

**Utility Committee Meeting  
March 2, 2022 9:00 a.m. Newburgh Town Hall**

Present: Leanna Hughes, Christine Pham, Russell Powell, Susan Helms, David Hynes, Christy Powell and Rebeka Kaufman. Also present, David and Diane Jaquess from 509/511 Section Street.

Utility Committee member Christy Powell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with a quorum present.

**Bid Opening – 4655 Lenn Road Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project**

Motion: Christy Powell moved to close the bids for 4655 Lenn Road Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project.

Motion seconded: Russell Powell

Discussion: No additional discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

BBI \$171,580.00

Sam Trucking & Excavating Inc. \$124,332.29

Koberstein Contracting Inc. \$140,515.00

Deig Brothers Lumber & Construction Company Inc. \$198,525.00

Motion: Christy Powell moved to take the bids for 4655 Lenn Road Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project under advisement.

Motion seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: No additional discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda**

Monthly Tracking Report, Inspection Status Report, Sewer Repairs Report, Tap Report, Financial Report, Monthly Sewer Adjustment and approval of the February 2, 2022 minutes.

Motion: Christy Powell moved to approve the consent agenda.

Motion seconded: Russell Powell

Discussion: No additional discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present**

**Discussion of sewer issues on Section and Adams Streets.**

Mr. and Mrs. Jaquess own the duplex at 509/511 Section Street. The current private sewer line is across the neighbor's property (501 Section Street) There is no sanitary sewer line on Section Street. The owners of 501 Section Street want to build a house and landscaping over the existing private sewer line for 509/511 Section Street. The committee informed Mr. and Mrs. Jaquess that this is a private issue between the two property owners.

**Discussion on connecting property at 401 Hillcrest to sewer.**

Mr. and Mrs. Jaquess own property in Forest Park Subdivision and they are concerned about getting sewer to the property after the updates that have been made to the sanitary sewer.

Mr. Powell will research this project.

## **Committee Discussion Items**

### **Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Superintendent, Russell Powell**

**1. Request for a recommendation to Council to approve the Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Permit for The Granola Jar at 333 State Street. This is the building that used to be Tomelly's Pizza. This includes a waiver for a grease interceptor. This business is not expected to produce much grease. The existing inside grease traps, a 35 gallon and a 5 gallon, should be sufficient.**

Motion: Susan Helms moved to recommend to Council to approve the Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Discharge Permit for The Granola Jar.

Motion seconded: Leanna Hughes

Discussion: This is the former Tomelly's Pizza. The existing inside grease traps will be sufficient to service this food service business.

Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Request for a recommendation to Council for approval to repair Pump #2 at Master Lift Station. A new pump will roughly cost \$120,000. This repair will be \$20,368.29 plus freight from Straeffler Pump and Supply.**

Motion: Leanna Hughes moved to recommend to Council to approve the repair of Pump #2 at Master Lift Station for \$20,368.29 plus freight from Straeffler Pump Supply.

Motion seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: A new pump would cost approximately \$120,000.

Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Request for a recommendation to Council for approval to purchase a new spare pump for the Grit removal system at Master Lift Station. Parts for the Wemco pumps have become very difficult to obtain. A new Wemco pump cost \$37,500. Our rep has suggested a Toyo replacement for \$22,420.00 plus freight.**

Motion: Russell Powell moved to recommend to Council to approve the request for a new Toyo spare pump for the Grit removal system at Master Lift Station for \$22,420 plus freight.

Motion seconded: Leanna Hughes

Discussion: A new Wemco pump would cost \$37,500.

Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Request for a recommendation to Council for approval of annual CMOM report.**

The sewer department video inspected over 10 miles of lines last year and jet cleaned over 42 miles of pipe. There are approximately 200 miles of lines in the Town's sewer system.

Motion: Leanna Hughes moved to recommend to Council to approve the annual CMOM report.

Motion seconded: Christy Powell

Discussion: No additional discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Discussion of sewer issues on Section and Adams Streets.**

Discussed earlier.

**6. Request for CEI to prepare contract for RPR services for the Lenn Road project.**

Motion: Christy Powell moved to recommend to Council to approve CEI to prepare a contract for Resident Project Representative (RPR) services for the Lenn Road project.

Motion seconded: Leanna Hughes

Discussion: No additional discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**7. Request for CEI to provide updated CAD drawings for changes to GSV in the Bell Road Area. This area has had many changes in design and the contractor is having difficulties reading prints.**

The plans have been modified multiple times for different utility lines.

Motion: Russell Powell moved to recommend to Council to approve CEI to provide updated Computer Aided Design (CAD) drawings for changes to Green Springs Valley Project in the Bell Road Area.

Motion seconded: Christy Powell

Discussion: The cost will be \$7,500 to \$10,000.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion on new subdivision at the corner of Libbert and Oak Grove.**

The committee discussed the issue of letting the contractor place the sewer extension in the county right of way. The committee is concerned about having to move the sewer lines in the future if the county decides they need the right of way. The other option to run the sewer extension is to run directly across the road from The Villas at Oak Grove and along the north side of Oak Grove Road. The committee has decided to stick with the established standards.

**Engineer Report, David Hynes**

**1. GSV Gravity Sewer Improvements – Update on Project**

CEI is working on an agreement with Center Pointe. CEI will get new plans to legal for the revisions to the condemnation easement at Bell Road and Lincoln.

**Utility Chair, Steve Shoemaker**

No report.

**Town Attorney, Chris Wischer**

No report.

**Town Manager, Christy Powell**

No report.

**Utility Manager, Susan Helms**

**1. Financial Report**

Mrs. Helms stated the Sewer Operating Account balance is \$6,624,526.26. The Improvement fund balance is \$9,198,709.18. \$2 million will be moved from operating account to improvement fund.

**2. Request for additional months for the leak adjustment due to extended time frame for plumber to fix leak and American Water to come out to check for leak.**

Motion: Christy Powell moved to recommend to Council to approve additional adjustments for Amanda Davis – 8844 Framewood Drive in Newburgh, In.

Motion seconded: Russell Powell

Discussion: An extended period of time was needed to locate and repair the leak.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Christy Powell moved to recommend to Council to approve additional adjustments for Darrell Wedding – 6844 Ferstel Road in Newburgh, In.

Motion seconded: Russell Powell

Discussion: An extended period of time was needed to locate and repair the leak by landlord.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Christy Powell moved to recommend to Council to approve additional adjustments for Elizabeth Dix – 6766 Concord Drive in Newburgh, In.

Motion seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: An extended period of time was needed to locate and repair the leak by landlord.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Leanna Hughes moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded: Russell Powell

Discussion: No additional discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Powell adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.