

## **MINUTES OF MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024**

### **PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

David Nokes: Mr. Nokes resides at 64 South St in Cromwell and complained about the chemicals in the air he claims is from The District and how unhealthy it is to be breathing it. He wants a response to his letter to John Dunham.

Jacob Melhorn: Mr. Melhorn resides at 82 South St in Cromwell and complained that his children cannot go outside and play because it smells like poop. He stated he pays taxes and it's annoying his family must deal with these odors.

Al Waters: Mr. Waters resides at 86 South St in Cromwell and complained about the odors as he has been. He threatened to start a petition by 1/25/2025 to the DEEP to terminate our permits.

Ken Pelletier: Mr. Pelletier resides at 83 South St in Cromwell and complained about the smell outside. He did mention the smell has been better over time.

Anthony Lancia: Mr. Lancia resides at 97 Prout Hill Rd in Middletown and brought up issue with plaque that was not issued in honor of his deceased spouse Melissa Lancia. He acknowledged that the driveway was named after her and a monument was placed as well. He also presented information on former Executive Director from 2007 regarding harassment claim on behalf of Melissa Lancia and stated the current Director is associated with him and his actions are connected.

Matt Lesser: Mr. Lesser, State Senator resides at 2 Mazzotta Place in Middletown and was here to support the residents of Cromwell who are complaining of odors.

James Demetriades: Mr. Demetriades, the mayor of Cromwell, resides at 72 Skyview Drive in Cromwell and is concerned about the odor complaints he is receiving. He suggested if we provide monthly odor complaint updates on our website with the ability to leave comments if desired.

Laura Hallmarks: Ms. Marks resides at 37 River Rd in Cromwell and says the smell is unbearable at times and smells like something is burning and is caustic. She is concerned about the well-being of her family and other residents in Cromwell.

### **Roll Call of Members**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of The Mattabassett District was held on Monday, May 20, 2024, Chairman John Dunham called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. A roll call was taken. Present from the Town of Cromwell were Directors Doug Sienna, Bonnie Anderson, and Joe Corlis. Present from the Town of Berlin were Directors John Dunham, James Fallon, and Liam Mitchell. Present from the City of Middletown were Directors Joe Samolis, and Gerald Daley. Present from the City of New Britain were Directors Don Naples, Daniel Salerno, Tonilynn Collins, and Mary Marrocco. Also, present was Attorney Edward T. Lynch Jr. – District Counsel, Executive Director Arthur Simonian Bill Adkins – Maintenance Manager, Ty Wagner –

Operations Manager, Michelle Ryan – District Engineer and Dana Onofrio. Middletown Board member Carl Erlacher, and New Britain Board member Rick Healey were absent.

**Approval of March 18, 2024, Minutes**

**MOTION:** Ms. Collins moved to approve the minutes of March 18, 2024, Board Meeting.

Mr. Sienna seconded the motion and Jim Fallon abstained.

**Discussion**

**RESOLVED:** The motion was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

**MOTION:** Mr. Sienna moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Ms. Tonilynn Collins seconded the motion.

**Discussion**

**RESOLVED:** The motion was approved unanimously.

**Budget Statement**

**MOTION:** Mr. Sienna moved to approve the Budget Statement as presented.

Mr. Samolis seconded the motion.

**Discussion**

**RESOLVED:** The motion was approved unanimously.

**Check Register**

No motion required.

**Staff Reports**

**MOTION:** Mr. Fallon moved to approve the Staff Reports as presented.

Mr. Naples seconded the motion.

**Discussion**

**RESOLVED:** The motion was approved unanimously.

Action Items: Suggestions that were mentioned to help the public's concerns by inviting them and or sharing information from our Engineering Committee meetings. Also, updating our website reporting with more current information on odor control, and the ability to submit information online. Another community Assessment meeting will take place in June.

**Engineering Committee**

No Report.

**Finance Committee**

No Report.

**Property Management**

No meeting, no report.

**April Booklet**

**Treasurer's Report**

**MOTION:** Mr. Sienna moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Ms. Collins seconded the motion.

**Discussion**

**RESOLVED:** The motion was approved unanimously.

**Budget Statement**

**MOTION:** Mr. Sienna moved to approve the Budget Statement as presented.

Mr. Samolis seconded the motion.

**Discussion**

RESOLVED: The motion was approved unanimously.

**Check Register**

No action.

**Staff Reports**

MOTION: Mr. Sienna moved to approve the Staff Reports as presented.

Mr. Samolis seconded the motion.

Discussion

RESOLVED: The motion was approved unanimously.

**Engineering Committee**

MOTION: Mr. Sienna moved to approve the Engineering Committee minutes of April 16, 2024.

Ms. Marrocco seconded the motion.

Discussion

RESOLVED: The motion was approved unanimously.

**Finance Committee**

No report.

**Human Resources Committee**

MOTION: Mr. Samolis moved to approve the Human Resources Committee minutes of April 3, 2024.

Ms. Marrocco seconded the motion.

Discussion

RESOLVED: The motion was approved unanimously.

**Property Management**

No report.

**Public Relations Committee**

**MOTION:** Mr. Sienna moved to approve the Public Relations Committee minutes of April 3, 2024.

Ms. Marrocco seconded the motion.

**Discussion**

**RESOLVED:** The motion was approved unanimously.

**Assessment Planning Meeting:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Sienna moved to approve the Assessment Planning Meeting minutes of April 29, 2024.

Mr. Fallon seconded it.

**Discussion**

**RESOLVED:** The motion was approved unanimously.

**Counsel Report**

No report.

**New Business**

Updated Board Meeting Schedule – Meeting for Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> rescheduled to Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**MOTION:** Mr. Samolis moved to approve the updated Board Meeting Schedule dated May 20, 2024.

Ms. Collins seconded the motion.

**Discussion**

**RESOLVED:** The motion was approved unanimously.

**Communications**

David Bauer resigned from the Board, and we want to send him a letter of appreciation for his time and efforts over the past ten years.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Mr. Samolis moved to adjourn the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on **Monday, June 17th**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, 245 Main Street, Cromwell, CT.