SEWER COMMISSION <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> SPECIAL MEETING – DECEMBER 17, 2008 <u>CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING OF</u> <u>THURSDAY, December 4, 2008</u>

The Special Meeting regarding the continuation of the Public Hearing of December 4, 2008 regarding the assessment for the Contract 2004B was held by the Board of Sewer Commissioners on Wednesday December 17, 2008, at 70 West River Street in Conference Room A on the first floor.

Members Present:	Chairman Paul Austin; Vice Chairman, Donald Anderson; Commissioners Michael Brown (entered meeting at 9:21 a.m.), and Robert Carroll
Absent:	Commissioner Louis D'Amato

Also Present: None

At 9:11 a.m., Chairman Austin declared open the special meeting for the purpose of continuing the public hearing held on December 4, 2008.

Chairman Austin read the Notice of Special Meeting regarding the continuation of the Public Hearing held on December 4, 2008 on the Contract 2004B assessment (a copy of which is attached hereto), which was published in the New Haven Register on December 14, 2008:

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Milford, Sewer Commission will convene a Special Meeting on December 17, 2008 at the Parsons Complex, 70 W. River Street, Milford, Connecticut, in Conference Room A at 9:00 a.m.

Said Special Meeting is called for the purpose of continuing the public hearing held on December 4, 2008 to consider and act upon the proposed benefit assessments to be levied on certain properties serviced by the Milford sewerage system.

Properties to be affected by proposed assessments are located on the following streets: Bridgeport Avenue, Riverside Drive and Sachem Street.

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Chairman Austin opened the meeting and made note that it is a special meeting for the purpose of continuing the continuation of Public Hearing from December 4, 2008.

Chairman Austin asked if there is anyone at the meeting that wishes to speak.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Diane and Mark McNeiece responded.

Chairman Austin states that the McNeieces had attended the December 4, 2008 Public Hearing.

Diane McNeiece and Mark McNeiece, 50 Bridgeport Avenue

Diane and Mark McNeiece attended the December 4, 2008 Public Hearing.

At the meeting on December 4, 2008, Diane and Mark McNeiece presented information in the form of a letter from the City Attorney dated November 26, 2007. Mrs. McNeiece also referenced an agreement that was negotiated with Bob Brinton and City Attorney Marilyn Lipton and stated that she was told that her sewer assessment would be \$400.00. (Note that on the letter that Mrs. McNeiece presented from Marilyn Lipton dated November 26, 2007, Mrs. McNeiece stated that she had handwritten the figure of \$400.00 in on paragraph #5.)

The McNeieces are not disputing the assessment on 38-40 Bridgeport Avenue.

The assessment for 44-50 Bridgeport Avenue is 378 linear feet x \$15.00 per linear foot plus \$200.00 for the lateral for a total cost of \$5,870.00.

The McNeieces feel that they were given inaccurate information and felt that they had not been treated fairly or respectfully.

Chairman Paul Austin stated that we will treat them as fairly as we can according to the City Ordinance. He stated that we will have to respect the City Ordinance.

Irene Olsen, 16 Sachem Street

Mrs. Olsen asked if there was something different that needed to be discussed. Chairman Paul Austin stated that the information was the same from the December 4, 2008 Public Hearing, and he asked if she understood. Mrs. Olsen stated that she understood.

Chairman Paul Austin declared the Public Hearing closed at 9:42 a.m..

Chairman Paul Austin asked for a motion to approve the Assessments.

Vice Chairman Donald Anderson **MADE A MOTION** to approve the assessments. The motion was **SECONDED** by Commissioner Robert Carroll.

Chairman Paul Austin asked the Commissioners if there is any discussion regarding the subject of the motion.

At this time, letters from Mrs. McNeiece and from City Attorney's office were reviewed by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Michael Brown stated that he did not see a problem with the way the assessment was calculated. Commissioner Robert Carroll stated that he felt it had just been a miscommunication and felt that the McNeieces possibly understood that the \$800.00 applied to all of the properties.

Chairman Paul Austin asked for a vote on the motion. All Commissioners voted unanimously **<u>TO APPROVE</u>** the assessments.

Chairman Paul Austin asked for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Robert Carroll <u>MADE A MOTION</u> to adjourn. The motion was <u>SECONDED</u> by Vice Chairman Donald Anderson, and was unanimously carried.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia N. Valeo, Clerk Sewer Commission