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**TOWN OF DARIEN SEWER COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES,
TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH 2023, 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM
IN PERSON, ROOM 206, 2 RENSRAW ROAD-TOWN HALL, DARIEN, CT 06820
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION VIA EMAIL OR IN PERSON**

ATTENDANCE: Craig Flaherty, P.E. Chairman
Robert Hill, Vice-Chair
Susan Cameron
Peter Van Winkle

STAFF: Edward L. Gentile Jr. P.E. Director of Public Works
Darren Oustafine, P.E. Assistant Director of Public Works

OTHER: Andy Soumelidis P.E.
Robert F. Maslan Jr. Esq
Kurt Lowenstein P.E.
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ABSENT: Reese Hutchison, Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 4:32 P.M. by Mr. Flaherty. A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF DARIEN SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 7TH 2023.
DISCUSSION AND ACTION.

**** MR. VAN WINKLE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS
CORRECTED IN THE MEETING.**

**** MS. CAMERON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. 7 SEDGEWICK AVENUE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT THIRD PARTY REVIEW. DISCUSSION AND ACTION.

The memo from Arcadis was reviewed. Commission agreed Arcadis capacity analysis is correct, applicants analysis is incorrect. Ms. Cameron did have some questions to ask Arcadis that Mr. Gentile will get answered. 7 Sedgwick engineer agreed Arcadis report is correct.

**** MR. VAN WINKLE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ARCADIS CONCLUSION.**

**** MS. CAMERON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED 3-1 WITH MR. HILL ABSTAINING.**

4. FEDERAL REALTY SEWER CHARGES REBATE.

The buildings were demolished and the 2 locations had improperly been issued sewer bills for the past 3 years. The sewer department requested going back 3 years' worth of charges and refunded Federal Realty.

**** MR. HILL MADE A MOTION TO REIMBURSE THE SEWER BILLS FROM 2020, 2021 AND 2022 FOR 132 HEIGHTS ROAD \$782.25 AND 169 NOROTON AVE \$3109.42.**

**** MS. CAMERON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. FEDERAL REALTY DISCUSSION AND ACTION.

Penny and Anthony went out to the buildings to get the meter information for each building included at this property. Going forward the sewer department is going to use all 12 months (mixed use). The sewer department will go back to find out what the charges are and back charge.

**** MS. CAMERON MADE A MOTION TO CHARGE MIXED USE PROPERTY ON COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT BASIS AND AGREE WHEN BETTER DATA IS AVAILBALE WE MAKE SURE THE USER FEE THEY PAID FOR THE YEAR REFLECTS THE ACTUAL USAGE.**

**** MR. VAN WINKLE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. SUMP PUMP REDIRECTION PROGRAMS.

The commission discussed what could be done to reduce the number of sump pumps. Next week Lindsay McCarthy from Arcadis will be at the meeting, she could give her insight on the situation. Commission would like a policy on this item to be in place.

****NO MOTION MADE.**

7. I&I ABATEMENT POLICY & FEE.

The commission would like to check with the lawyers and see if they have the ability to set a policy and fee in place.

8. PROJECTED BILLING METHODS.

Percentage currently is not close to getting 12%, could take years of I&I effort to get there. Water flow has gone down 7%.

9. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT.

- a. OKHS PIPE LINING PROJECT
Work is done except for paving sealing. There is a 1-year warrantee inspection.
- b. PHASE II SANITARY SEWER REHAB (ARCADIS)
75% complete on design. Once staff is back end of April the bid will be put out.
- c. WOODWAY/HOYT
Released CO for Hoyt owner. No survey from Woodway owner yet.
- d. STS CMOM & SSES REVIEW
Have not heard back from STS since last submission. Have been hesitant to use sealing for fear of flooding. Mr. Gentile will start to require storm protector lids.
- e. NITROGEN CREDITS 2022
\$320,000 to Stamford, Darien received \$45,000. Stamford WPCA not interested in reducing percentage. \$130,000 to Stamford this year with \$18,000 to Darien. Hit to the budget of\$ 27,000.
- f. P&Z REFERRALS
Staff wants to discuss when and where to bring commission in on projects. If it is a capacity issue, bring the commission in immediately. If it is not a capacity issue keep it at staff level.
- g. 246 NOROTON
No update as of yet.
- h. STONY BROOK PUMP STATION
Contractor coming in to do some repairs. Did reach out to eversource about transformers.

10. NEW BUSINESS.

No new business.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

- ** MR. VAN WINKLE MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**
- ** MS. CAMERON SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Penny Apazidis, Post Meeting Remote Recording Secretary