

**Utility Committee Meeting
October 4, 2023
9:30 a.m. Newburgh Town Council Chambers**

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

Steve Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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 September 6, 2023 Minutes |
| 4. Tap Report | |

Motion: Leanna Hughes moved to approve the consent agenda.

Motion seconded: Christy Powell

Discussion: No additional discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present

None

Committee Discussion Items

WWTF Superintendent, Russell Powell

- 1. Request for recommendation to Council for approval FOG Permit #092723 for Cedarhurst of Newburgh located at 10200 Warrick Trail, Newburgh, IN 47630.**

Motion: Leanna Hughes moved to recommend to Council to approve FOG Permit #092723 for Cedarhurst of Newburgh located at 10200 Warrick Trail, Newburgh, IN 47630.

Motion seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: This permit is for a new assisted living facility. The permit includes a 2600-gallon FOG interceptor.

Motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Request for recommendation to Council for approval FOG Permit #092823 for Neighbors at 4222 Bell Road Suite 1.**

Motion: Leanna Hughes moved to recommend to Council to approve FOG Permit #092823 for Neighbors at 4222 Bell Road Suite 1.

Motion seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: This permit is for the former Ghost Quesadilla building with an existing internal grease trap. This permit includes a waiver to utilize the existing grease trap.

Motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Request for recommendation to Council for approval FOG Permit #092923 for Jersey Mikes located at 8850 High Point Drive, Suite A, Newburgh, IN 47630.**
Motion: Christy Powell moved to recommend to Council to approve FOG Permit #092923 for Jersey Mikes located at 8850 High Point Drive, Suite A, Newburgh, IN 47630.
Motion seconded: Leanna Hughes
Discussion: This permit is for Jersey Mike Subs. This permit includes a 1500 gallon FOG interceptor.
Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Request for recommendation to Council for approval FOG Permit #093023 for Chick-fil-A located at 8400 State Road 66, Newburgh, IN 47630.**
Motion: Leanna Hughes moved to recommend to Council to approve FOG Permit #093023 for Chick-fil-A located at 8400 State Road 66, Newburgh, IN 47630.
Motion seconded: Susan Helms
Discussion: Russell Powell stated that due to the amount of grease produced, the first FOG was for 20,000-gallon; however, after investigating and looking at the plumbing code and doing calculations, it was stated that a 2000-gallon FOG interceptor would be appropriate. Mr. Shoemaker wanted to verify that there was a stipulation in the permit that if something were to happen, the business would be required to change the equipment and Mr. Powell stated that it is within the ordinance and agreement.
Motion passed unanimously.

Engineer Report, Drew Flamion

1. Blue Lake Bid Recommendation Division A

Motion: Russell Powell moved to recommend to Council to approve bid recommendation to Cleary Construction for the Blue Lake Division A in the amount of \$4,196,567.00.

Motion seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: This was the low bid after BMB Construction withdrew their bid. BMB has requested return of bid bond.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Russell Powell moved to recommend to Council to approve the return of the bid bond to BMB after their withdrawal of the bid for Blue Lake Division A.

Motion Seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: This bid bond is in the amount of \$139,132.55.

Motion Passed unanimously

2. Blue Lake Bid Recommendation Division B

Christy Powell moved to recommend to Council to approve bid recommendation to MAC Construction for the Blue Lake Division B in the amount of \$4,350,000.00.

Motion seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: This was the low bid after Blankenburger Brother's withdrew their bid.

Blankenburger has requested return of bid bond.

Motion passed unanimously

Russell Powell moved to recommend to Council to approve the return of the bid bond to Blankenburger Brothers after their withdrawal of the bid for Blue Lake Division B.

Motion Seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: This bid bond is in the amount of \$132,359.35.

Motion Passed unanimously.

3. Old Plant Lift Station Sub-Basin Modeling Study

Mr. Flamion and Mr. Selvidge presented the modeling study that was conducted on the Old Plant Lift Station Sub-Basin. The findings of this study were repairs needed to be made to the Sanitary Sewer in many different locations. Mr. Flamion asked that the study be added to the 2024 Master Plan. One of the improvements of this study that needs to occur is the Plum Street Sanitary Sewer repair project. Mr. Flamion asked Utility commission for approval to move forward with the Plum Street Repair Project. Mr. Flamion stated that the work the Waste Water Plant did to help with the study saved Town a substantial amount of money. He also stated that the improvements noted in the study could be separated so that the amount of funding for the projects wouldn't be a large amount at one time. However, Mr. Shoemaker stated that if the work needed to be completed, it should all be done together.

Steve Shoemaker moved to recommend to Council to approve moving forward with the Plum Street Sanitary Sewer improvement project from the study of the Old Plant Lift Station Sub-Basin Model Recalibration.

Motion seconded: Christy Powell

Discussion: Drew Flamion stated this is in the area that improvements and it is planned to coincide with the 2024 CCMG project so there is only one disruption on Plum Street instead of many.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Steve Shoemaker moved to recommend to Council to approve Commonwealth Engineering design contract for Plum Street Sanitary Sewer improvement project in the amount of \$203,700.00

Motion seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: This agreement allows Engineer to design sanitary sewer replacement and rehabilitation in parallel with the Town's street and drainage improvements project. Work shall consist of design, bidding, construction engineering, record drawing and Resident Project Representative.

Motion passed unanimously.

Utility Chairman, Steve Shoemaker

Mr. Shoemaker asked Ms. Powell, Town Manager, about the Water Street closing that was supposed to occur on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 for the tap on the new construction. Ms. Powell stated that the contractor requested that it be moved to Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

Town Attorney, Chris Wischer

Mr. Wischer stated the situation for Libbert Lakes is in the process of being completed. He would let Utility Commission know as soon as it was complete.

Town Manager, Christy Powell

Utility Manager, Susan Helms

1. Susan Helms stated the Sewer Operating Account balance is \$6,051,599.29
The motions outstanding amount is \$637,197.57

Ms. Helms stated that the 2020 Bond Account has \$6,570,849.14. This would be used for the final payment of Green Springs and the start of Blue Lake Project. Payment applications will taken out of the Bond Account while legal and engineering bills will be paid out of the Sewer Operating account. She stated that she would continue to take out the sewer repair projects out of Sewer Operating account before using the Improvement Fund.

Ms. Helms stated that the Bell Road Apartment development had a warranty issue and the Sewer Department received a check from him to hold until the warranty issue was corrected. A \$10,000 check was given to the Utility Office to deposit to cover the cost if the warranty work not completed before the 1-year post acceptance period. The warranty issue has been corrected and the office send a letter to Dr. Kahn to let him know the warranty check could be reimbursed to him. He still had not responded to the letters that were sent. She stated that she would wait until the end of year and if she has not heard from him, she would speak to Mr. Wischer and come up with a solution.

Adjournment of Utility Meeting

Motion: Christy Powell moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded: Russell Powell

Discussion: No additional discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approved this 1st day of November, 2023.






