

Town of Newton Utility Advisory Board
May 15, 2012

The regular meeting of the Newton Utility Advisory Board was held on May 15, 2012, 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: Ms. Unhoch, Mr. Caffrey and Chairman Lawler. Mr. Paul Baldwin, Water Sewer Supervisor, Mrs. Jacki Shackleton, Utility Collector, and Mr. David B. Simmons, Jr. were also in attendance. Mrs. Millikin was excused.

Chairman Lawler read the Open Public Meetings Act statement and then moved to approval of the minutes from the April 17, 2012 meeting. Mr. Caffrey made a motion to accept and was seconded by Ms. Unhoch. The minutes were unanimously approved by an "aye" vote.

The first order of business was for Roger Sharp, 24 Pine Street, for credit for sewer charges due to an outside water leak. Chairman Lawler asked how an outside leak could affect the usage. Mr. Baldwin explained that the reason is because the property has a pit meter. Mr. Baldwin further explained that the tenant also reported a leaking toilet. Chairman Lawler asked Mrs. Shackleton how much the sewer charges were. He then made a motion to grant the request and Mr. Caffrey seconded. It was unanimously approved by an "aye" vote.

The second order of business was for Edward Tomasula, 22 Kory Road, for waiver of late penalties because he did not receive his fourth quarter bill in the mail. Ms. Unhoch excused herself due to personal conflict. Chairman Lawler stated that the matter had to be tabled without a sufficient quorum to vote.

There being no more new business, Chairman Lawler inquired about the Water Sewer Plant. Mr. Baldwin explained that the new computers were due to arrive this week. Mr. Baldwin further explained that solar panels are to be installed at the plant as part of a County-wide project and a brief discussion occurred about said project.

Mr. Simmons recapped the bids for the Moran Street water line and Mr. Baldwin reported that they are about half done installing same.

Mr. Simmons further stated that bids were taken for the Maple Avenue project. He went on to explain that bids were estimated at \$80,000. H.D. Water Works Supply came in with the lowest bid. They have sent shop drawings for U.S. Pipe.

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Mr. Simmons also reported that Jersey Investors has completed the main relocation and are waiting for the bacteria test. The tie-ins have not yet taken place due to the recent rain.

He went on to explain during a walk-through of Sparta Glen, the Sparta engineer showed him a picture of where the tree had fallen. Mr. Simmons stated that he observed that the roads and potholes were getting worse.

Mr. Simmons explained that inspections of Dam #2, 3 and 4 took place and his colleague, Benny, was present for same, along with NRCS. All parties present at the inspection were pleased.

Chairman Lawler inquired about work being done in the area in the vicinity of the Mohawk House. Mr. Simmons replied that there was supposed to be a bike path installed there, but he has learned that said path is unwanted.

There being no other business to discuss, upon motion of Chairman Lawler and seconded by Ms. Unhoch, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jacki Shackleton