

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT, SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2012, 9:30 A.M. WOODRIDGE LAKE CLUB HOUSE, EAST HYERDALE DRIVE, GOOSHEN, CT 06756

CALL TO ORDER: Raymond Turri, President of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M.

As President of the District, Ray Turri introduced the current members of the Board, Clerk Joan Lang, Vice President Jim Merselder, directors Jim Hiltz and Bob Goldfeld. Ray Turri thanked the District's Board Members and the members of the operations, financial and planning committees for their support to the District's mission, their hard working, with outstanding ethics that are making the Woodridge Lake community a better place to live.

Item #1 of the call, the election of Officers and Directors to serve a one year term:

Nominated – Raymond A. Turri, President

James L. Mersfelder, Vice President & Treasurer

Joan M. Lang, Clerk

James D. Hiltz, Director

Robert Goldfeld, Director

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Ray Turri, seconded by James Hiltz to accept the nominations for the above noted slate of Officers and Directors of the Board of Directors of the WLSD to serve a one year term. There were no other nominations, the vote by show of hands was unanimous.

Item #2 – The election of one Director of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Sewer Authority to serve a three year (3) term: The three year term of Jim Hiltz expires April of 2012 and has been nominated for re-election. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Ray Turri seconded by Joan Lang to accept the nomination of Jim Hiltz to serve a three year term on the Sewer Authority Board with said term to expire April 2015. There were no other nominations. The Vote taken by show of hands was unanimous.

Item #3 – The election of one (1) Alternate Directors of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Sewer Authority to serve a three year term: Ray Turri reported that the two alternate positions are opens and called for nominations from the floor. There being none, the two alternate positions remain open and Ray Turri noted that the Board continues to we continue to look for volunteers to fill those positions and invited anyone who might be interested to come to are meetings which are held on the third Monday of every month at the Woodridge Lake Club House. Noted was the well qualified Engineering Team used by the District, a well experienced Plant Superintendent and a great working staff of hard working employees at the treatment plant who are going through the State Apprentice program for Certified Plant Operators with one having received his grade II Certification and another his grade I Certification and working towards his grade II.

Item #4- To consider a date for the holding of the annual budget meeting of the voters of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District for the purpose of adopting the Annual Budget,

laying the tax and fixing the tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012: Saturday, May 26, 2012 at 9:30 A.M. was the date suggested for the holding of the Annual Budget Meeting. It was noted that it was the Memorial Day Weekend. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Raymond Turri, seconded by Jim Mersfelder to hold the Annual WLS D Budget Meeting on Saturday, May 26, 2012, 9:30 A.M. at the Woodridge Lake Club House. No discussion, the vote was unanimous by a show of hands.

OTHER BUSINESS: The meeting was turned over to Ken Green Chairman of the WLS D Planning Committee who gave a brief recap of where the District stands today with the DEEP. It was noted that the WLS D continues to operate under a Consent Order with the State DEEP which gives authorization to the District to treat and dispose of a maximum of 100,000 gallons of wastewater per day. The request made by the District to DEEP for an increase in flows was denied and the DEEP required that testing be done to demonstrate that the current groundwater disposal system is cable of absorbing the wastewater from the plant prior to their increase in the number of gallons per day allowed for disposal to the beds. If the beds fail, the alternative being offered by the DEEP would be fore the District to pump the treated wastewater to Torrington. As a result of DEEP's position, the District has spent many months of time, effort and expense to set up an appropriate test of the groundwater disposal system. Explained was the preparation of the beds chosen to be used for the testing, the required monitoring of the flow to each bed and the various test wells required. The preliminary test results from the first three designated beds show that the District has the basis for further discussions with DEEP over the continued use of our disposal bed. If the preliminary results continue to be favorable for continued use of the beds for disposal of the wastewater it could eliminate the possibility for going to Torrington.

Noted was the major effort that has gone into identifying sources of inflow and infiltration of water into the District's collection system so as to reduce the volume of effluent flowing to the treatment plant. This work is being done not only get the flow under the permitted flow of 100,000 gallon per day but the District does not want to construct a plant larger than necessary. The inspections include all manhole inspections, smoke & die testing, flow isolation testing of 5.5 miles of sewer line and 2.2 miles of CCTV inspections. Inspection and repairs made in one area alone reduced the flow by approximately 10,000 per day. Flow isolation testing continues throughout the 16 miles of sewer line and the District Board is proposing to spend approximately 110,750 to complete the inspection of the collection system. A preliminary estimated cost to repair the identified Infiltration problems is \$1 million. A decision needs to be make relative to how much of that expense will be appropriated under the 2012/2013 Fiscal Budget.

Noted was the work being done to survey and clear the rights of ways owned by the District for the purpose of exposing, inspection of and repairs made if necessary on all the manholes within the system. Manual inspection of hookups have found the need for some property owners to make repairs to broken clean-out pipes, broken pump chambers or missing pump chamber covers.

The meeting was open to questions from the voters, with questions being asked relative to what impact the results of the current testing being done will have on the availability for property owners to be able hookup to into the system. The potential cost of upgrade to the system or the cost of the Torrington option, how it would be funded and the financial impact to the taxpayers. It was noted that the 2005 estimated cost to pump the effluent to Torrington was approximately \$12,000,000.00. No cost numbers will be available until such time as the DEEP gives the District a report which gives the options open to the District relative to DEEP approval of the disposal of the treated wastewater. Under discussion on the funding for any upgrade, the overall opinion of some of the taxpayers present was to start proactively to budget for those dollars now. The use of Fund Balance to offset the Budget was also discussed. It was noted that the Board and the various working committees of the District are looking at the best opportunities available to the Taxpayers of the District. The District would look to the use of available funding through Grant dollars and low interest State and Federal funding.

Noted were the use of very reliable Engineering Firm of Woodward & Curran and the hiring of first rate Legal Council to represent the District if needed under negotiations relative to the options given the District by the DEEP.

Discussed was the current Sewer Assessment Tax billing vs. a Sewer Use Charge and the reasons behind the Sewer Assessment Tax used at this time. It was noted that the Tax Payers of the District would have a say in and give approval to any change in the method used for the collection of sewer taxes.

There was no other business to come before the meeting. Ray Turri thanked those present for coming and A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY. The motion was seconded by Bob Goldfeld and the meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

Joan M. Lang, Clerk