconded by Commissioner Cooke. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 6. WESTCOTT & MAPES

A. New Haven Avenue/Rosemary Court/Grove Street Infill

Mr. Macaluso reported the sidewalks and curb installation will be completed this week. Final milling and paving is scheduled within the next couple of weeks.

B. Infill Project No. 1

Mr. Macaluso reported Complete Construction Co. milled and paved New Haven Ave. between Seabreeze Ave. and Dunbar Rd.

C. Infill Project No. 2

Mr. Macaluso reported that VMS Construction Company's Crew #1 completed installation of building laterals on Plains Road between Shelland Street and Harvest Lane, and started work Tuesday installing the mainline sanitary sewer on Tranquility Way. He also reported that VMS's Crew #2 installed the new sanitary sewer connection on White Oaks Terrace and was now installing mainline sanitary sewer on High Street.

Mr. Macaluso further reported that VMS completed installation of the new water main on Wilson Street, and that the RWA disinfected and tested the line. He also noted that VMS is now working with the RWA on connecting the existing homes into the new water main.

The Contractor's Application for Payment No. 3 has been reviewed and certified by Westcott and Mapes, Inc. in the amount of \$303,946.82, and Mr. Macaluso respectfully requested approval of payment to VMS Construction Co.

- D. <u>Edgefield Avenue Pipe Lining</u>
  - Mr. Macaluso reported design work continues.
- E. <u>Edgefield Avenue Interceptor Replacement</u>
  Mr. Macaluso reported design work continues.
- F. <u>Indian River Interceptor Rebid Phase 2A</u>

Mr. Macaluso reported C.J. Fucci has begun mobilizing their equipment and should begin construction within the next week. Mr. Macaluso further reported he has rented space for W&M's field

# **CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT**

None

# **USER FEE REVISIONS/ASSESSMENT REVISIONS**

None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

## **WASTEWATER REPORT**

James Cooper, Superintendent of Wastewater submitted his written report. Commissioner Cooke asked about chemical dumping. Mr. Cooper indicated they are working on correcting that problem and it will eventually be corrected.

### **VOTING**

#### Minutes.

Chairman Carroll asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 28, 2014 and June 25, 2014.

Commissioner Collier made a motion to approve the minutes of May 28, 2014 and June 25, 2014. Seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Commissioner Hubler abstained as he was not in attendance. Motion carried unanimously.

### 2. Payments.

Chairman Carroll asked for a motion to approve the payment scheduled \$344,644.32.

Commissioner Cooke made a motion to approve the payments. Second by Commissioner Anderson.

Commissioner Collier commented that he noticed the Westcott & Mapes invoices were previously signed off by the City Engineer and now they were being signed off by the Public Works Director. He asked if there was a reason for that change. Mr. Saley explained they had been a change in procedure.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Carroll stated that Mr. Saley was going to give a report in personnel changes in the Engineering/Sewer Commission Offices. Mr. Saley reported that the temporary employee who has been working the office will be leaving within the next two weeks. The position has been posted internally as required by contract. Four or five people

have applied and they will be interviewed and tested by our Personnel Director, Tania Barnes. Hopefully at least two will pass the test at which time they will interviewed by Gary and Chris and made a job offer. The hope is to have the position filled by the first week of August in order to transition with the temporary employee. With tracking the work in the Engineering Office the vision is that the new person will do a lot of the clerical and they are still working on who will be taking the minutes for the Sewer Commission. Hopefully the person hired will be willing to take the minutes.

Chairman Carroll asked for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Cooke made a motion to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Second by Commissioner Collier. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Jo Weeks

Sewer Commissioner