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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
FRANKLIN WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

**Held at the Franklin Town Hall at 6:48 p.m.  
Wednesday, the 11th day of December 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Selectman Russell Beisiegel and Selectman Thomas Craney

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** Jim Erickson from Lenard Engineering

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. Minutes of the November 13, 2019 Meeting

**MOTION #1:** Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 13, 2019 as presented. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Update on Water and Sewer Project:** First Selectman Grant said that the next progress meeting on the Water and Sewer project was scheduled for next Wednesday, December 18. The preliminary meeting with Baltazar is scheduled for 10:00 am and the general meeting with DOT, Baltazar, USDA, Richard Matters and Lenard Engineering at 11:00 am. First Selectman Grant said he dropped off the check for the initial payment to Norwich Public Utilities last week in the amount of \$1.2 million. He also noted that the blasting permits requested by Baltazar had been issued. It turns out that Baltazar may not need to do any blasting after all.

- b. Discussion on WPCA Regulations:** First Selectman Grant asked Jim Erickson from Lenard Engineering to provide an update on the Water and Sewer Project's proposed regulations. Mr. Erickson presented his updated and revised proposal for the Water and Sewer connection fees, sewer rates and water usage fees for the equivalent dwelling units (EDU's). He also outlined several options for the Board of Selectman including FOGs – fats, oil and grease EDU's that would only be required by commercial and/or industrial businesses that wanted to connect to the water and sewage lines once they were operational. If water and sewer customers exceed the purchased EDU's they will have to pay a penalty.

Mr. Erickson also discussed making plans for the recurring annual costs for the running and maintenance of the water and sewer plant. The Board of Selectman discussed charging a surcharge of between \$2.00 and \$4.00 for each customer. There was general agreement that a surcharge of \$3.00 would be added. First Selectman Grant said that future development will bring in money for maintenance of the water and sewer facility and taxes. Franklin's Water and Sewer proposed regulations are not due to Norwich Public Utilities until January 3, 2020. Mr. Erickson will deliver an updated draft proposal to the Board of Selectman by the end of the month to review.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion of Compliance Audit of Hillendale Wastewater Treatment Facility:** First Selectman Charles Grant said that he received a copy of the Compliance Audit of the Hillendale Wastewater Treatment Facility performed by Clean Water OPS. The conclusions of the report noted that the Hillendale Wastewater Treatment Facility is exceeding the number of gallons of wastewater allowed by their permit and that the phosphorus levels are too high.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Franklin Water Pollution Control Authority will be Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION #2:** First Selectman Charles Grant requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Thomas Craney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann D'Ambrosio  
Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman