

Town of Wilmington
Water & Sewer Commission
December 13, 2018 Meeting

The Water and Sewer Commission met on December 13, 2018 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, Utility & Business Manager Joseph Lobao, and Recording Secretary Diane Forest.

Approval of Minutes

- **November 15, 2018** – Tabled

Billing Adjustments & Corrections

There were none.

Abatement Request – 7 Broad Street

Mrs. Roketenetz of 7 Broad Street requested an abatement of her November 1, 2018 water bill. The November bill was calculated based on usage from the same billing quarter the previous year because the meter was not registering accurately due to erroneous installation. The owner states in her application that the usage from the previous year included outdoor water use via the sprinkler system, which was unable to be utilized during this particular billing cycle due to low water pressure coming in from the street. This has been verified with the Water Department. ON A MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER ALLAN SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN BALLIRO IT WAS VOTED TO ADJUST THE NOVEMBER 2018 WATER BILL BACK TO THE AVERAGE USAGE FROM THE FEBRUARY AND MAY INVOICES OF 2016 AND 2017.

Nassau Avenue Water Storage Tank Update

The Notice to Proceed has been issued to Statewide Aquastore. The contract for the Engineering and Construction Administration Services of the Nassau Avenue Water Storage Tank between the Town of Wilmington and Kleinfelder was executed last week. There are no scheduled construction dates as of yet but the Town anticipates submittals to begin coming in for review.

Sewer I/I Analysis Update

Mr. Lobao explained that in 2014, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) set forth requirements that all municipal sewer systems implement an Inflow & Infiltration (I/I) control program. At that time the Town of Wilmington signed a contract with Arcadis who in turn performed an analysis of the Town's sewer system. The report was submitted to DEP by the deadline of December 31, 2017. During the Analysis Phase, closed circuit cameras, manhole inspections, dye testing and smoke testing techniques were performed and multiple areas were identified in Town that exceeded the DEP threshold for I/I. As a result of these findings, Arcadis presented a report to the Town and DEP that summarized the findings and recommendations. Plans to fund the projects will need to be approved at Town meeting. Funding opportunities include a total availability of \$856,000 from the MWRA, 75% of which will be grant money and 25% of which will be a loan with a 10 year payback at 0% interest.

Requirements of DEP state that any new connections exceeding 15,000gpd are required to remove at least 4 gallons of I/I for each gallon of new wastewater. Implementing the program will require coordination between Town Counsel, the Town Accountant, Town Manager and DPW. The Town is in the beginning phase of planning. Mr. Lobao explained that at some point, a Water & Sewer Commission vote will be required to implement this I/I program required by DEP.

Recent Bid Projects

- Replacement of GAC at both Water Treatment Plants: \$220,000 was budgeted. The low bid of \$219,000 was submitted and the contract has been awarded to Calgon Carbon Corporation.
- Replacement of Furnace at the Butters Row Water Treatment Plant: \$75,000 was budgeted. The lowest bid came in at \$104,478. This project cost is being reviewed for viability by the Town Accountant at this time.
- Barrows Well Field Replacement Project: \$650,000 was budgeted. The lowest bid came in at \$765,775. This project cost is being reviewed for viability by the Town Accountant at this time.

Monthly Report

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

Other Business

- 268 Lowell Street Sewer Pump Station: This is a private sewer pump station located on Lowell Street. There is a series of punch list items that need to be completed. It is the intention of the Town to take this station over in future and will require a Commission vote.
- Ryan Murphy – Mr. Murphy asked the Commission for a few moments of their time to ask questions about the towns Water Supply & procedures in order to fulfill requirements he has to earn his Eagle Scout Badge. The Commission was happy to have a brief discussion with Mr. Murphy.

Public Comment Period - None

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled to be held on January 17, 2019.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn carries at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Diane Forest, Recording Secretary