

SEWER COMMISSION MINUTES

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Mrs. Briggs - The regular meeting of the Town of North Smithfield Sewer Commission meeting was called to order on Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at 7:05 pm.

Roll Call - Mrs. Paul - In attendance was: Mr. Leon Tikorian, Mr. Thomas McGee, Mr. Paul Nordstrom, Mrs. Linda-Jean Briggs, Mr. Michael Connolly, and Mrs. Patricia Paul, Secretary. Mr. Alvarez was not present due to a water emergency.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Briggs -Approval of Sewer Commission for June 14, 2006 minutes. Are there any corrections, additions, and deletions?

MOTION made by Mr. Connolly and seconded by Mr. McGee and voted unanimously on an aye vote to accept and approve as printed the June 14, 2006 minutes.

Mrs. Briggs – The ayes have it. Motion carried 5-0 on an aye vote.

Mrs. Briggs requests to move up on the agenda item #3 Keith-Village Way Project at the Meadows by unanimous consent since Mr. Alvarez had not arrived.

All members consented.

2. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Alvarez wasn't present to address his monthly report.

3. KEITH-VILLAGE WAY PROJECT AT THE MEADOWS

Mrs. Briggs stated that there was no one present to discuss topic.

4. GEREMIA & ASSOCIATES FACILITY PLAN UPDATE

Mrs. Briggs stated that there was no one present from Geremia & Associates to provide facility plan update.

5. RADIO PATHWAY SURVEY QUOTES

Mrs. Briggs proposed to put off from the agenda, items 3, 4 & 5 and wait until Mr. Alvarez arrives so they can be discussed at that time:

- 3. Keith-Village Way Project At The Meadows**
- 4. Geremia & Associates, facility plan update and Radio Pathway Survey Quotes**
- 5. Radio Pathway Survey Quotes**

6. CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Briggs stated that there is a general sense from Geremia that Silverpines is not being responsive and she feels she will escalate to the Town Administrator to explore what the problem is and why they can't make arrangements for the training and the turnover of the

assets to the town. Because it is impacting on the ability, for the town to build for those folks on Main Street. The town doesn't own the assets.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Briggs received a telephone call regarding Laurelwoods on Wednesday July 12 requesting they go before the Town Council. They are on the agenda for Monday, July 17 and requesting that they not be charged interest on the remaining three quarters of their assessment. She feels that they should be charged if they have not paid

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it in full and she will express her personal opinion to the council at Monday nights meeting letting them know that the ball is in their court and that they need to make a decision. She will speak on behalf of the commission.

Mr. Nordstrom asked what the problem was?

Mrs. Briggs stated that beyond that they asked to be on the agenda and that they are requesting a waiver on the interest against the remaining amount, she didn't know. She hasn't received anything in writing only what she has received from her voice mail.

Mr. McGee asked if they should be different from anybody else?

Mrs. Briggs stated that she wasn't aware of any other extenuating circumstances. She stated that she does know that the deal struck with them was that and the commission basically did give them some level of relief against their construction costs and then beyond that level of relief that the sewer commission had recommended and it was adopted by the Council they were supposed to pay full amounts for the remaining units. There was never any discussion here about waiving interest fees.

Mr. Connolly wanted to confirm if interest fees are still accruing in the bonds?

Mrs. Briggs response was yes.

Mr. Nordstrom asked that there was a request from the town treasurer to get the interest rate fees on the same level that the rest of the interest fees rate is in town?

Mrs. Briggs believes that it went through and she verified with the town Finance Director that in fact that there was full awareness on the administrations part that it is an enterprise fund and any interest that we are collecting is going against that enterprise fund.

Mrs. Briggs stated that it does need an ordinance change and the town solicitor is drawing up that ordinance for adoption by the

council.

5. RADIO PATHWAY SURVEY QUOTES

Mrs. Briggs referred back to the Radio Pathway Study that was delivered to the commission by Geremia & Associates. She asked members to review the information in their packets in hopes to making a recommendation to the Council. She referred to the letter dated May 19, 2006 from Geremia & Associates where they went out and received three different quotes. A recommendation was made by the towns engineer to go with TCS Communications in the amount of \$4,500.00 excluding FCC licensing. The \$4,500.00 is for the study.

Mr. Nordstrom stated that if their recommendation of the study concludes that they can use radio waves radio frequency telemeter, then they would go ahead with the FCC licensing. They are asking for approval for the \$4,500.00 for TCS Communications to do the initial study and if it determines that it is feasible then add the other \$1,500.00 for licensing totally \$6,000.00.

Mrs. Briggs stated that TCS Communications is clearly the lowest quote.

MOTION by Mr. Nordstrom and seconded by Mr. Connolly and voted unanimously 5-0 on an aye vote to make a recommendation to the Town Council that they authorize Geremia & Associates to award their quote/bid for the radio pathway study to TCS Communications

at a contract price of \$4,500.00 to determine

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whether the feasibility of the radio pathway and that they release the other \$1,500.00 for the licensing frequency fee.

Mrs. Briggs asked if there were any discussion on the motion?

Mr. Nordstrom stated that in Mr. Alvarez's absence last month he talked about the study taking place and what it is all about and that all of the alarms from all of the pump stations go through telephone lines and go back to Mr. Alvarez's office and it is cheaper and what they want to look at now is radio waves. They pay a licensing fee and once they pay a licensing fee then they don't need to pay a monthly phone line charge. It is more current technology. This is a study to look at whether or not it is possible to do it and make determinations if they can get a straight signal and where they have to place the antenna to receive the signal.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None

9. ADJOURN

MOTION by Mr. Connolly and seconded by Mr. Nordstrom and voted unanimously on an aye 5-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Patricia A. Paul

Sewer Commission Secretary