

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
50 CARETAKER ROAD  
NEW BRITAIN, CONNECTICUT 06052

January 17, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held on the above date, in the Louis O. Gagliardi Meeting Room at the Board of Water Commissioners New Administration Building, 50 Caretaker Road, New Britain, CT with the following present:

Chairman Mark Rashaw  
Cmsr. Iwona Rutkowski  
Cmsr. Andres Davila  
Cmsr. Peter Centurelli

Ray Esponda, Deputy Director of Public Works, Utilities Division

Chairman Mark Rashaw called the Board of Water Commissioners meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Public Participation Session:

- 496 Allen Street – David Carrasquillo Has owned the home for about 18 months. He found that the sewer main line lateral was broken and actually has been broken the entire time he has owned the property – and was not disclosed by the previous owner during the property sale, nor did he receive any notice from the City about the problem that seems to have existed before he purchased the property. He met with Dave Kunitis in May of last year, and has had multiple companies evaluate the issue and try to repair/unplug the line to clear the problem. There is rubble in the chimney which complicates the issue. Deputy Director Esponda has spoken with Mr. Carrasquillo and has had discussions with Dave Kunitis, Superintendent of Water, about the issue and approach to repair would be best and least costly to the homeowner. Further discussion of the issue will take place with Mr. Carrasquillo, Deputy Director Esponda and Dave Kunitis on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Ragged Mountain Foundation - Kevin Johnson spoke about opening access to Ragged Mountain to allow recreational use/access for rock climbing. He has spoken before on the issue and understands the concerns that the City has concerning liability on the City's part; he offered the Foundation's assistance to "help with liability costs". Deputy Director explained the issues surrounding the opening up the area to the public which include the responsibility the City has to protect the watershed, control of the participants and their intended use of the area, as well as the liability issues surrounding physical harm that may befall the participants.

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2023:

- Commissioner Rutkowski made a motion to accept the minutes; Commissioner Davila seconded the motion; so moved by unanimous vote.

3. Invoices from December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

Deputy Director Esponda discussed the majority of the invoices with the Commissioners to explain the expenses from the previous month.

Commissioner Rutkowski made a motion to accept the Invoices; Commissioner Centurelli seconded the motion; so moved by unanimous vote.

4. Budget Comparison Report, Encumbrances from December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023:

Deputy Director Esponda went over the most up to date revenue and expenditures for the Water, Sewer and Clean Water Budgets.

Commissioner Rutkowski made a motion to accept the Budget Comparison Report; Commissioner Centurelli seconded the motion; so moved by unanimous vote.

5. Water Supply Statistics from December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

Deputy Director Esponda stated that the reservoirs are about 99% capacity, which is 28% above the historical record for this time of year.

Commissioner Centurelli made a motion to accept the Water Supply Statistics; Commissioner Davila seconded the motion; so moved by unanimous vote.

6. Clean Water & MS4 Proposals:

- MS-4 Permit Compliance Proposal – Deputy Director Esponda stated that this proposal by CDM Smith is to assist the City of New Britain with the CT DEEP General Permit for the Discharge of Storm Water from Municipal Separate Storm System (MS-4) permit requirement compliance. The proposal is for \$50,000.00.

Commissioner Centurelli made a motion to move forward with this proposal; Commissioner Davila seconded the motion; so moved by unanimous vote.

- Assistance with the MS-4 Compliance Illicit Discharge Follow-Up Investigations – Deputy Director Esponda stated that this proposal by Comprehensive Environmental Incorporated (CEI) will continue work started under a previous contract to perform illicit discharge investigations of catchments that drain to the following high-priority outfalls whaer previous work indicated a high likelihood of illicit discharges. The proposal is for \$30,000.00.

Commissioner Centurelli made a motion to move forward with this proposal; Commissioner Davila seconded the motion; so moved by unanimous vote.

7. Billing:

1) Halina Makowska: 108 Golden Hill ST

- The Water Board of Directors agreed to offer the customer a reduction in interest if the bill was paid off in full in 2 months.

2) Hydrant Holdings – 162/164 Columbia ST

- The Water Board of Directors agreed that no reduction would be offered to the customer.

3) Trinity on Main – 69 Main ST:

- This will be removed from the lien list; no further interest will accrue.

**4) Roldan's Properties LLC – 475 John Downey DR**

- **This car dealership needs a meter exchange as well as a leak investigation by a certified plumber.**

**8. Other Business: Seeing None**

**With there being no other business to discuss, Commissioner Centurelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.; Commissioner Andres seconded the motion; the motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Yeziarski  
Asst. Clerk of the Board**

**cc:**

**Mayor Erin Stewart  
Chairman Mark Rashaw  
Cmsr. Peter Centurelli  
Cmsr. Iwona Rutkowski  
Cmsr. Andres Davila  
Town Clerk**

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