

Town of Montville Water & Sewer Commission
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2024-- 6:00 PM
Town Council Chambers – Town Hall

1. Sewer

a. Call to Order

Chairperson Longton called the special meeting of the Water and Sewer Commission to order at 5:00 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and pledged the flag.

c. Roll Call

Present were Commissioners Chairperson Chuck Longton and Commissioners Richard Gladue and Frank Miceli. Town Councilor/Vice-Chair Kevin Lathrop was absent

Also in attendance was Superintendent Derek Albertson and Administrator Ronald McDaniel. Mayor Lenny Bunnell was absent from the meeting.

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

Chairperson Longton asked three (3) times for remarks. There were none.

e. New Business

1. To Consider and Act on the Bid Waiver for Repair of the RWCB Discharge Line.
THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES To Consider and Act to waive the sealed bid requirement in Section 708(a) of the Town Charter for Phase IV of the Repair of the Rand-Whitney Container Board sewage discharge line and allocate funds in the amount of \$800,000 (Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars), as it is in the best interest of the Town.

Motion – Discussion – Roll Call Vote

SAR-No. 2024-13 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES To Consider and Act to waive the sealed bid requirement in Section 708(a) of the Town of Charter for Phase IV of the Repair of the Rand-Whitney Container Board sewage discharge line and allocate funds in the amount of \$800,000 (Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars), as it is in the best interest of the Town. **Motion** by Commissioner Miceli; seconded by Commissioner Gladue. Discussion: Superintendent Albertson reported on conditions regarding Rand-Whitney discharge line whereby due to waste stream from the plant has degraded the line and revealed a lot breaks in the line over the past couple of year. A review was made of the Town’s obligations to the Plant by the Town Attorney and the WPCA Attorney; Rand-Whitney owns the line but the Town/WPCA is obligated to repair it. As part of the agreement with Rand-Whitney it

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is required to repay the Town/WPCA to reimburse funds expended at a cost of \$200,000 per year. The cost associated with this motion is for Phase IV of the project, the final phase; the other three (3) phases are complete whereby the pipes have been lined or replaced with C900 pipe. Funds are being requested tonight for immediate completion of the project expedited by a recent effluent line failure this month. Administrator McDaniel referenced information provided to the Commission regarding the Phase IV line completion that include correspondence and a cost summary from P & H Construction in addition to correspondence from Rand-Whitney approving the bid waiver to expedite completion of the line replacement/repair. As well, pictures were included of the destruction of the pipe referencing this motion as described by the Administrator. Attached with this report was the Administrator Report for review by the Commission.

Administrator McDaniel responded to questions by the Commission about completion of the job, potential drain issues, and the completion date for the project estimated to be in August when Rand-Whitney has its annual plant shutdown. Additionally, questions and concerns about local traffic related to the project, whether the project will be completed below cost, how long will the repairs to the line hold (60 years) which the C900 pipe is designed for according to Superintendent Albertson. Financially, funds are available for the Phase IV project. **Roll Call vote: *In favor: Chairperson Longton, Commissioner Gladue, and Commissioner Miceli. Opposed: none. Vote 3-0-0, all in favor.***

f. Remarks from Commission Members

Commissioner Gladue remarked that when the work started there were only two (2) projects and at that time he would have liked to have known about the potential costs. Commissioner Miceli agreed but noted this project is an emergency situation and contractors cannot be switched in the middle of a project. Additionally, Administrator McDaniel noted that it was not known what would be encountered in the drain. Supervisor Albertson expounded on having a new collection operator and cleaning of the camera that allows for great inspection. Chairperson Longton thanked everyone for their good wishes regarding his medical issues which he appreciated. He also thanked Vice-Chair Lathrop and others for running things during his absence.

g. Adjournment

Motion by Chairperson Longton, seconded by Commissioner Miceli to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 4-0-0. **Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Gloria J. Gathers
Recording Secretary, Town of Montville

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MONTVILLE WEBSITE.**