

Town of Wilmington
Water & Sewer Commission
September 17, 2015 Meeting

The Water and Sewer Commission met on September 17, 2015 in Room 9 at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. Present were Chairman Joseph Balliro, Commissioner George Allan, Commissioner Robert LaVita, Utility & Business Manager Joseph Lobao, and Recording Secretary Diane Forest.

45 Hopkins Street Sewer Extension

Joseph Maynard of Benchmark Engineers and developer James Castellano were present on behalf of the owners of a 17 home proposed subdivision off of Hopkins Street. There is currently no sewer available and the lots fall within the non-sewer district. Septic systems are an option; however Mr. Maynard explained that septic systems are not ideal. In addition he stated that other homes along the sewer extension route could potentially benefit by being able to connect to the municipal sewer system. As discussed at the August meeting, Commissioner Allan stated that the information, as presented, does not meet the criteria to approve a sewer extension. There was a lengthy discussion relative to the Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan (CWRMP) and the rationale behind the non-sewer district areas. It was explained that the 200 home reserve allotment, as identified in the CWRMP, is intended to be used for homes that have hardship situations and have proven that alternatives for septic discharge have been exhausted. Allowing a sewer extension that does not meet the criteria in the CWRMP would set a precedent. The Commission members concurred and A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHAIRMAN BALLIRO TO APPROVE THE REQUEST THAT HAS BEEN DUBBED THE SARAFINA'S WAY SUBDIVISION, AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH. DISCUSSION: Commissioner Allan would like to see proof that the area has poor soil conditions so as to move the proposed subdivision to the top of the list as being an area in need of public sewer. THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED WITHOUT PREJUDICE 2-1: COMMISSIONER LAVITA - NO COMMISSIONER ALLAN - NO CHAIRMAN BALLIRO - YES The Commission informed Mr. Castellano that they are willing to revisit the proposal if they provide more statistical data.

555 Main Street Sewer Connection

Stanley Stedman owner of 555 Main Street, Fred Cain owner of 579 Main Street and Luke Roy of LJR Engineering appeared before the Commission to discuss their request to run a sewer service through an easement from 555 Main Street (M41-P140) through 563 Main Street (M41-P139) to service 579 Main Street (M41-P138). As discussed at previous meetings, it was explained to the Commission that a septic system is not an option due to lack of Title V approval. They were granted a hardship approval from the Board of Health. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA SECONDED BY

COMMISSIONER ALLAN IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE SEWER CONNECTION AS PROPOSED.

Abatement Request - 119 Grove Avenue

Roberta Biscan, not present, applied for an abatement of charges for an after hours call due to frozen pipes. In her letter, Ms. Biscan explains that she is a single mother of 3 young children, one with special need. She is unable to work due to frequent visits to the hospital and doctors visits. ON A MOTION MADE BY CHAIRMAN BALLIRO SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO REDUCE THE BILL BY ONE HALF REDUCING THE CHARGE OF \$168.94 TO \$86.97 DUE TO FINANCIAL HARDSHIP.

Abatement Request - 23 Faulkner Avenue

Yvette Huynh, not present, applied for an abatement of charges rendered on her August 2015 water & sewer bill. There is no explanation for the increased usage during this billing cycle. A current reading was obtained and the usage has gone back to what they typically use. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO DENY THE ABATEMENT REQUEST SUBMITTED BY YVETTE HUYNH OF 23 FAULKNER AVENUE.

Approval of Minutes

July 16, 2015 Meeting: ON A MOTION MADE BY CHAIRMAN BAILLIRO SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 16, 2015 MEETING.

August 20, 2015: ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER LAVITA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN IT WAS VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FO THE AUGUST 20, 2015 MEETING. Chairman Balliro, not being present at said meeting, abstained.

Billing Adjustments and Corrections - None

In-House 2-Inch Water Main Replacement

Mr. Lobao informed the Commission members that on September 14, Water Department crews began the replacement of 650' of 2" water main with 8" ductile iron pipe on Burnap Street. There will be one additional hydrant installed at the end of the main and 12 services will be swapped over. The project should take approximately 5 weeks.

Monthly Report

The monthly report for August of 2015 was reviewed by the Commission.

Other Business

Commissioner Allan stated that he would like to investigate the water main being looped in the Sarafina's Way subdivision.

Public Comment Period - None

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Water & Sewer Commission – September 17, 2015 at 5:30 PM.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn carries at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Diane Forest, Recording Secretary