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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **Water Operations Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

5:30 PM

**Coles Road Firehouse
105 Coles Road
Cromwell, CT**

Present: Commissioners Charles Epstein (Vice Chairman), Robert Donohue and Mertie Terry. Also attending was Executive Director Julius Neto, Water Operations Manager Joseph Palmieri. Commissioner Roger Rukowicz (Chairman) was absent.

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:38 PM, by Vice Chairman Epstein.

- II. Approval of Agenda. The Executive Director noted that the Update on Capital Projects on the Agenda tonight was to be given by Chuck Adelsburger, of APEX. Mr. Adelsburger had phoned Mr. Neto prior to this meeting to advise that he was stuck in traffic in Massachusetts and would not be arriving to the meeting according to his GPS until 7:00 – 7:30 PM. Mr. Neto advised that he did not feel the Committee should wait around for Mr. Adelsburger. It would not be a wise use of time. The other items on the agenda would not take long enough to wait for Mr. Adelsburger. Mr. Neto suggested tabling the Capital Projects update and scheduling a Special Water Operations Committee meeting later in the month to hear Mr. Adelsburger's report. Mr. Neto and Mr. Palmieri will coordinate a meeting date with Mr. Adelsburger when he will be at his Middletown office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Donohue and unanimously approved to accept the agenda as presented.

- III. Public Comment. There were no public comments to report.

- IV. New Business
 - A. Update on Capital Projects. A motion was made by Commissioner Donohue, seconded by Commissioner Terry and unanimously approved to table items 1. and 2. until a special Water Operations Committee meeting can be scheduled.

 - B. Water Operations Manager's Report. Mr. Palmieri distributed copies of his report that he will be submitting at the Board of Commissioners' meeting this month. The consumption for January was almost the same as December. They have been working hard on their meter upgrade and replacement program. They replaced 10 meters in January. Most were larger meters; 2, 3 and 4 inch older meters. They needed to be removed from the

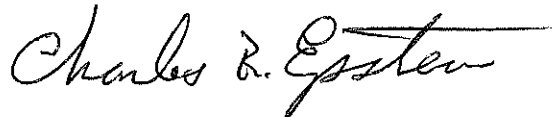
system and updated. There are not many older large meters left. There was a water main break on Cozy Court. It was a 6 inch cast iron. That is the second crack they have had there in the last 10 years. The replacement of the main was passed over in 1998 when the renewal and replacements were done on Riverview, Grace Lane and Nordland Avenue. Although Cozy Court was skipped, it will be added to the list of renewals and replacements in the water supply plan soon. One fire hydrant was replaced in January. Mr. Palmieri will be working on the consumer confidence report. He has also been getting quotes and preparing for the next budget cycle. Mr. Neto added that he and Mr. Palmieri will be doing a webinar on lead pipe inventory. The Water Department will have 2 ½ yrs. to provide all the data on how Cromwell water is distributed. The purpose is to locate the lead pipes or goosenecks.

Mr. Palmieri discussed the SCADA System. Phase 1 is almost complete. The system is a communication system between the wells. Everyone will have a tablet or an Ipad to monitor. They will be able to stop and start pumps when needed. For security purposes, Mr. Alvarado built a server at Court St. that the SCADA system runs through. It is very secure, and not vulnerable. There was a long discussion on cyber security. The Water Division and Fire Marshal's Office are in communication with the Town on all future projects that the Town is involved in.

A motion was made by Commissioner Donohue, seconded by Commissioner Terry and unanimously approved to accept the Water Operations Manager's Report as presented.

- V. Commissioners' Comments. Commissioner Terry wanted to comment that this was a very informative meeting. She learned a lot about what is going on in the Water Department. Commissioner Donohue thanked Mr. Palmieri for answering all of his questions. Vice Chairman Epstein asked the Executive Director to reach out to Commissioner Rukowicz who was unable to attend due to health concerns. He suggested sending Chairman Rukowicz a card letting him know the Committee is thinking of him.
- VI. Adjournment. There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Donohue, seconded by Commissioner Terry and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles R. Epstein, Vice Chairman

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Recording Secretary