

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 21, 2020

Present: Chairwoman Elizabeth Phelan, Commissioner Robert A. Badal, Commissioner Ramiro Suarez, Commissioner Kathy Ferrier, Commissioner Sean Dunn and Council Liaison Mary Fortier

Staff Present: Superintendent Robert Longo and Sean Hennessey, Director of Sewer

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Phelan called the meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners held via Webex, Meeting Number 795-212-322 at 6:00 PM. to order.

2) MOMENT OF SILENCE

Commissioner Ferrier dedicated a moment of silence to all those suffering from and who have passed away from Covid-19.

3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2020 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

On motion, Commissioner Suarez and seconded, voted to approve the February 18, 2020 minutes as presented.

Roll call vote: Chairwoman Phelan - Yes
 Commissioner Badal - Abstained
 Commissioner Suarez - Yes
 Commissioner Ferrier -Yes
 Commissioner Dunn - Yes

Motion passed.

4) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2020 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

On motion, Commissioner Dunn and seconded, voted to approve the March 6, 2020 minutes as presented.

Roll call vote: Chairwoman Phelan - Yes

Commissioner Badal - Yes
Commissioner Suarez - Abstained
Commissioner Ferrier -Yes
Commissioner Dunn - Abstained

Motion passed.

5) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2020 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

On motion, Commissioner Dunn and seconded, voted to approve the March 19, 2020 minutes as presented.

Roll call vote: Chairwoman Phelan - Yes
Commissioner Badal - Yes
Commissioner Suarez -Abstained
Commissioner Ferrier -Yes
Commissioner Dunn - Yes

Motion passed.

6) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

7) CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

1) 75 Rosemont Avenue - Gerald Gonsalves

Superintendent Longo explained when a sewer permit is issued it notates under Notice that "Issuances of this sewer permit activates sewer usage billings." In past practice, if water is known to be connected, sewer fees start billing once water is installed. If no water will be connected, billing will start once the permit has been issued. Superintendent Longo noted that Mr. Gonsalves is requesting the sewer fees be waived since the house was still under construction. He noted that the property was not billed until months after the issuance of the sewer permit and when the property was connected to water.

On Motion, Commissioner Badal and seconded, voted that no relief be given.

Roll call vote: Chairwoman Phelan - Yes
Commissioner Badal - Yes
Commissioner Suarez - Yes

Commissioner Ferrier - Yes

Commissioner Dunn - Yes

Motion passed.

2) 95 Terryville Road - Attorney Robert Cohen/Louie Elezovski

Superintendent Longo noted for the record that Attorney Cohen was invited to the meeting and that he nor Louie Elezovski are in attendance. Superintendent Longo also requested that the Board no longer consider further requests on 95 Terryville Road regarding zoning change or relief on the high sewer bill still outstanding. A discussion ensued, it was noted by Chairwoman Phelan that she met with Mr. Elezovski and the City Assessor, that his property located at 95 Terryville Road is classified as commercial. The Board felt there will be no more discussions on financial relief or changing the classification of the property.

On Motion, Commissioner Suarez and seconded, voted that no relief be given and the re-classification from residential to commercial not be changed for 95 Terryville Avenue.

Roll call vote: Chairwoman Phelan - Yes
 Commissioner Badal - Yes
 Commissioner Suarez - Yes
 Commissioner Ferrier - Yes
 Commissioner Dunn - Yes

Motion passed.

8) GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER 7S MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION, TAX DEFERRAL FORM AND GUIDELINES

Superintendent Longo informed the Board that Governors Executive Order 7S giving directives to all municipalities applies to taxes, water, sewer and electric bills. There were two options, Option A was to reduce annual percentage to 3%. Option B was to defer payments for 90 days. He noted that the City approved Option B for taxes, water and sewer bills. He explained how this would affect the Department. A discussion ensued and no action was taken.

9) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None

10) ADJOURNMENT

At 6:32 p.m., on motion by Commissioner Ferrier and seconded,
unanimously voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rende LaMarre", written over a horizontal line.

Rende LaMarre

Water & Sewer Administrative Assistant