

BENNINGTON WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

August 11, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Commissioner Chairman Glenn Wilson. Also present were commissioners Sal Landi and John Spanos, The minutes for July 14, 2009 were accepted as written. Commissioner Wilson reported on a meeting with Terry Schnare of High Bank Properties on July 15, 2009. Schnare requested to meet with Wilson and superintendent Cruthers in reference to 9 Bible Hill road billing and questions about water /sewer for 2 Greenfield Road and sewer for 10 Greenfield Road. Cruthers called stating that he would not be available for the meeting. Wilson stated that he would check with Cruthers in reference to 9 bible hill road billing as an exact date when service was restored. Wilson stated that he would let Schnare know as soon as he has that information. In reference to the 2 Greenfield property, Wilson stated that he in his capacity as chairman did not have a problem with bringing a larger line to the east side of Main Street, which he also stated that we are working on a tight schedule to get this done before the side walk project would be in that area, provided that Schnare would be responsible for the total cost. Schnare agreed to these terms. Schnare also showed interest, at his total cost for extending the main sewer line from the corner of Main Street to the area of 10 Greenfield Road (the rectory for Divine Mercy Parish). Schnare will be contacting Commissioner Wilson with a date that he and his contractor can be present to scope out the work that he is requesting. Commissioner Wilson reported on a meeting with Schnare on August 6, 2009 in which he, Schnare and Josh Stewart were all present. All present agreed that the best location for a new tap for a new water line would be on Main Street in front of the Bennington Country Store, run across road to the area between the property at 7 Main Street and the property at 2 Greenfield Road. Also, at this time Schnare had requested two connections. Commissioner Wilson still did not have a problem, but stated that he would talk it over with Superintendent Cruthers. The three of them also scoped out the work for the extension of the sewer main to the area of 10 Greenfield Road. Commissioner Wilson made known to Schnare and his contractor Josh Stewart that at least an 8" main would be needed to service this road, along with a manhole in the area of the driveway at 10 Greenfield Road. Schnare filled an application for water for 2 Greenfield Road and gave Wilson a deposit. Wilson stated that the application for the sewer extension to 10 Greenfield Road would have to come after the property has been transferred to him, but before any construction on the extension is started. Wilson also stated that Schnare would be responsible for obtaining state permits, and everything else associated with the cost of the water/sewer lines extensions, to which Schnare agreed. Schnare agreed to keep the commissioners up to date on the scheduling of both of these projects. Commissioner Wilson stated in a conversation with Jim Cruthers that the leak at 6 Cross Street and 11 Dodge Hill Road had been tested, which showed no leak any longer at 6 Cross Street, but the leak at 11 Dodge Hill Road still does exist. Wilson advised the commissioners that he would draw up a letter for both and brings it along to the September meeting for their approval. John Spanos enquired about a map of the water system. Commissioner Wilson was able to give him a map from the resent survey done by FST. The commissioners feel that a meter for the Newhall Field is needed to acutely know how much water is being used in that area. If it can be done later this fall, but if not in the spring before service is restored would be acceptable. Commissioner Wilson has been notified by Superintendant Cruthers that we are using much more water than in the past, and that again that cause may be a leak in a line leading from Rte 47 to Old Stage Coach Road. Commissioner Wilson advised that during the period of August 10 to August 14, the line

would be shut off to see if usage makes a big difference. Commissioner Wilson notified the cemetery commissioners of their decision, and stated that if it lasted longer than the scheduled time, he would recon tact them with new information as to when it was or was not going to be restored. The commissioners were in receipt for a request for 2 abatements. Robin Liljeberg on Acre Street had a billing error due to a misreading of the meter during reading time. The commissioners agreed to abate both water/Sewer as this was error on their part. The commissioners questioned the abatement for Donald Cashion on sewer. Commissioner Wilson explained that he had a separate faucet for outside watering. After such discussion, Commissioners Sal Landi & John Spanos voted to eliminate such abatement. Commissioner Wilson sustained on voting on the issue. Commissioner Wilson will draft a letter to be sent to Cashion, which will be sent after the September meeting, so all commissioners will be able to review the letter prior to being sent. The warrant for the third quarter (April to July) was signed by all present. With nothing else to discuss, a motion was made by Sal Landi to adjourn, which was seconded by John Spanos. Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM

Minutes Submitted by Commissioner Glenn Wilson

Accepted by Commissioners
