

MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER  
DISTRICT SEWER AUTHORITY & WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT  
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014, 4:00 P.M. IN THE WOODRIDGE LAKE CLUB  
HOUSE, EAST HYERDALE DRIVE, GOSHEN, CONNECTICUT

CALL TO ORDER: Ray Turri, Chairman and President of both boards respectively called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Ray Turri, Jim Hiltz, Joan Lang and by phone, Jim Mersfelder and Bob Goldfeld. Also present, Finance Committee Chairman Richard Reis.

The purpose of the meeting was to review and give Board approval of the proposed 2014/2015 WLSA Fiscal Budget to be presented to the Taxpayers of the District for adoption at the scheduled Saturday May 24, 2014 annual budget meeting. Also on the agenda was Board approval of the budget letter to be included in the mailing of the budget to the taxpayers.

Discussed under Board review of the letter going out to the Taxpayers Jim Mersfelder and Richard Reis would verify the numbers given under the Revenue and Expense Overview and if needed, make any necessary changes. Ray Turri asked for a change in time for the holding of the meeting. So that those attending the WLPOA 9:00 O'clock meeting did not leave, Ray suggested that the 9:30 time be changed to read at 9:30 A.M. or immediately following the WLPOA Board meeting. The Board was in agreement with the change and Jim Mersfelder would make said change and provide the Clerk with an amended copy of the letter.

Under Review of 2014/2015 Proposed Capital Budget, Jim Mersfelder felt that based on the fact that we do not know at this time what the option will be, onsite or going to Torrington, and the actual start of construction that the line item for Engineering Design and Construction should be highlighted and regarded as place holders within the budget. Also noted was the \$40,000.00 line item for Tractor/Truck Lease and the increase of \$55,000.00 to the budget line item for Professional Legal Fees.

With no other changes noted in the letter or the proposed 2014/2015 budget to be mailed to the taxpayers of the District, A MOTION WAS MADE BY Ray Turri, seconded by Joan Lang to approve the letter, subject to the suggested change in the last paragraph and to approve the proposed 2014/2015 Budget to be mail to and presented to the Taxpayers of the District for adoption at the May 24, 2014 Annual Budget Meeting. There was no further discussion, SO VOTED. The letter would be dated May 5, 2014. A poll of the Board showed that all expected to be able to attend the May 4<sup>th</sup> Budget Meeting.

Ray Turri called for adjournment of the Special Meeting and requested to speak with the Board on the meeting that he had with Plant Manager Charles Ekstrom and noted the recent evaluation of and raises given to the staff and at that time Ray Turri had agreed to talk with Charlie Ekstrom about his past year and his future. Discussed with Charlie was that in lieu of getting an increase in salary that he work a four day work week. Charlie was very receptive to the offer. Looking to the future it is believed that Charlie would like to stay until the District receives direction from the DEEP relative to going to Torrington or a new plant is complete. Noted was the good job that Charlie has done mentoring the

plant staff and due to the fact that two of the employees are now State DEEP certified Class III plant operators, Charlie is not required to be here every day and can be flexible in setting his own schedule. Based on the suggested four day a week work schedule for Charlie, Ray Turri MADE A MOTION TO give Board approval for Charlie Ekstrom to take one day a week off in lieu of an increase in salary. Joan Lang seconded the motion. Questioned under the motion was there being a set day of the week that he would be taking off or a flexible work schedule. Ray Turri stated that the day off would be flexible. Based on the operating priorities are, Charlie would use his desrecession and take what ever day he finds appropriate. There was no further discussion on the MOTION CARRIED.

SCADA & I/I PROJECTS: Discussed was the comment made by Dave Prickett at the recently held Planning Committee relative to moving forward with the SCADA Project but putting on hold the I/I Project. Under discussion, it was the opinion of the Board that even if the DEEP pushed the Torrington option, that it still remains important to do what can be done to decrease infiltration into the system. Jim Mersfelder would contact Dave Prickett to let him know that the Board unanimously supports going ahead with both projects.

MAY 24, 2014 BUDGET MEETING: Discussed what would be on the agenda for the budget meeting and Ray Turri stated that he had made it clear at the April 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting was strictly for the adoption of the annual operating and capital budget for the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year. Not being presented at that meeting will be the method of taxation to be used to cover the capital projects. It was suggested by Ray Turri after the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting with DEEP we should be able to discuss the matter further at the regular meeting of the District on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

LAWYERS LETTER: Questioned by Bob Goldfeld was if the Lawyers' letter had gone out to the taxpayer who owed the District a significant amount of back taxes? The letter would have been sent out by Atty. Chip Roraback and Joan Lang reported that she had not received a copy of any letter and she was asked to call to see if the letter had been sent and if so, request a copy of same for the District files. Jim Hiltz stated that due to the fact that the house was in foreclosure and in very bad condition that he felt it was a waste of time and money to go after the back taxes at this time.

TANK INSPECTION: Question was the results of the inspection of the in ground tanks at the plant. No written report had been received but a verbal report given to the man who had done the inspection reported that he found the tanks to be OK but suggested that additional magnesium anodes be installed to further protect the tank. Discussed briefly was what action would need to be taken if the District should be faced with leaking tank problems. It was felt the potential problems with the tanks could be a topic of discussion with the DEEP at the scheduled May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Noted was the date of the next scheduled May 12<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee meeting 1:30 P.M at the Woodridge Lake Club House. It was also noted the along with Ray Turri and

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Ken Green that Jim Mersfelder and Richard Reis would be attending the scheduled May 15, 2014 meeting with DEEP.

There was no other business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

WLSDSA/WLSD

Joan M. Lang, Secretary & Clerk  
of both boards respectively