

Town of Wilmington
Water & Sewer Commission
September 20, 2018 Meeting

The Water and Sewer Commission met on September 20, 2018 in Room 9 at the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM. Present were Chairman Joseph Balliro, Commissioner George Allan, Utility & Business Manager Joseph Lobao, and Recording Secretary Diane Forest.

Approval of Minutes August 9, 2018 Meeting – Tabled

14 Harris Street – Abatement Request

Mr. Joseph Costabile was present to discuss his request for an abatement of his May 1, 2018 water bill. He explained that while away, pipes inside his home froze and burst causing a very large amount of water to pass through the meter and flooding his home causing a significant amount of damage. Mr. Costabile has a significant medical condition. They are on a fixed income so between medical expenses, all of the damage done to their house and the charges incurred on the water bill, these charges prove to be an extreme financial hardship. Mr. Costabile asked the Commission to consider offering some relief of these charges. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN BALLIRO, IT WAS VOTED THAT DUE TO FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, THE MAY 1, 2018 WATER BILL WILL BE ADJUSTED BACK TO THE AVERAGE USE OF THE PREVIOUS 4 QUARTERS, WAIVING ANY AND ALL LATE FEES AND PENALTIES AND TO ALLOW MR. COSTABILE TO PAY HIS BALANCE, INCLUDING THE REPAIR CHARGES, OVER A PERIOD OF 4 QUARTERS.

Billing Adjustments & Corrections – There were none.

Nassau Avenue

John Miller of Landmark was present to partake in conversation relative to the Nassau Avenue WST. Following a lengthy discussion about tank styles, the Commission concurred to exercise due diligence before deciding on a tank style and directed Mr. Lobao to contact Mr. Michael Cunningham of Kleinfelder to gather further information pertaining to glass fused to steel, bolted style water storage tanks (the tank with the lowest bid price).

The Commission requested that Kleinfelder further investigate and assess three specific areas of question and/or concern:

1. Competing tank manufacturer stating that the AWWA Manual 42 references that the glass fused bolted style tank is only expected to have a 40 year life span.
2. Information from a competing tank manufacturer of specific incidents where glass fused bolted style tanks have required replacement due to leaks or other defects.
3. Potential for ice formation inside bolted tanks and impact of structural integrity

Mr. Lobao will report back to the Commission with the findings. No further action was taken at this time.

Sewer Inflow/Infiltration Analysis

The Town has received money to perform I/I Analysis through the MWRA I/I Financial Assistance Program. Mr. Lobao informed the Commission that the purpose of this program is to identify sources of extraneous water that discharge into its sanitary sewers. The most recent phase consisted of smoke testing various areas of the Town. Smoke testing involves blowing white smoke into the sanitary sewer lines in the street and observing and recording where the smoke leaks out. The smoke is harmless, odorless, non-staining, and leaves no residue. Dye testing was used at

Analog Devices and the schools. The testing was coordinated by the Town's engineering consultants, Arcadis, and was conducted by EST Associates, Inc. There were no major issues discovered.

Salem Street Well Field

Mr. Lobao updated the Commission members relative to the well cleaning project at the Salem Street Well Field. Dennis L. Maher is the successful bidder and cleaning should commence in approximately 2 weeks. Mr. Lobao will keep the Commission informed.

Monthly Report

The August 2018 monthly report was presented and reviewed by the Commission members.

Other Business - None

Public Comment Period - None

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held October 18, 2018.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn carries at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Diane Forest, Recording Secretary