

Date: November 17, 2022 Subject: Engineering Committee Meeting
Minutes **Tuesday, November 15, 2022**

To: Board of Directors From: Engineering Committee and AGS
Arthur G. Simonian, Executive Director

**Engineering Committee
November 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

The Engineering Committee met Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at the District Offices, 245 Main Street, Cromwell, Connecticut.

Chairman, John Dunham called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. In addition to the Chairman, present were Committee Members – David Bauer, Bonnie Anderson and Don Naples. Also, present were Executive Director – Arthur Simonian, District Engineer – Michelle Ryan, Board Member – Liam Mitchell and Water Control Manager from the Town of Berlin – Ray Jarema. There was a quorum.

Following is a summary of the November 15th Engineering Meeting:

- 1) **Capital Projects** – The Executive Director reviewed and discussed the five year capital projects with the Committee. Art will communicate with the Towns for pricing on recent Inflation factors which will be applied to future Fiscal Year budgets on projects and bids.

- 2) **Flow Meters** – The Executive Director held a discussion on the installation of temporary manhole meters for the sewer trunkline calibration verification. Staff will reach out to flow monitoring companies for collecting data over the next few months.

- 3) **Railroad Crossing Improvements** – The Executive Director reviewed, discussed and recommended approval for the construction improvements to the Mattabasset Railroad crossing.

Mr. Naples moved, Mrs. Anderson seconded, and the committee approved unanimously.

MOTION: The Engineering Committee approved the construction improvements to the Mattabasset Railroad Crossing using AJ Belliveau of Newington, CT in the amount of \$95,000, including contingency, if necessary and refers this recommendation to the Board, since this is in the best interest of the District.

- 4) **Sludge Pricing** – A discussion was held on general industry inflation and the increasing demand, due to PFAS issues affecting landfills and land farming of biosolids.

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- 5) **Clean Thermodynamic Energy Conversion** – The Executive Director and District Engineer reviewed gasification technology using a portable plant for processing of sludge and waste. More time from staff is necessary to review the documents and discuss with MDC.

- 6) **Related Business and Staff Updates** – None.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Anderson moved, no second needed and the committee approved unanimously to adjourn at 7:02 PM.