

**Town of Montville Water & Sewer Commission**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 7, 2022-- 6:00 PM**  
**Town Council Chambers – Town Hall**

**1. Water and Sewer Commission**

**a. Call to Order**

Chairman Longton called the regular meeting of the Water and Sewer Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

**b. Pledge of Allegiance**

All stood and pledged the flag.

**c. Roll Call**

Present were Commissioners Shawn Jinkerson, Brian Quinn, Town Councilor Andrew Mandler, Anthony Siragusa and Chairman Chuck Longton. A quorum was present.

**d. Alterations to the Agenda -- None**

**e. To consider and act on a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2022**

Motion by Commissioner Siragusa; seconded by Commissioner Quinn to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2022. Discussion: None. Voice vote: 5-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

**f. Communications pertaining specifically to matters which concern the Commission**

Commissioner Siragusa asked about the feedback from the Town Attorney regarding Agenda Item I.L.1, regarding the motion for the design of distribution boxes which he deemed invalid per Roberts' Rules of Order ("RRO") as voted/approved at the February 7, 2022, Commission meeting. Chairman Longton sought the opinion of a professional parliamentarian, Alan Jennings, for resolution who wrote if a motion does not pass at a monthly meeting it can be reintroduced at a subsequent meeting but only by someone who voted in the affirmative for the motion. Commissioner Mandler argued the motion according to RRO must be changed in time and scope. **Motion** by Commissioner Mandler; seconded by Commissioner Siragusa to challenge the opinion of the professional parliamentarian and forward the matter to the Town Attorney to insure the approval of the engineering scope was a legal motion at the February 7, 2022, Commission meeting. Discussion: Commissioner Siragusa charged a defeated motion cannot be brought back for approval. Chairman Longton offered the latest edition of RRO for Commissioner Siragusa's review on the opinion. Commissioner Jinkerson referenced he heard this evening two (2) definitions of a defeated motion that did not pass and as to the legal matter, said he did not know Alan Jennings. Mayor McDaniel asserted the minutes for the February meeting cannot be challenged as they have been approved. Commissioner Mandler commented an engineering study must be approved to grow the Town according to Mayor McDaniel and said changing a motion by \$1,000 does not clear time and scope. He professed to know parliamentary procedure and said he has run meetings but does not know RRO which references time or scope, not a dollar amount. Roll Call vote: 4-1. *In favor:* . Commissioners Jinkerson, Mandler, Quinn, and Siragusa. *Opposed:* Longton. Motion carried. Chairman Longton stated the challenge was upheld and the Commission did not accept the opinion of the parliamentarian. He will author a letter to the Town Attorney for review of the matter within 30 days as requested by Commissioner Mandler.

**g. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda with a three-minute limit**

Chairman Longton asked three (3) times for remarks from the public. There were none.

**h. Report from Operations/Administration Division**

Superintendent Albertson submitted an Operations/Administrative Report for February 2022 as follows:

## **1.0 Compliance/Process**

### **1.1 Water Pollution Control Facility**

Average daily influent flow was 2 mgd (below permit and design levels) with a total treatment volume for February of 57 mg. Due to fluctuating temperatures (sometimes up to 50 degrees F) and rain/snow melt events, BOD<sub>5</sub> process control suffered and subsequently, (effluent) concentrations exceeded twice the daily maximum limit on February 3 and 4 (reportable concentrations). The CTDEEP and USEPA (Region I) were notified of these “soft exceedances” with no enforcement action required. Total Nitrogen (TN) loading was discharged in the treated effluent just under the state permit limit.

Waste activated sludge (WAS) (produced during secondary process) was thickened to 4% with polymer addition on the gravity belt thickener (GBT). Septic receiving has dropped off for the month due to two large storm events.

### **1.2 Water Supply**

The Montville Water Supply (WS) met required state and federal standards. A review of the GU purchased water was completed for 2021 and compared to that water billed.

## **2.0 Staff**

### **2.1 Health and Safety**

No injuries, grievances or concerns were reported for staff.

The Town of Montville has been working closely with Uncas Health District to monitor the COVID rates in the region. The annual crane inspections occurred in February. The *Annual Fire & Life Safety Inspection* was performed by the Montville Fire Department on February 3. The plant was found to be in compliance with the *Connecticut State Fire Protection Code* and applicable standards. No violations were reported. On February 7, a Tier II reporting inspections was made of the WPCF and pump stations. No concerns were identified.

A new book (*Safety, Health, and Security Standards for Water Resource Recovery*, MOP 1, 7th Edition) was purchased and will serve as an injury-reduction tool--it provides best practices for creating written safety programs and procedures as well as guidelines that describe how to perform a variety of tasks safely and securely from the laboratory to collection system as well as biological hazards such as COVID-19. Information from the book will be used in routine “tailgate” safety meetings.

As indicated in this report, some initial sampling of the plant’s influent indicated low levels of two variants of the COVID-19 virus. Finding low levels of the virus within samples is neither surprising nor cause for alarm given the presence of the virus in the state. Individuals recovering from COVID-19 will continue to ‘shed’ a non-infectious form of the virus for weeks or even months after initial infection. Standard precautions that are used for working with wastewater are sufficient even if COVID-19 is detected. The CDC recently announced an online COVID wastewater data tracker tool to gauge the endemic nature of the disease. Their goal is to collect wastewater samples from communities throughout the nation and then integrate findings with a new online tool (maps, charts and data) in the *National Wastewater Surveillance System’s* DCIPHER platform.

### **2.2 Training**

Staff continued to receive training to meet CTDEEP and CTDPH requirements for (wastewater/water certification) training credits.

CWPAA and CAWPCA in conjunction with *New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission* will offer the 2022 *Wastewater Management Leadership Class* beginning in March. Spring training will include additional safety and instruction for the jet/vacuum truck from a vendor. ASRWWA is a nonprofit trade association dedicated to supporting professionals in the water and wastewater industry. Association staff provides onsite technical assistance, training classes and legislative representation at the federal level. ASRWWA is a member of National Rural Water Association, the largest utility membership in the nation. This year for the March 21 celebration of *World Water Day*, many organizations including Save the Sound, The Nature Conservancy, Rivers Alliance, Clean Water Action, Connecticut River Conservancy, Connecticut

Land Conservation Council, Connecticut League of Conservation Voters, Citizens Campaign for the Environment, and other partners are coming together for an online celebration exploring *Groundwater - Making the Invisible Visible*. Many training events will be associated with this event.

Prior to their cancellation due to the COVID outbreak, an abstract was submitted to the *New York Rural Water Association Annual Technical Training Workshop & Exhibition* (Lake Placid). Recently, the NYRWA notified the Superintendent and Wright-Pierce that the *Cross-Country Sewer Easement Improvements Case Study* presentation has been re-accepted for the 2022 meeting. The presentation is scheduled for May 24, 2022 (<https://www.nyruralwater.org/>) at the *Turning Stone Resort & Conference Center* in Verona, NY.

The WPCA Chairman and the Superintendent are scheduled to attend a CCM webinar: *Let's Keep it Civil: How to Lead Public Meetings in Contentious Times* on March 8.

### 2.3 Cybersecurity

In February, the *Water Information Sharing & Analysis Center* (WaterISAC) and the USEPA alerted water and wastewater systems sector to a potential cyber threat. In an Intelligence Brief, the *Department of Homeland Security* (DHS) stated that a cyber-attack could be associated with the Ukraine conflict which began on February 24. Russia maintains a range of offensive cyber tools that it could employ against US networks from low-level denials-of-service to destructive attacks targeting critical infrastructure.” Due to these current events, WaterISAC and the USEPA strongly encourage water and wastewater system owners and operators to maintain a heightened awareness for possible intrusions (i.e., ransomware) into their operational networks and to prepare to maintain critical operations if process control networks are disabled. Ransomware is a type of malware from cryptovirology that threatens data holding or process unless a ransom is paid. Some fuel supplies in the U.S. have been recently adversely affected by cyberattack. At the WPCF there are routine backup procedures to ensure data capture. Additional procedures will be explored to improve backup capture.

In order to be more secure and to be in compliance with insurance mandates, the Town will be using multi-factor authentication for email. Multi-factor authentication (MFA) is used to ensure that digital users are who they say they are by requiring that they provide at least two pieces of evidence to prove their identity. The WPCA initiated this procedure some months back along with installing two firewalls for addition (intrusion) protection.

## **3.0 Equipment**

### 3.1 WPCF/Collection System

Work within the plant continues to continually improve process control/performance and ensure aging equipment is cared for or replaced. Wastewater collection system operators are successfully moving from reactive to more proactive operation and maintenance (O&M) by adopting capacity, management, operations, and maintenance (CMOM) activities, all while reducing overall life-cycle costs. All pump stations were inspected during the month as well as some manhole (post plowing) inspections were made. CCTV sewer pipe inspections in prioritized areas will continue once the weather improves (due to safety concerns). A summary of existing projects is provided in a table.

### 3.2 Water Supply

A service line froze at 2189 Route 32 on February 5. The water operators responded (to shut supply valve) and provided information for the repair contractor to ensure a speedy repair.

## **4.0 Projects**

The CIP generator replacements have been completed for the Massapeag and Derry Hill PS. An inventory and review of all emergency power sources (i.e., Caterpillar, Onan, other) at the plant/collection system was completed and maintenance plans were created to ensure future operation. The roof replacement was completed the week of February 7 (with warranty inspections on February 16). The Maple Avenue Pump Station PRV was replaced on February 23. The project engineer (Matt Ronando, MCA) was met on February 17 to confirm progress. The grit chamber project is considered 60% complete at this time. The Superintendent confirmed that the *Metropolitan District Commission* (MDC) provided the WPCA an extension to the current

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disposal agreement to accept deliveries at the Hartford Water Pollution Control Facility (HWPCF) for sewage sludge. The water loss control program was continued by comparing billed water to GU purchased water (“unaccounted for water”) and showed a low number (far below the national average).

#### 4.1 WPCF/Collection System/Water Supply

Woodard & Curran personnel were met on February 9 to discuss *Asset Management* (AM) plans using Microsoft Office and ArcGIS to connect, integrate, analyze and present key performance indicator data for making appropriate CIP decisions. HESCO completed initial plant VFD (inventory) inspections on February 10 to complete the new O & M agreement plan. GIS mapping was improved with inspection attributes made in the monthly visits in the collection system. These geospatial tools are used to report asset conditions and trending.

Atlantic Coast Polymer personnel were met for TWAS polymer jar testing on February 23 to confirm the high molecular weight; cationic polymer is still the best option for sludge dewatering. Polymer testing was conducted (again) to confirm best application of material. In addition to the polymer testing, different GBT settings were employed to enhance waste sludge dewatering.

The September 2021 *Structural Condition Assessment* report by the engineers (Woodard & Curran) indicated replacement for the two existing distribution boxes is necessary. The November Woodard & Curran engineering proposal was approved by the commission at the February 7 meeting. The engineering kickoff meeting was held on February 23.

The SBR aeration improvement (diffuser/piping replacement) will enhance process as well as lower energy demand for the next 20 years. Holzner Construction will complete the CIP project (SBR-4) and Tucker Mechanical will complete the grant diffuser project (SBR-1, 2, 3, 5, and 6). Construction materials for the SBR-4 work were delivered in February. Once process control is stabilized, SBR-4 will be taken off line to begin diffuser replacement. Project construction timeline meetings were held on February 22 and 24. The latest schedule has last material shipping (from Mexico) to arrive in late March with project start in early April.

Work continued on the *FY 2022 Sanitary Sewer Easement Improvements* and included discussions with (former Town Attorney) Richard Cody, Esquire on February 15. An updated scope of work will be completed based on the legal opinion. Then, a CTDEEP pre-application meeting will be scheduled to discuss the Wright-Pierce preliminary design report.

Status meetings were held with the CTDPH/WPCA Engineer to discuss project contacts, schedule and costs. A CTDPH *DWSRF Financial Assistance Application* (FAA) was submitted in February. A status meeting was held on February 22 and a kickoff meeting was completed virtually on March 1 with Wright-Pierce personnel. The engineering report will be completed and reviewed by the CTDPH prior to construction.

A Rand-Whitney personnel report indicates that approximately 18,000 gpd (Montville WS potable water) will be drawn for their facility from their new 2-inch connection. On February 4, Rand-Whitney (Kathy Pflugbeil, Technical Manager) was met to discuss recycle water quality. No concerns were raised.

In February, the Superintendent met with Dr. Lisa Negro and Dr. Kendra Maas of the Microbial Analysis, Resources and Services (MARS) group at UConn to discuss influent sampling/ analysis for COVID-19. The initial data (for the last four weeks) point to a significant reduction in virus counts (two variants) within the influent wastewater stream; indicative of a drop in overall illness within the Town. This is consistent with findings in other communities and the state overall. Of interest, no flu virus was detected. This is good news. The CDC is pushing for a network of surveillance data from all wastewater treatment plants.

#### 4.2 Regulatory Oversight

No regulatory oversight or action is ongoing for the WPCA. No existing Consent Decrees or Consent Orders currently exist.

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The USEPA's biosolids regulations require certain publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) and Class I sewage sludge management facilities to submit to a *Sewage Sludge (Biosolids) Annual Report* (see 40 CFR 503.18, 503.28, 503.48). Facilities that must submit a *Sewage Sludge (Biosolids) Annual Report* include POTWs with a design flow rate equal to or greater than one million gallons per day, POTWs that serve 10,000 people or more, *Class I Sludge Management Facilities* (as defined by 40 CFR 503.9), and facilities otherwise required to file this report (e.g., permit condition, enforcement action, state law). USEPA regulations require these facilities to submit an annual report if they have their biosolids land applied, surface disposed, or incinerated (even if done so by a third-party handler, preparer, or applier). On February 28, the Montville WPCF submitted the annual report reflecting volumes generated and disposal method.

*The Lead and Copper Rule* (LCR), first promulgated in 1991, was enacted by the USEPA to protect public health and reduce exposure to lead and copper in drinking water. In January 2021, the USEPA published the *Lead and Copper Rule Revisions* (LCRR), the first major overhaul of the LCR to better protect children, remove lead from drinking water, and provide information to communities. One LCRR requirement is to develop a lead service line (LSL) material inventory and a LSL replacement (LSLR) plan. The LSL inventory requires that utilities create an inventory of the service lines in their water systems and identify which service lines contain lead. Subsequently, the LCRR requires utilities to develop a LSLR plan which details how the utility intends to remove identified lead containing service lines from their systems. The LCRR requires systems to remove the entire LSL which includes both the portion of the service line on public property and the portion of the service line on the property owner's private property. In many cases LSLs may terminate at the water meter requiring entry into a private residence to remove the entirety of the line. There are approximately 460 water services in Montville none of which have reported lead; however, future work will be conducted to review all connection information to comply with the federal regulations.

The *Consumer Confidence Report* (CCR) is being prepared for publication (required under the *Safe Drinking Water Act*, 1996). The annual CCR is a document that provides consumers information about the sources of their water supply as well as the quality of drinking water based on information provided by GU. It is posted on the website and copies are provided to the public. Additionally, the annual CTDEEP diversion reporting (*Annual Diversion Water Use Reporting Form*) was completed and filed in February for the water supply. The WS relies on the *Thames Basin Regional Water Supply Interconnection Project* with GU for 100% of the potable water authorized by state permit. Montville WS has an agreement with SCWA authorized under a state permit. The Montville WS has agreements with the MTUA and DOC and an emergency interconnection agreement with surrounding towns.

## **5.0 Development**

No significant development was reported to the WPCA other than what was detailed in last month's narrative report. Reportedly, additional grants have been directed at the proposed development at Oxoboxo Lofts. Approximately \$450,000 water connection fees could be directed at satisfying the existing MTUA debt if the development comes to fruition.

## **6.0 Finances**

The WPCA operates with an *Enterprise Fund*. The FY 2022 WPCA Sewer and Water Budgets begin on July 1 of each year. As indicated in last month's report, the financial condition of both water and wastewater accounts are considered "healthy." The draft Town Audit was received on March 1; no concerns were raised about the water and sewer accounts.

Proposed FY 2023 wastewater and water budgets (as well as proposed CIPs) are provided in the attachments and reflect an increase in expected revenues due to the end of the worldwide pandemic. Additionally, there is an expected high revenue accumulation for this fiscal year which will likely be improved in the coming cycle. Some concerns exist for costs of energy and fuel as indicated in the markets.

A summary table of Groton Utilities (GU) water (supplied to the Town) was made to examine the effect of COVID on amount purchased. It appears that an approximate 25% drop in water purchased was observed in 2020 and 2021 after the pandemic began subsequently having a

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negative effect on WS revenues. Additionally, a non-revenue water percentage was calculated for the WS indicating a low volume of water (due to bleeding and flushing lines) that is not billed for.

### 6.1 Accounts Review

Current rates (and ancillary fees) appear to be adequate at this time to cover costs for water and wastewater activities. The aforementioned development projects will have significant revenues associated with (sewer and water) connection fees. The fuel accounting program (WEX) was reviewed to confirm purchases were appropriate for each staff member for each vehicle. The WPCF contributed to a state-wide survey of general fund balance versus CIP; on note, is the clear financial health of our utility when compared to other WPCAs within Connecticut.

### 6.2 Assets

Funds in the water and sewer accounts have now been appropriately reserved for capital improvement (for infrastructure) with the development of a 5-year projection. Some bonds, grants and a proposed pandemic relief fund will be considered for current and future asset financing. A draft FY 2023 CIP was completed and circulated to staff. A summary of the proposed CIP for the coming fiscal year is provided. No cost estimates were provided for the plant d-box replacement project or the water tower replacement project; the engineering reports have not been completed as of yet.

### 6.3 Grants/Funding

Through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) the U.S. Department of Treasury is providing over \$350 billion in funding to state and local governments nationwide. The \$1 trillion jobs act will provide \$55 billion for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure. Some money will be invested in the state revolving funds. The *Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds* provide a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and provide the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery. These funds provide substantial flexibility for each government to meet their local and regional needs-including response efforts to continue to decrease the spread of the virus and making necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

Some current wastewater projects are funded by State funds including two bonds and one grant (CTDEEP \$5 million *Grant-in-Aid for Sewage Treatment Facility Infrastructure Improvements and Upgrades at the Montville WPTF--State Grant Agreement 2017-170491*, approved via March 2014 Town of Montville Resolution No. 2014-25). The bonds were for infrastructure improvements within the plant including the new chlorine system, new recycling pumps, and grit removal system. Additionally, the aeration systems for SBR-1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 will be replaced. The Mayor requested an extension for the Grant (due to expire in June 2021). On June 1, the Mayor was notified that the extension has been drafted and routed for all the signatures of approval from CTDEEP. Wright-Pierce (Town Engineer) has made an additional extension request specific to the SBR diffuser improvements due to material delivery delays. Patricia Reily (CTDEEP) reported on January 20 that due to supply issues, an even longer extension will be provided for the grant projects. A review of grant monies indicated adequate funding for the proposed projects with approximately \$200,000 margin.

Based on a review of the WPCA's *Eligibility Application* the CTDPH DWS had determined that the Cook Water Tower replacement project was ready to proceed and that DWSRF funding will be available. In a January 12 *Circular Letter*, the CTDPH DWS provided information about drinking water infrastructure funding directed through DWSRF programs over the next five years from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL) a/k/a the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act (IIJA). The possibility of using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to help offset the design costs of this project is a possibility. The project is a result of an emergency situation which would allow the municipality/utility to direct award design services, or the municipality/utility selects its consultant via a Qualifications Based Selection process (QBS). The Finance Director was met on February 9 to discuss the status of the Montville WS and the revolving fund.

On February 18, the USEPA announced \$20 million in available grant funding to assist communities and schools with removing sources of lead in drinking water. The grant funding, and additional funding through the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law*, will help make rapid progress on

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the goal of addressing lead and removing lead pipes across the country. Money is available for remediating lead pipes in homes.

6.4 Energy

Electrical energy is supplied to the plant by the fuel cell, Eversource (transmission), and *First Point Power* (generation). The power generation was formerly supplied by *Constellation Energy*. SARRACCO Mechanical supplied a maintenance work contract in February.

The Doosan *PureCell Model 400* Fuel Cell unit began producing power in June 2020 resulting in a large drop in grid power demand (up to 75%). The onsite generation has led to significant savings by reducing the transmission costs because most of the power used is generated onsite. A cursory review of billing showed an approximate \$20,000 in savings. An evaluation is being made to determine if a suitable tank could be used onsite to guarantee fuel to the fuel cell in the event there is a supply interruption.

Adam Teff of TitanGen was met on February 10 to discuss solar panel installations for further onsite energy development. The cost numbers were reviewed (based on the WPCA's current cost) and the offered PPA (solar) price. The proposed savings are reportedly strong (see attached summary table).

Superintendent Albertson stated his monthly report was self-explanatory; noted the recent problems with rain events, melting, and cooling; commented on the Department audit that found no issues; and referenced the draft budgets and CIPs included with his report.

i. Report from Mayor. *No report*

j. Report from Engineers

Superintendent Albertson reported projects are moving ahead and highlighted the diffuser changes for the SBRs. Commissioner Siragusa requested a 5-year summary table of the CIP; Superintendent Albertson will have it available for the next Commission meeting.

k. Old Business -- *None*

l. New Business

1. To consider and act on the FY 2023 Sewer CIP.

**THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the *Capital Improvement Plan for Sewer* for fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$1,090,000.00 (One Million Ninety Thousand Dollars) as included in the proposed Sewer Budget.

Motion – Discussion -- Roll Call

**SAR-No. 2022-02 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the *Capital Improvement Plan for Sewer* for fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$1,090,000.00 (One Million Ninety Thousand Dollars) as included in the proposed Sewer Budget. **Motion** by Commissioner Jinkerson; seconded by Commissioner Quinn. Discussion: Superintendent Albertson directed the Commission to the Summary Table concerning the collection system and the treatment plant to maintain and improve the water and identified the failure of the SBRs regarding flow to treatment. He responded to questions concerning the clearing and maintenance of the cross country main and the need for a vehicle for routine maintenance of the area by the crew. Accountant Turker commented on the offset of CIP against depreciation, and the current bank balance, \$1 million, and how it can be used. Mayor McDaniel commented on reserve funds that are an audit issue/balance sheet item that can be reproduced and provided at the next meeting as requested by Commissioner Siragusa. Roll Call vote: 5-0. *In favor:* Commissioners Jinkerson, Longton, Mandler, Quinn, and Siragusa. *Opposed* none. Motion carried.

2. To consider and act on the FY 2023 Sewer Budget.

**THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the *Budget for Sewer* for fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$6,471,075.00 (Six Million Four Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Seventy-Five Dollars).

Motion – Discussion -- Roll Call

**SAR-No. 2022-03 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the *Budget for Sewer* for fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$6,471,075.00 (Six Million Four Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Seventy-Five Dollars). **Motion** by Commissioner Quinn; seconded by Commissioner Siragusa. Discussion: Superintendent Albertson reported on a draft Town audit shared with Town departments stating budgets are designed to be net zero. This budget is 14% and consistent with those across the country. Collection from ratepayers is good including overdue accounts. Some budget line items are over or under budget. Commissioner Mandler inquired about expenses regarding fuel contingency in light of the global volatility and rising prices locally. The WPCA obtains its fuel through the Town Public Works. Superintendent Albertson responded to Commissioner Siragusa about the line item increases for polymer and suppliers' lock in time period of 1 - 3 months for it; maintenance and upkeep (\$80,000) due to the Avery II pump station failure; and electricity (\$100,000) as a result of increased transmission costs. Higher electricity costs are anticipated even with the use of the fuel cell. Per Commissioner Siragusa's question concerning the lease agreement, it is to provide maintenance for generators by a certified technician, so they run more efficiently. Chairman Longton asked about the decrease to nutrient chemical supplies; Superintendent responded the chemical processing of waste water has been altered to lower demand. Roll Call vote: 5-0. *In favor:* Commissioners Jinkerson, Longton, Mandler, Quinn, and Siragusa. *Opposed:* none. Motion carried.

- m. Reports/Referral from Planning & Zoning – *No report*

## II. Water Commission

- a. Report from Engineers

Superintendent Albertson reported on a meeting last Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> concerning the Cook Water Tower attended by Mayor McDaniel, Town Planner Burdick, and Department engineer Wright-Pierce. Procedures and design engineering for the project were discussed. Commissioner Siragusa inquired about State funding for the project; Superintendent Albertson reported on approved funds from a revolving fund of \$200,000 in addition to the potential for ARCA funds.

- b. Old Business -- *None*

- c. New Business

1. To consider and act on the FY 2023 Water CIP.

**THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the *Capital Improvement Plan for the Water Supply* for fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$195,000.00 (One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars) as included in the proposed Water Budget.

Motion – Discussion -- Roll Call

**SAR-No. 2022-04 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the *Capital Improvement Plan for the Water Supply* for fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$195,000.00 (One Hundred Ninety-Five Million Dollars). **Motion** by Commissioner Mandler; seconded by Commissioner Siragusa. Discussion: Commissioner Siragusa requested a CIP five-year summary plan. Roll Call vote: 5-0. *In favor:*



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Commissioners Jinkerson, Longton, Mandler, Quinn, and Siragusa. *Opposed:* none. Motion carried.

2. To consider and act on the FY 2023 Water Budget.

**THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the *Budget for the Water Supply* for fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$1,810,650.00 (One Million Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars).

Motion – Discussion -- Roll Call

**SAR-No. 2022-05 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the *Budget for the Water Supply* for fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$1,810,650.00 (One Million Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars). **Motion** by Commissioner Siragusa; seconded by Commissioner Jinkerson. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel responded to Commissioner Siragusa regarding water connection fees which has to be shown as income to pay out. Superintendent Albertson responded to Chairman Longton regarding maintenance supplies that are directly related to the Lead Copper Rule (LCR) as observed by the crisis in Wisconsin. The water system must be reviewed to ensure non-lead bearing pipes. Commissioner Siragusa inquired about the line item concerning connection by the Mohegan Tribe; Accountant Turker responded that item is a balance sheet amount. She also reported on a line item inadvertently omitted from the budget, \$112,000 for debt services. **Motion** by Commissioner Siragusa; seconded by Commissioner Jinkerson to amend the *Budget for the Water Supply* for FY 2022-2023 from \$1,810,650.00 (One Million Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars) to \$1,922, 650.00 (One Million Nine Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars). Discussion: Superintendent Albertson responded to Commissioner Quinn and confirmed the inspection of water meters. Roll Call vote: 5-0. *In favor:* Commissioners Jinkerson, Longton, Mandler, Quinn, and Siragusa. *Opposed:* none. Motion carried. **Original Motion Roll Call Vote:** 5-0. *In favor:* Commissioners Jinkerson, Longton, Mandler, Quinn, and Siragusa. *Opposed:* none. Motion carried, as amended.

Motion by Commissioner Siragusa; seconded by Commissioner Quinn to have the WPCA charge the Town of Montville for flushing. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel commented on miscellaneous Town charges applicable to the WPCA. Motion withdrawn.

**d.** Remarks from the Public

Chairman Longton asked three (3) times for remarks from the public. There were none.

**e.** Remarks from Commission Members

Commissioner Quinn asked about the water meter collection method; Accountant Turker responded it is a remote, drive-by system. Commissioner Mandler apologized to the Commission for his vocalism during the meeting and his respect for the feedback. Mayor McDaniel noted to Commissioner Mandler his responsibility for getting the Water Budget on the Town Council Agenda; Commissioner Mandler asked for his assistance for the same.

**f.** Adjournment

Chairman Longton adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gloria J. Gathers  
Recording Secretary, Town of Montville

**AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WEBSITE.**