

**Utility Committee Meeting  
January 4, 2023  
9 a.m. Newburgh Town Council Chambers**

Steve Shoemaker, Leanna K. Hughes, Chris Wischer, Connor Voegel, Russell Powell, Susan Helms, Rebeka Kaufman, Drew Flamion, and, Christy Powell.

Steve Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. with a quorum present.

**Consent Agenda**

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| 1. Monthly Tracking Report  | 5. Financial Report                     |
| 2. Inspection Status Report | 6. Monthly Sewer Adjustment             |
| 3. Sewer Repairs Report     | 7. Approval of December 7, 2022 Minutes |
| 4. Tap Report               |   |

Motion: Leanna Hughes moved to approve the consent agenda.

Motion seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: No additional discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present**

No citizens

**Committee Discussion Items**

**WWTF Superintendent, Russell Powell**

- 1. Request for recommendation to Council for approval of CEI Amendment to Green Springs Valley Contract. This amendment is mostly due to extended project timelines due to Change Order #2 (extended construction times) and major plan changes due to utility and cable companies' conflicts. This change order covers construction engineering and inspection services to current expected end of project, which is 360 days longer than original contract. This is an hourly contract not to exceed \$206,300.**

Motion: Leanna Hughes moved to recommend to Council to approve the amendment to the CEI contract for Green Springs Valley Trunkline Upgrades due to extended project timelines from Change Order #2 and major plan changes due to utility and cable company conflicts. This is an hourly contract not to exceed \$206,300.

Motion seconded: Russell Powell

Discussion: This change order covers construction engineering and inspection services to current expected end of project, which is 360 days longer than original contract.

Motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Request for recommendation to Council for approval of CEI Amendment to Victoria Lift Station, Force main and Gravity Sewer improvements contract. This amendment is needed because the project was split into 2 phases to allow construction to move forward with the lift station site while land acquisition was taking place for the force main to promote developments in the area. The original contract was estimated at 18 months and the current construction schedule is 30 months. Additionally, we have found our existing 12" force main is not in easement across the Alcoa property. This will be addressed with this amendment. This amendment is an hourly addition not to exceed \$137,800.**

Motion: Russell Powell moved to recommend to Council to approve amendment to CEI contract for Victoria Lift Station, Force Main, and Gravity Sewer Improvements. This amendment is an hourly contract not to exceed \$137,800.

Motion seconded: Leanna Hughes

Discussion: The original contract was estimated at 18 months and the current construction schedule is 30 months. Additionally, we have found our existing 12" force main is not in easement across the Alcoa property. This contract amount is for CEI services to the end of the project, the amount will be less if the project finishes early.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **3. Discussion on PH issues at Central Towers Lift Station**

Mr. Powell stated there has been some dumping into the sewer system causing the PH to be high in the Central Towers Lift Station. Mr. Powell and legal will continue working on this and bring back to the committee in the future.

## **Engineer Report, Drew Flamion**

### **1. Green Springs Valley Trunkline – Utility Relocation Cost**

**a. Astound \$59,634.33**

**b. Spectrum \$16,640.16**

Motion: Russell Powell moved to recommend to Council to approve the reimbursement to Astound for the Utility relocation related to Green Springs Valley Trunkline Upgrades for \$59,634.33.

Motion seconded: Leanna Hughes

Discussion: This relocation work allows Town's contractor to install new sewers within an existing Public Utility Easement, where the conflicting utility currently resides. In other areas, the respective conflicting utility will be required to relocate permanently or temporarily at their own cost, to allow new sewer installation where Town has restrictive easement rights.

Motion passed unanimously.

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Motion seconded: Leanna Hughes

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Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Leanna Hughes moved to recommend to Council to authorize Russell Powell, Wastewater Treatment Facilities Superintendent, to approve the reimbursement to AT&T for the Utility relocation related to Green Springs Valley Trunkline Upgrades.

Motion seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: This relocation work allows Town's contractor to install new sewers within an existing Public Utility Easement, where the conflicting utility currently resides. In other areas, the respective conflicting utility will be required to relocate permanently or temporarily at their own cost, to allow new sewer installation where Town has restrictive easement rights.

Motion passed unanimously.



**2. Warrick County Roundabout at Anderson and Vann Roads.**

This is utility coordination with Warrick County due to a roundabout at the intersection of Anderson Road and Vann Road. This intersection has an issue with being a high accident intersection. The information was turned into Warrick County and there is a 24" sewer force main in the middle of the proposed roundabout.

**3. Award**

Commonwealth Engineers, Inc., and Town of Newburgh, were recognized with an ACEC State Finalist Award for engineering excellence, for the work completed on the Lift Station No. 2 Sub Basin Recalibration Study. The Award Ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023, in Indianapolis.

**Utility Chairman, Steve Shoemaker**

**1. Discussion on how to keep sewer projects within allotted time frame and on budget.**

The committee will brainstorm and bring their ideas back to the committee.

**Town Attorney, Chris Wischer**

**1. Blue Lake Project – Interlocal Agreement between Newburgh and Warrick County**

The agreement is with Warrick County, have not heard back yet.

**2. Consent Decree Discussion**

Continued discussion on the Consent Decree between Town of Newburgh and EPA.

**Town Manager, Christy Powell**

No Report

**Utility Manager, Susan Helms**

Susan Helms stated the Sewer Operating Account balance is \$6,112,350.53. The motions outstanding amount is \$424,977.03.

**1. Recoupment Roslin Road expiration date**

The recoupment expires on May 1, 2023

**2. Credit Card & E-Check Processing Fees**

The committee decided to leave processing fees for credit cards at \$3.50 and no fee for E-checks.

**3. End-of-Year Report**

The committee would like to have Bakertilly give a presentation after the end-of-year report is completed.

The committee decided to have all future meetings start at 9:30 a.m. starting February 2023.

**Mr. Shoemaker adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.**


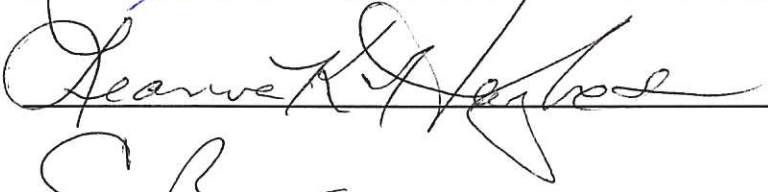
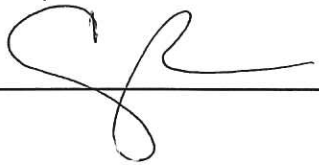
Motion: Leanna Hughes moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded: Christy Powell

Discussion: No additional discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

  
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