

Town of Newton Utility Advisory Board
August 21, 2018

The regular meeting of the Newton Utility Advisory Board was held on August 21, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Newton Municipal Building, 39 Trinity Street, Newton. Chairman Lawler called the meeting to order and the following members were present: Mr. Vrahnos and Mr. Lockwood. Chairman Lawler was on speaker phone. Mr. David Simmons, Engineer, Mr. Joe Carr, Licensed Operator, Mr. Daniel Kaufman, Engineer and Mrs. Jacki Shackleton, Utility Collector, were also present.

Chairman Lawler opened the meeting and began with approval of the June 19, 2018 minutes. Mr. Simmons offered one correction to the minutes and Mr. Vrahnos motioned to approve the minutes with the correction and was seconded by Mr. Lockwood. They were unanimously approved with an "aye" vote.

The first order of new business was for North Jersey Health Care Properties to install an ambulance garage across from Newton Medical Center at 200 High Street. The garage would be for storage of ambulances and some medical supplies. They would like it to be enclosed by November 1, 2018 and up and running by January of 2019. Mr. Simmons went through his report and provided a brief explanation of each item. He stated that High Street was recently paved, but they would not be cutting into the paved area. Chairman Lawler asked about the size of the discharge line and the horsepower of the pump. Mr. Kaufman explained that it is 1 ¼" and 1 Horsepower-motor. Chairman Lawler then questioned the 2" water line. Mr. Kaufman explained that it was based on showers and bathrooms. Chairman Lawler stated that he was not aware that a crew would be stationed at the garage. Mr. Lockwood made a motion to approve the application and was seconded by Mr. Vrahnos. The motion was unanimously approved with an "aye" vote.

The second order of business was for Susan Barker for assistance with her elevated 2nd quarter bill due to a leaky toilet. For the sake of uniformity, a motion to deny was made by Mr. Vrahnos and seconded by Mr. Lockwood. It was

Town of Newton Utility Advisory Board
August 21, 2018

unanimously denied with an "aye" vote.

The third order of business was for Michael Bello for waiver of the delinquent penalty charged to his 2nd quarter bill. He stated that it was mailed on June 21 and should have arrived. Chairman Lawler stated the Board does not make concessions for inconsistencies of the U.S. Postal Service and motioned to deny the request. He was seconded by Mr. Vrahnos. The motion was unanimously denied with an "aye" vote.

Regarding the Water Plant and Sewer Treatment Plant, Mr. Carr stated that Morris Lake is two inches above the spillway. He explained that Red Zone is finishing the sewer and manhole inspections in Town and that said inspections were uneventful. He stated that the DEP inspections of the Sewer Treatment Plant and Morris Lake went well.

In his engineer report, Mr. Simmons stated that in Sparta, the Wawa and Captiva apartments are in front of the Sparta Zoning Board. The ideal situation would be to approve both projects at the same time, but both are able to stand alone if necessary because of a cross-easement. A brief discussion about the valves in the area then took place and Mr. Simmons stated that the projects are a long way away from a vote. Mr. Simmons went on to say that the dam site built a retaining wall and that Morris Lake Gatehouse was dewatered. Pumping services was there to change some lines in order to fit the pump. They are trying to get as low as possible, because each inch provides four million gallons of water. He continued on about the Bridge on Main Street in Sparta and that the 16" main is located upstream and the underside of the bridge needs work. He will have more information at the next meeting.

There being no more business to discuss, Chairman Lawler motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Vrahnos.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jacki Shackleton