

TOWN OF MONTVILLE
Water & Sewer Commission
Regular Meeting Agenda – May 3, 2021-- 6:00 PM
Town Council Chambers – 310 Norwich-New London Turnpike

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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 Anthony Siragusa and Chairman Chuck Longton in chambers and Commissioners Brian Quinn and Commissioner Shawn Jinkerson remotely. Also present were WPCA Chief Operator/Superintendent Derek Albertson and Mayor Ronald McDaniel. Commissioner Timothy Way was absent. A quorum was present.

d. Alterations to the Agenda

Superintendent Albertson noted a correction to the numbering in Item L under the Water and Sewer Commission. He stated the items should be numbered as 1, 2, 3, and 4.

e. To consider and act on a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2021

Motion by Commissioner Siragusa; seconded by Commissioner Quinn to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2021. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 4-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

f. Communications pertaining specifically to matters which concern the Commission

Chairman Longton stated Commissioner Siragusa had three (3) questions regarding the Superintendent Albertson's report and would be covered under Item H under the Water and Sewer Commission.

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 April 2021 as follows:

1.0 Compliance/Process

1.1 Water Pollution Control Facility

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Effluent from the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) met state and federal action levels. Process has improved due to warmer conditions. Total Nitrogen (TN) loading was discharged in the treated effluent- well below the CTDEEP WPCF general permit limit.

On April 28, a sudden influent change caused a process control concern; the on-call operator adjusted flow and DO levels and monitored conditions ensuring survival of the biology and consistent effluent quality.

Waste sludge thickening was improved (4% solids). The weekly analysis of sludge samples continued to show no detectable amounts of mercury in the sludge.

The 2021 *Discharge Monitoring Report - Quality Assurance (DMR-QA) Study 41* requires the WPCF Laboratory (per CWA, Section 308) to confirm the integrity of data used to support the (federal discharge) NPDES program. The *DMR-QA Study 41* tests are being performed at the in-house laboratory (using methods/procedures per 40 CFR-Part 136 regulations and applicable guidance) and later graded by an accredited Proficiency Testing (PT) Provider. Previous reporting indicated excellent data recovery under the guidance of the *Laboratory Director*.

In April, *New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA)* announced the Montville WPCA's 2020 *Utility Management Award* on LinkedIn as well as in their awards brochure and online campaign. The USEPA and CTDEEP have formally acknowledged the award to the Superintendent.

1.2 Water Supply

The water supply (WS) met required standards. The water operators have begun preparing for the annual CCR.

1.3 Health Crisis/Cyber Security/Reporting Changes

The Superintendent is monitoring available health data to be informed on the local status of SARS-CoV-2 infections particularly those associated with new (more contagious) variants. Overall, the Connecticut population over the age of 16 years has shown a high vaccination rate leading to less community infections. The majority of staff has received vaccination shots and has received vaccination cards.

The CDC has selected the *Water Environment Federation (WEF)* to develop, manage, and provide training for a nationwide wastewater-based disease surveillance. Potentially, the WPCF may be asked to participate in the program. Typically, influent wastewater detection gives a 4-day advance notice (of an upward trend of infections) to the community's health centers.

A disgruntled Kansas worker is facing up to 25 years in federal prison for breaking into a treatment plant's computer network; remotely accessing the computer system and disabling cleaning and disinfecting processes, according to an indictment. The Montville WPCF has encountered attempts to enter our system by third parties; however, the SCADA firewall enhancement and software protection software installation will combat this kind of problem.

When untreated wastewater is released to the environment, the wastewater operator is required to notify the situation to local and state officials. At present, the WPCA Superintendent makes all formal notifications. The CTDEEP has made changes to the spill/release reporting requirements and is updating the electronic sewage bypass reporting system.

1.4 Weather

According to the *Connecticut Interagency Drought Workgroup*, there are significant rain accumulation deficit but no drought designations. March and April were characterized as *Unusually Dry*. The 2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season is predicted to be more active than usual, according to an outlook released on April 8 by NOAA: 17 named storms, eight hurricanes and four major hurricanes. This forecast is above the 30-year average (1991 to 2020).

The Town of Montville is a coastal community in Connecticut where assets could be within a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated flood zone and be affected by sea level rise as well as hurricane storm surges. The Town's water and sewer assets were evaluated to determine if they are within a special flood hazard area and if immediate flood mitigation efforts need to be implemented. In the 2019 SCCOG evaluation, the Kitemaug and Lower Marina PS were reported as being within a *Hurricane Storm Surge Category*; the Kitemaug and PS were within the *100-year Flood Zone*, and the Mohegan the Brook PS was within the *500-year Flood Zone*. Differing from their evaluation, the WPCA Engineer found that none of the water or sewer assets were within any surge categories. The Pequot PS is the only asset in a flood zone.

2.0 Staff

2.1 Personnel

None of the current Montville WPCF team has indicated symptoms of COVID-19 or tested positive since the pandemic began. Public interaction continues to be minimal; appropriate controls are employed, if required. Staff was encouraged to test at the free clinics if a concern (potential exposure) arises. WPCF staff activity is in accordance with local guidelines and adherence to the CDC's directives.

The CDC announced on April 28, fully vaccinated persons do not need to wear a protective mask while outside, except in crowded conditions. In order to facilitate safer re-opening of the Council Chambers to more in-person public participation, the Mayor has deployed an automatic temperature sensing station on April 28. On May 19, Connecticut is expected to lift all COVID-19 related business restrictions, contingent of infection rates.

The Superintendent provided a draft *Safety Vision/Mission Statement* to staff.

The Superintendent met with engineering department at the University of New Haven about seasonal position at the WPCA. Mr. Ray Bigalbal a Montville resident (and a UNH civil engineering student) has inquired about the *Seasonal Environmental Engineering Associate* position.

2.2 Response to Health Crisis

OSHA reports that current (wastewater) disinfection techniques have been proven adequate to prevent transmission- extra measures are not needed and (water/wastewater) operator occupational risk of infection is considered low. The USEPA reports that the COVID-19 virus has not been detected in U.S. drinking water supplies. The Superintendent provided staff with information specific to COVID-19 from a professional periodical- a summary of typical protective behaviors to combat exposure to bacteria, fungus, parasites and viruses.

2.3 Training

The Superintendent and staff continued to receive online (virtual) training to meet CTDEEP requirements for training credits.

Two operators received their formal *National Association of Sewer Services Companies* (NASSCO) certifications (following classroom instruction) for sewer inspections following nationally accepted assessment techniques for sewers and manholes. Follow up (support) field training was completed on April 14, 27 and 28. In April, an additional (operational) handbook was added to the laboratory library to assist in process control- *Updated Handbook for Wastewater Microscopy Applications and Filamentous Morphotype ID Methods Acknowledging Recent Genetic Findings* (Hennessy, 2020). Filamentous bacteria are typically beneficial but if too numerous can degrade effluent quality. Superintendent instruction was provided to the staff on how to identify all bacteria forms and how to base process control decisions on the biology observed. In house pump station inspection training occurred on April 20 detailing items to review upon each visit. The Superintendent will attend the virtual *Integrated Leadership Webcast Series* (ILWS) online course beginning in June 2021. Available on the WEF Learning Center, the ILWS course enhances leadership skills from a variety of topics.

Earth Day was recognized on April 22 by the staff.

3.0 Equipment

3.1 WPCF

(Chlorine) disinfection of the plant effluent began on April 15. The new chlorination system (installed in 2020) is working well (in coordination with the new recycling pumps) to establish a consistent and effective residual chlorine level. Rand-Whitney has a scheduled outage beginning on May 5 (5 a.m. to 9 p.m.) allowing for the cleaning of the chlorine contact chamber.

The influent distribution box is failing due to erosion of concrete and rebar by hydrogen sulfide. This gas is a result of anaerobic conditions promoting bacteriological production of sulfuric acid. Initial study detailed elevated levels of the gas in this enclosed area. An engineering review (FY 2021 CIP) indicated eminent failure without immediate reconditioning. Woodard & Curran personnel will prepare a bid package for the in-situ rehabilitation of the concrete structure.

3.2 Collection System

All pump stations were inspected during the month with routine sewer and manhole evaluations.

Richard Kruczek, PE (retired, formally with URS) was met in April to determine the location of specification documents supplemental to the URS Phase I and Phase II collection system reports, including digital databases, graphics, geotechnical borings, I/I Rehabilitation Design and Construction Administration submittals, amongst others. A legacy software program written during the time of the URS reporting was discovered in the former Administrator's Office. While ten years old, the software can provide some collections system asset management. The Superintendent has reached out to the former URS Project Manager for help in this endeavor.

4.0 Projects

Please see the engineering summary table for information about WPCA projects. FY 2022 projects are not included.

4.1 WPCF

In a February 17 letter, the CTDEEP authorized the WPCA to construct the new grit classifier, grit separator, and the plant water modifications under the existing Grant (in accordance with the plans prepared by Martinez Couch & Associates (MCA)). The RFP due date is May 7.

The RFP for the SBR-4 aeration improvement (diffuser/piping replacement) was advertised with a bid opening on April 27. The bid was prepared by the WPCA Engineer (Wright-Pierce).

4.2 Regulatory Oversight

New WPCA sewer mapping consistent with the Connecticut *Conservation and Development Policies Plan* and the CTDEEP *Development of a Water Pollution Control Plan and Sewer Service Area Map* document has been completed and will be provided to the WPCA for approval and then to the Planning and Zoning Department and the CTDEEP and the State OPM. The updated sewer service area (SSA) map defines geographic areas designated for sewers.

The effective date for the new *General Permit for Discharges from Miscellaneous Industrial Users* (MIU GP) was October 31, 2020. The expected changes to the MIU GP will require local (Superintendent) authority to regulate and enforce non-significant industrial users (non-SIUs). Modifications to current sewer regulations will be required related to the MIU GP. The Superintendent met with the CTDEEP in April to define record requirements at the plant relative to inspections.

4.3 CMOM

CAI Technologies (Town GIS contractor) rescued geographic information data from the stagnant URS files held at another engineering firm (AECOM). The mapping is now finalized so now data editing and tracking will be done to record work in the collections system. The Superintendent met with CAI personnel about using a combination of an AxisGIS Editor service and ESRI's ArcGIS Online service to allow for future data edits, video/plan linking and cleaning/inspection (and other CMOM data) tracking. Training for staff will be conducted.

As indicated, a manhole was identified which may result in a catastrophic condition (collapse) if left unattended. On April 19, the WPCA Engineer (Wright-Pierce) provided the 90% complete

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design package regarding rehabilitation work for the damaged asset at the intersection of Norwich-New London Turnpike (Route 32) and Gallivan Lane. The future work includes the complete rehabilitation of the existing sewer manhole. The project will be bid soon and constructed in Spring/Summer 2021 prior to the planned milling and paving project by the CTDOT on Route 32.

The *Montville Sewer Easement Improvements Project* (CIP FY 2020) is now underway with clearing completed by Suchocki & Son, Inc. Wright-Pierce and WPCA personnel inspect the job site often and have found appropriate sediment and erosion control measures. Several meetings with property abutters belayed concerns. Contract 1 project is approximately 75% complete. The project provides access to a large sewer main which had surcharging in the past.

The 2011 URS Phase II inflow and infiltration reporting (to sewers) was reviewed. The WPCA Engineer (Wright-Pierce) recommended focused work to identify key infiltration and inflow (I/I) areas to consider for remediation (comparison of costs for correcting conditions to the total costs for transportation and treatment). In general, the work recommended was significantly more streamlined than that previously proposed by URS. Specifically, the project consists of inspecting 50 to 60 manholes and providing field oversight and guidance on the closed caption television (CCTV) of approximately 11,000 linear feet of pipelines. Cleaning and CCTV work began on April 27. Following this work, cleaning and inspection work will cover approximately 2.25 miles within the collection system with projected cleaning and camera work production to be larger than last year. Some structural concerns have been identified in sewer lines and access manholes.

Previously identified (paved over) manholes will be uncovered. Previously, a number of manholes had been inspected, but additional manhole inspections will occur May 25, 26 and 27 as well as June 1 and 2.

4.4 Water Supply

The volume of water purchased from Groton Utilities (GU) continues to be lower than normal--approximately 30% less than prior to the Covid-19 pandemic.

CAI Technologies (Town GIS contractor) will be provided information for the development of accurate mapping for the Town's water infrastructure using a combination of existing (CLA Engineers) mapping and improvements. The priority is sewer infrastructure mapping.

The cost-benefit analysis showed that the GFTS (Glass-Fused-To-Steel) tank replacement would be a viable option for Cook Water Storage Tower. The WPCA approved the replacement during the January 4 meeting. The Town Council approved the application for funding on March 8. The preliminary engineering report was approved by the CTDEEP on April 5. CTDEEP comment on the RFQ was received on April 16. After reviewing the CTDEEP input, a formal RFQ will be advertised.

5.0 Development

Other than incidental single-family home construction, no significant requests for information were requested. Reportedly, multi-unit housing was approved for properties along Maple Avenue

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and Jerome Road as well as for the Hillcrest Community and Oxoboxo Lofts. The proposed development at The Villages includes the removal of the troublesome pump station. Yale-New Haven has developed the former Arroga's Restaurant site as a critical care facility.

6.0 Finances

The FY 2022 WPCA Sewer and Water Budgets (which include the CIPs) were approved at the April 12 Town Council Meeting. The WPCA annual report narrative and delinquent account report were submitted to the Mayor's Office in January for the Town's annual report. The aforementioned development will result in significant connection fees as well as monthly/quarterly billing. Estimated \$100,000 additional annual revenue will be received this year for septic receiving. Recycled water billing to Rand-Whitney has increased significantly. Chlorine usage (due to improved process control) indicated \$25,000 in savings in the first quarter of 2021. Billing for work completed at The Villages (i.e., pump station) has resulted in fees.

6.1 Accounts Review

Budget sheets and account balances are included.

6.2 Assets

The WPCA asset listing was improved for FY 2020 and FY 2021 and will be instrumental in the asset management program to be completed in 2022. The WPCA Engineer will assist in identifying appropriate software support for managing assets. Funds in the water and sewer accounts have been appropriately reserved for capital improvement with the development of a 5-year projection. Some bonds, a grant and a proposed grant are considered for current and future asset financing.

6.3 Pandemic Response

The executive orders established during the course of the COVID-19 pandemic were extended (*Declaration of a Health Emergency*). The declaration authorizes the Governor to order certain actions that will help expedite potential reimbursement funding to municipalities. Reimbursable items would include PPE.

6.4 Grants

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. The grant money is being used for the new chlorine system, new recycling pumps, and grit removal system. The Mayor requested an extension for the Grant (due to expire in June 2021). The Superintendent has determined that some monies are still available to fund work within the WPCF.

The 2020 CTDEEP Draft *Integrated Water Quality Report* was prepared to satisfy statutory reporting requirements pursuant to the Clean Water Act (CWA) to assess designated uses established by the State's *Water Quality Standards* (CTWQS). Relative to the document, the

treatment plant is a point source of discharge and is available for federal funding (grants and low interest loans) for wastewater infrastructure improvement projects. Additional CTDEEP grant monies were applied for via the *Connecticut Clean Water Fund Request to Place Project on Priority List* for monies for constructing a (sewer) collection system asset management plan. A public hearing will be held for the Draft FY2021 *Clean Water Fund Priority List* on March 30.

Potential water grant needs were sent to the CTDPH via their *Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project Eligibility Application*. Specifically, grant monies would help pay for the replacement or painting of the Cook Tower water storage facility. A WPCA FY 2021 CIP project allowed for an engineering report to determine a course of action for the water facility and FY 2022 CIP allowed for \$1 million to be financed through the grant program. Preliminary meetings have been held with Raul Tejada, CTDEEP *Sanitary Engineer 3* to discuss project scope and an engineering RFQ.

On January 13th, 2021, a disaster declaration was made for the August 2020 *Tropical Storm Isaias* in Connecticut (DR-4850-CT). This declaration will provide federal funding to state and eligible local governments on a cost-sharing basis for emergency protective measures in all counties of the state. In response to this disaster declaration, Wright-Pierce (WPCA Engineer) to conduct a cursory evaluation of flooding and storm resiliency of the water and sewer assets owned and operated by the Montville WPCA. Currently no qualifying assets have been identified, but new FEMA mapping will likely change flood zones to incorporate one or more pump stations.

President Biden released an infrastructure plan called the *American Jobs Plan* that includes an unprecedented \$111 billion investment in water infrastructure. The plan would encourage the use of public money to enhance infrastructure. Highlights of the *American Jobs Plan*:

- To eliminate all lead pipes and service lines in the country, the plan calls for \$45 billion in the Environmental Protection Agency’s Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and in Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act grants.
- To modernize aging drinking water, stormwater and wastewater systems by scaling up existing, successful programs, the plan calls for providing \$56 billion in grants and low-cost flexible loans to states, Tribes, territories and disadvantaged communities across the country.
- To monitor and remediate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water and to invest in rural small water systems and household well and wastewater systems, including drainage fields.

6.5 Energy

The Doosan *PureCell Model 400* Fuel Cell unit began producing power (operating at 460 kW) on June 24. Recent results indicated the fuel cell to be running at or near 100% capacity (11,000 kWh/d) resulting in a large drop in grid power demand from the WPCF. Approximately 80% of the electrical power used at the WPCF is generated from the fuel cell resulting in significant savings. Maintenance work was performed by others in April.

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Superintendent Albertson summarized the report stating it was a good month and state and federal standards were met. Also, the influent flow into the plant increased for an average of .30% and the remainder of the report covers operations and administration. He also addressed questions from Commissioner Siragusa as follows:

1. If WPCA could not use the water tank, would Norwich's water take care of the town's needs?

The 2015 Emergency Contingency Plan was prepared to ensure an adequate supply of water to meet essential needs (per CGS Section 16-32e) which requires a municipal water supply to plan for restoring service that is interrupted as a result of an emergency. Montville WPCA currently relies 100% on a single interconnection with GU for active daily supply. The remaining interconnections (with Norwich and the Waterford/New London) are in place for emergency use only. The lines could be pressurized by the 1401 PS.

2. A developers permit has this requirement: "A fire flow test will be conducted to determine design requirements for the fire protection systems as per the WPCA department's specifications." What are the procedural steps that are taken to accomplish the requirements?

The developer's engineer will provide information to the WPCA after a supervised hydrant test. The WPCA Engineer will model the data to determine the fire flow data. The developer's engineer will determine the required flow in consultation with the WPCA Engineer.

3. What is being done to collect from the water and sewer debtors?

Water--Collection begins with the quarterly bill. After 30 days a second bill is sent. After 60 days a pending termination notice is sent. Following this notice (2 to 3 weeks), a shut off tag is put on their door. After the tagging (2 to 3 days), the water supply is turned off.

Sewer--Collection begins with the quarterly bill. A notice is sent after 30 days and a lien is applied if an account is four quarters behind. Currently, there are 30 accounts in collection. A State Marshal is used to assist in collections.

i. Report from Mayor

Mayor McDaniel reported on a woman who called concerning at 1984 pump station, Woodland, and promises made. He and Superintendent Albertson will need to work to resolve the issue involving clean up of debris so she can sell the property. Also, the hiring of an administrator is on the evening's agenda.

j. Report from Engineers

Superintendent Albertson referred to the engineering summary table for the status on projects provided in the meeting packet to the Commissioners. Some projects have picked up steam and notice was given of an equipment failure—an influent distribution box in danger of collapse but, CIP funds from last year were available to have it examined and repaired.

k. Old Business -- *None*

l. New Business

1. To consider and act on renumbering Resolutions.

THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES hereby resolves to renumber WPCA Resolutions 2020-27 through 2020-38 from the meetings of January 4, 2021 – April 2, 2021 to resolution numbers 2021-01 through 2021-12.

Motion – Discussion – Roll Call

SAR-No. 2021-13 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES to renumber WPCA Resolutions 2020-27 through 2020-38 from the meetings of January 4, 2021 – April 2, 2021 to resolution numbers 2021-01 through 2021-12. Motion by Commissioner Jinkerson; seconded by Commissioner Quinn. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel explained the resolutions numbers did not reset for the new year 2021, and are thus being changed for recordkeeping purposes. Roll Call vote: *In favor*: Commissioners Jinkerson, Longton, Quinn, and Siragusa. *Opposed*: none. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

2. To consider and act on hiring an Administrator.

THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES to begin procedures to hire a WPCA Administrator including appropriate advertising for qualified candidates.

Motion – Discussion – Roll Call

SAR-No. 2021-14 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES to begin procedures to hire a WPCA Administrator including appropriate advertising for qualified candidates. Motion by Commissioner Quinn; seconded by Commissioner Jinkerson. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel stated when Superintendent Albertson was hired the administrator/superintendent roles were all inclusive and four (4) Class 4 Operators were needed. An advert for the Administrator position gleaned one (1) candidate who was inappropriate so it was deemed the Superintendent and the Mayor would split the duties—grant administration, proposals, engineering, regulatory issues, and accounting for the Department. Superintendent Albertson currently works 60-hour weeks and it is now time to market for the Administrator position given the potential for a legal issue regarding duties. Specifications for the position were placed in Dropbox. Commissioner Jinkerson commented on duties of the position and the accounting aspect which were previously problematic in the Department; Mayor McDaniel spoke of the job description having been developed with forethought and the issues of controls on spending and credit card use having been resolved with mechanisms in place for oversight. The position is a union one with a current salary of \$91,438.45 with an option for reduction with a job offer. He also clarified the Mayor’s office oversight role and its serving in a disciplinary,

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personnel, and human resources capacity. He responded to Commissioner Quinn on the current budget impact concerning the position confirming funds are available. Roll Call vote: *In favor*: Commissioners Jinkerson, Longton, and Quinn. *Opposed*: Commissioner Siragusa. Vote 3-1. Motion carried.

3. To consider and act on the 2021 SSA Map.

THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES to approve the 2021 Sewer Service Area Map to be submitted to the Town Planning & Zoning Department, the CTDEEP and the State OPM per Connecticut General Statutes.

Motion – Discussion – Roll Call

SAR-No. 2021-15 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES to approve the 2021 Sewer Service Area Map to be submitted to the Town Planning & Zoning Department, the CTDEEP and the State OPM per Connecticut General Statutes. Motion by Commissioner Siragusa; seconded by Commissioner Quinn. Discussion: Superintendent Albertson welcomed Wright-Pierce Project Engineer Lisa Muscanell and described the map which specifies the locations of existing sewers and unsuitable areas for them. The map assists Planning & Zoning for development of Town areas. The updated map has no drastic changes nor information for extension into new areas. Responding to a question from Commissioner Siragusa regarding the trouble with the cross country sewer line, Superintendent Albertson said the project was reserved and the map includes that designation. A 3-D survey is inaccurate and based on property borders while the SSA Map is much better and allows for the retrieval of GIS data over 10 years. L. Muscanell explained the map identifies parcels suitable for sewers and areas that are not. Also, the most accurate data was used and if a project ensures a property or A-2 Survey would be needed. Roll Call vote: *In favor*: Commissioners Jinkerson, Longton, Quinn, and Siragusa. *Opposed*: none. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

4. To consider and act on changes to existing sewer rules and regulations for recently enacted MIU GP.

THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES to approve those modifications to the 2009 Rules & Regulations necessary to accommodate the new State Miscellaneous Industrial Users General Permit (effective October 2020) as detailed in the Engineer's March 2021 Memorandum.

Motion – Discussion – Roll Call

SAR-No. 2021-16 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES approve those modifications to the 2009 Rules & Regulations necessary to accommodate the new State Miscellaneous Industrial Users General Permit (effective October

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2020) as detailed in the Engineer’s March 2021 Memorandum. Motion by Commissioner Siragusa; seconded by Commissioner Jinkerson. Superintendent Albertson asked L. Muscanell of Wright-Pierce to comment on the State transfer of this type of permit to the Superintendent whereby holding him to its expectations. L. Muscanell commented on the good job done by the Superintendent in speaking of the State modification and the work of Wright-Pierce with other municipalities concerning it. Mayor McDaniel said it memorializes what occurs at the State level and pushes it down to an administrative level unfunded for towns. Roll Call vote: *In favor*: Commissioners Jinkerson, Longton, Quinn, and Siragusa. *Opposed*: none. Vote 4-0. Motion carried.

m. Reports/Referral from Planning & Zoning -- *None*

II. Water Commission

a. Report from Engineers

Superintendent Albertson reported the water RFQ will go out on Friday, May 7 for the State approved engineering project. The system is running well with kudos to Kevin Loiler and Jon Lily. Per an inquiry by Commissioner Siragusa as to who will fund the project, \$500,000 up to \$1 for \$1 million at 2% over 20 years are the current terms, according to Superintendent Albertson. Mayor McDaniel spoke of the Clean Water Grant to fund the project warranting approval by the Commission and then by the Town Council. It is unfair to have the ratepayer pay for water said Commissioner Siragusa and referenced plans for apartment buildings on Maple Avenue for water/sewer use. Superintendent Albertson has worked on that project for a year and reviewed it last week regarding the costs for engineering. Mayor McDaniel spoke of the need and a balance of the same. Commissioner Jinkerson commented the ratepayer, not the Town, should pay for the water tower and asked about actual figures concerning it. Mayor McDaniel stated water expansion is funded by the Town and the cost falls to water ratepayers that must go out to bid and the State will then input funds. He added the rate for the State influx has not been set.

b. Old Business – *None*

c. New Business -- *None*

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 commented on a review of water ratepayer fees, hydrant flushing fees, and fees taken from Town departments. Commissioner Jinkerson reiterated his earlier comments concerning the hiring of an Administrator, rules and regulations in place regarding use of funds. Mayor McDaniel clarified WPCA accounting issues in the past were personality related and per

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credit card use. He affirmed that every check now issued is countersigned by him and is not changed until he is satisfied, stating administration and regulatory is the issue. He also commented he is a big fan of user-based systems and referenced Rand-Whitney past issues and the fees associated with it which the Town was responsible for.

f. Adjournment

Motion by Chairman Longton; seconded by Commissioner Siragusa to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 4-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gloria J. Gathers
Recording Secretary, Town of Montville

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