



TOWN OF KILMARNOCK
Council Committee Notes –Water\Wastewater

Date: September 13, 2011 **Time:** 9:30 AM **Location:** Town Hall

Town Council Member Attendees:

X = present

Chair: Council Member Rebecca Nunn x
 Mayor Raymond Booth x
 Council Member Denis Bouslough x

Town Staff Attendees:

Tom Saunders, Town Manager x
 Pat Chenoweth, WWTP Supervisor x
 Franklin Carter, Public Works Supervisor x
 Wayne Kent, Field Utilities x

Visitors: Bill Rosenbaum, Progress Engineers, Mr. Bobby Crowther

Notes on Discussions:

1. Chairperson Nunn re-opened the discussion on the connection fees at the Crowther property on Purcell Avenue, saying she had discussed the matter with several contractors and they all agreed that informing Mr. Crowther of the potential cost of running water and sewer lines would be his contractor’s responsibility. She also pointed out sections of town code that appear to prohibit the town paying for utility lines on private property. Councilman Bouslough agreed that the code seems clear but asked if there weren’t sufficient special circumstances in this case to justify paying Mr. Crowther’s costs. Mayor Booth stated his support for reimbursing Mr. Crowther due to poor communication on the town’s part. TM Saunders related that there have been numerous similar situations where the property owner has had to spend far more than in this case and the town has been firm in its policy. Mrs. Nunn and Mr. Bouslough agreed to recommend no further payment in this case.
2. TM Saunders informed the Committee that there will soon be a request from Lancaster County to supply the Emergency Operations Center location (Lancaster Rescue Squad bldg. on Harris Rd.) with sewer service. During Hurricane Irene it was discovered that the drain field there is subject to flooding and backing up. Also from Hurricane Irene, the variable frequency drive for one of the critical pumps at the WWTP was found to be faulty and will be replaced soon; the emergency back-up generator at the Wiggins Avenue pump station was found to be overmatched if both pumps ran at one time, which often happens there. It is a 1971 model that was sized for earlier, smaller pumps. Saunders will get prices to replace this unit.
3. Bill Rosenbaum gave an update on the Mary Ball Rd utilities project. He related that the town had received two responsive bids for installing water and sewer laterals in the CDBG area. After some discussion it was agreed to recommend approval to award the contract to Franklin Mechanical Corporation for \$141,384. Most of these funds will be reimbursed by the state as part of the grant project.
4. TM Saunders reported that the Public Works staff has made significant progress in cleaning out the pipe room behind the Police office, but there is significant work remaining to be done.
5. Saunders informed the committee that the asbestos inspection of the old well site on Waverly Avenue had determined that the roof shingles contain asbestos and will have to be removed by

a specialist. He explained that as soon as he gets some answers as to how the old cistern and well head should be removed he will solicit bids to get the work done.

6. Saunders reported that Wayne Kent and the Public Works staff had developed a protocol for recording water meter status vis-à-vis radio read meters as they performed the most recent cycle of meter reading. He predicted that over the next few months this database should be completed, making it possible to get an estimate of what it will cost to convert all of the town's meters to radio-read capability.

FYI Only:

1. Chairperson Nunn informed the Committee that no plans exist to sell the water and sewer system. The Town has been approached in the past by private utility operators but there is no interest in such at this time and no sense that it will ever make sense for the town's citizens and utility customers.
2. Mrs. Nunn took the opportunity to tell Public Works Superintendent Franklin Carter how well the American flags looked in Town during the Labor Day weekend and thanked him and his assistants for their diligence in getting them out for the holiday.

Recommendations to Council:

Action item:

As part of the Mary Ball Road CDBG project, award the contract for water and sewer laterals to the low bidder, Franklin Mechanical Corporation, for \$141,384.

Recommended for further study:

1. Determine final disposition of cistern and well head in Waverly Avenue well house so a demolition plan can be finalized.