

Burrillville Sewer Commission
Regular Meeting of 11/8/05
Board Room of the BWWTF

Members Present: Raymond D. George, Chairman
Scott P. Rabideau, Vice Chairman
Don C. Wolfe, Secretary

Also Present: Walter J. Kane, Attorney for the Commission
William Skerpan Jr., Beta Group, Inc.
Michael Grilli, Beta Group, Inc.
Richard Bernardo, Director of Public Works
John Martin III – Superintendent
Peg Franklin – Office Manager
Stacey Richard – Financial Aide

Mr. Raymond George opened the regular meeting at 11:20 A.M.

The first item on the agenda was the question of accepting the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2005, the Public Hearing of October 11, 2005, and the Special Meeting of October 26, 2005, and the question of dispensing with the reading of said minutes. Mr. Scott Radideau made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as provided. The motion was seconded by Mr. Don Wolfe, so voted.

Voted: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2005, the Public Hearing of October 11, 2005, and the Special Meeting of October 26, 2005 be accepted as presented.

Correspondence:

06-11-50 – A letter from Mr. Paul Gaboury, a resident of Snake Hill Road, regarding sewer construction was read by Mrs. Franklin. Mr. William Skerpan addressed Mr. Gaboury's letter. Mr. Skerpan stated that the trench that Mr. Gaboury referenced in his letter has only been temporarily paved and permanent paving operations have not begun yet. When the permanent paving does occur the road will be put back to where it was. Mr. Skerpan stated that a contractor has already been contacted regarding the loom and Mr. Gaboury is not the only property that needs to be loomed and seeded. The loom is expected to be down but seeding this time of year could be a little bit questionable. Properties will be reseeded next spring if necessary. Mr. Skerpan then stated that last spring the backhoe had one of its' hydraulic hoses break and it sprayed hydraulic fluid on the area. The leak was reported to DEM. DEM came out and made the contractor dig the soil down to about 12" – 18". The soil at that level was then tested and the results came back with no contamination and the property was restored. Mr. Skerpan recommended that if Mr. Gaboury is looking to have his well tested that it would be an insurance matter and should be forwarded to the contractor for them to address. Mr. Skerpan stated that the bales of hay that are being referred to are on the opposite side of the roadway and until the project is completed on that road that hay bales will stay as part of the DEM permit. Mr. Skerpan stated he had asked for a copy of all correspondence between the contractor and DEM regarding the testing of the soil. Mr. Rabideau made a motion to authorize Mrs. Franklin to draft a letter to Mr. Gaboury

answering each of his concerns on a point by point basis and forward the letter along to him. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe, so voted.

Voted: To send a letter to Mr. Gaboury addressing each of his concerns.

06-11-51 – A letter from Dante Giammarco regarding October 12, 2005 incident at Stedagio, LLC was read by Mrs. Franklin. Mr. Skerpan stated that he can't agree with everything in Mr. Giammarco's letter and his recommendation would be to receive and file the letter. Mr. Rabideau made a motion to receive the letter and place on file. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe, so voted.

Voted: To receive and place on file the letter from Dante Giammarco.

06-11-52 – A letter from Dante Giammarco to Eric Beck, Dept. of Environmental Management regarding October 12, 2005 incident at Stedagio, LLC was read by Mrs. Franklin. Mr. Rabideau asked Mr. Richard Bernardo if the retention pond was the town's pond. Mr. Bernardo stated that it was not the town's yet. Mr. Rabideau asked who owns it now. Mr. Bernardo stated that Stedagio owns it now. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to receive the letter and place on file. Mr. Rabideau seconded the motion, so voted.

Voted: To receive and place on file the letter from Dante Giammarco to Eric Beck, Dept. of Environmental Management.

Attorney's Report: Mr. Kane reported that there was nothing unusual called to his attention during the past month other than the routine calls from the Commission. Mr. Kane also reported that he has sent everything to DEM regarding the consent agreement on the underground storage tank. Mr. Rabideau made a motion to accept the attorney's report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe, so voted.

Voted: To accept the report of the attorney.

Engineer's Report: Mr. Skerpan reported on contract 19A-1 that the force main is complete and permanent paving; binder only, is being done along Victory Highway. Hopefully within the next couple of weeks that will be completed and that roadway will stay the way it is with the binder until next spring then the overlay will be done. Mr. Skerpan reported that the pump station is moving along and a preliminary start up is being done today. It is hoped to have the pump station operational within the next one to two weeks. Mr. Skerpan suggested that at the December meeting notify the residents that they can tie into the system.

Mr. Skerpan reported on payment application #6. Mr. Rabideau made a motion to authorize application for payment # 6 in the amount of \$122,182.20. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion, so voted.

Voted: To authorize application for payment #6.

Mr. Rabideau made a motion to transfer from the Investment account through the Capital account the sum of \$63,867.00, which will be the Commission's share of cost which will be reimbursed by the state of Rhode Island under SRF. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe, so voted.

Voted: To transfer funds from the Investment account to the Capital account, which is the Commission's share of cost to be later reimbursed by the state under the SRF.

The next item Mr. Skerpan reported on was contract 19A-2. Mr. Skerpan stated that the contractor has about 1500 feet of total pipe left to go on the job. Mr. Skerpan stated the work on Victory Highway is moving very slow because of the soil conditions and also due to the fact that the contractor hit rock. Mr. Rabideau if a change order could be expected because of the amount of rock that the contractor hit. Mr. Skerpan stated a change order was not expected. Mr. Skerpan stated that permanent paving on Victory Highway will not occur this year. What Beta will require is from the service road at Bella's restaurant up to the trench on Victory Highway a skim coat of temporary pavement so that the snowplows will have an easier time plowing this winter. Mr. Rabideau asked what would be done on Joslin Road. Mr. Skerpan stated that the contractor still has pipe to put in on Joslin Road and hopefully the crew that is on Bronco Highway can go over to Joslin Road to get the pipe in before the snow comes. Mr. Skerpan stated that they have talked about putting a skim layer of pavement on Joslin Road as well. Mr. Skerpan reported that he had been trying to negotiate a reasonable pavement approach in the New Village area. Mr. Skerpan stated that what he has been trying to negotiate with the contractor is a curb to curb recycling of the existing pavement. Then go in with curb to curb binder for the winter months. Then next spring go in with the overlay itself. Mr. Skerpan stated that he told the contractor it cannot cost the Commission anymore money other than what was originally assigned to the paving items within the bid itself. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to authorize Mr. Skerpan to negotiate with the contractor regarding the rebuilding of the roads along the lines just described as long as it does not increase the cost of the contractor. Mr. Rabideau seconded the motion, so voted.

Voted: To authorize Mr. Skerpan to negotiate with contract the rebuilding of the roads as long as it does not increase the cost of he contractor.

Mr. Skerpan then reported that on pay application # 7 there is an item for the DPW associated with the culvert in the amount of \$55,002.50. Mr. Rabideau asked if the resident on Spring Lake Road was taken care of. Mr. Skerpan reported that nothing had been done as of yet. Mr. Bernardo stated he would like to wait until spring to do a permanent fix in that area. Mr. Skerpan stated the restoration along Joslin Road has been done and the numbers are being put together now. Mr. Skerpan reported that on the culvert he has already negotiated a \$7,000.00 credit for work that had not been done on the culvert itself. Mr. Skerpan stated he is hoping to utilize the \$7,000.00 credit to pay for a good portion of Joslin Road. Mr. Rabideau made a motion to authorize payment #7 for contract 19A-2 to South Shore Utility in the amount of \$103,108.11 and at the same point in time forward to the town DPW the balance of the invoice in the amount of \$55,002.50. The total to be paid to the contractor is \$158,110.61. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe, so voted.

Voted: To authorize payment # 7 and forward to the town DPW the balance of the invoice.

The next item Mr. Skerpan reported on was contract 19B-1. Mr. Skerpan stated that project is ready to advertise. The work would entail strictly the Mohegan section which would get rid of the direct discharges to the river over by Atlas Palate, the construction of the pump station over by the Nasonville Fire Station, and work along Route 7. It would not include anything associated with the Nasonville pump station or the area in or around the Western Hotel. Mr. Skerpan recommended getting the job out on the street as quickly as possible so the job can be bid prior to the winter holidays. Mr. Rabideau made a motion to authorize the advertisement of contract 19B-1 as an RFP. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion, so voted.

Voted: To authorize the advertisement contract 19B-1 as an RFP.

Mr. Skerpan then reported that Harrisville Village is up and running after a slow start last week. They are getting some pipe in the ground and there is an inspector covering that.

Mr. Skerpan also reported that Laginestra has been digging since October 12, 2005 and they have hit a lot of rock. Mr. Skerpan stated that the Laginestra project is about three weeks behind schedule.

Mr. Skerpan then reported that he is still waiting for the DOT permit from the Pine Ridge Development regarding the manhole.

Mr. Skerpan reported there were some preliminary indications that Smith Estates wanted to start the sewers there but he had not heard from them as of today.

The last item Mr. Skerpan reported on was regarding engineering services. Mr. Skerpan stated that he asking the Commission to grant Beta Group, Inc. an extension until February 11, 2008 as provide for with the original agreement. Mr. Rabideau stated he would like to read the original agreement before voting and he would ask to continue this item until next month's meeting. Mr. Rabideau made a motion to continue the discussion of Beta's extension until the next meeting. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion, so voted.

Voted: To continue the discussion of Beta's extension until the next meeting.

Mr. Rabideau made a motion to accept the engineer's report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe, so voted.

Voted: To accept the engineer's report.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Martin presented the Superintendent's Report for the month of October:

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Month of October 2005

1. **OPERATIONS :**

A.	<u>Influent to Treatment Facility :</u>	M.G.	Date Occurred
	Average daily flow	1.0901	N/A
	Maximum daily flow	3.1130	15-Oct
	Minimum daily flow	0.5640	07-Oct
B.	<u>Biochemical Oxygen Demand :</u>	Percent removal	Average Concentration
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	> 85.0%	< 10.0 mg/l
	Facility achieved	99.1%	1.3
C.	<u>Total Suspended Solids :</u>		
	E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	> 85.0%	< 15.0 mg/l
	Facility achieved	98.3%	3.4
D.	<u>Total Phosphorus :</u>		

E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	N/A	< 1.00 mg/l
Facility achieved	89.9%	0.46
E. <u>Total Ammonia :</u>		
E.P.A./ D.E.M. requirement	N/A	< 8.9 mg/l
Facility achieved	86.6%	2.5
F. <u>Disposed Sludge :</u>		
Dry Tons disposed of	27.08	
Number of loads removed	20	
Average dry tons/load	1.35	

2. COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATIONS :

Other than the storm/flooding event on the weekend of Oct. 15th , which was reported on at the special meeting of Oct. 26th , there were three call-ins for this month, one at the School St. ejector station and two at the Eagle Peak Rd. Ejector station. Alarms were reset and stations returned to normal operation.

Mr. Martin stated due to the earliness of the meeting this month the financials entries have not been finished and therefore are not in closed. The financials will be ready for next month.

There was a brief discussion regarding the complaints the Sewer Commission had received about Eccleston Field.

Mr. Rabideau made a motion to accept the report of our Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe, so voted.

Voted: To accept the report of the Superintendent

Old Business: Mrs. Franklin read the assessment/user charge write-offs. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve the write-offs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rabideau, so voted.

Voted: To approve the assessment/user charge write-offs.

The next item under old business was a continuation of discussion of front footage assessments for contracts 19A-1 and 19A-2. Mr. Skerpan presented a chart to the Commission regarding front footage assessments at 27% of the construction costs. Some discussion followed regarding the chart and assessments. Mr. Kane noted that whatever the Commission decides it is only a recommendation to the Town Council for the front footage assessment. Mr. Kane suggested if there is an agreement between the Commission, that they consider it and get it on the Town Council's agenda for December. Mr. Rabideau made a motion to recommend to the Town Council the Commission's schedule of prices with an explanation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe, so voted.

Voted: To recommend to the Town Council a price of \$30.00 per linear foot for frontage assessments and submit an explanation with the recommendation.

Some discussion took place regarding the amount of time people are given to connect to the sewer system. Mr. Skerpan suggested setting a calendar date as to when all things need to be completed so that date can be given to the contractor because the Commission has a contractor that under his contract was supposed to abandon that system in the fall of 2005. The Commission is now asking him to back in the spring of 2006. The Commission discussed giving the customers six months to tie into the sewer system.

Being no further business to come before the Commission Mr. Wolfe made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rabideau seconded the motion, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Richard
Financial Aide