

Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Works, Lewes, Delaware was held in the Council Room of the City Hall on Thursday evening, May 15, 1980 at 8:00 P.M.

Members Present: Messrs. W. James Bell, Sidney L. Downs, Jr., Henry S. Redmile, William R. Beauchamp and Howard H. Seymour.

Others Present: Mr. Irving Gillis, Field Supervisor.
Mr. & Mrs. William Reynolds, Market St., Lewes.
Mrs. Grace Lehman, 360 Pilottown Rd., Lewes.
Mrs. Delores Rickards, DeVries Circle, Lewes.
Mr. C. J. Rickards, DeVries Circle, Lewes.
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Whiteford, Kidde Consultants.
Mr. Elmer Thomas, School Lane, Lewes.
Mr. Alfred Crisson, Monroe Ave., Lewes.
Mr. Mike Walls, Delaware Coast Press Reporter.
Mr. Fred McKee Sussex County Engineer.
Mr. Douglas D. Marshall, Board's Attorney.
Mr. Gary Soulsman, Whale Reporter.
One unidentified member of the public.

President Bell Presiding:

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Minutes,
4/17/80

(1.) Motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 17, 1980 as written.

Motion - Mr. Beauchamp

Seconded - Mr. Redmile

Yea

Nay

Mr. Beauchamp	x
Mr. Redmile	x
Mr. Seymour	x
Mr. Downs	x

D.P. & L.
Invoice

(2.) Motion was made to approve payment of the Delmarva Power April 1980 Invoice in the amount of \$151,160.78.

Motion - Mr. Beauchamp

Seconded - Mr. Seymour

Yea

Nay

Mr. Beauchamp	x
Mr. Seymour	x
Mr. Redmile	x
Mr. Downs	x

Harborview
Development

(3.) Mr. Beauchamp reported that it had come to his attention that at the Harborview Development there were a lot of cut offs for water that could not be located.

This situation will be checked into by Mr. Gillis.

Resolution
to change
Signatory

(4.) Mr. Marshall presented two Resolutions to change the signatory and designated agent on the two Federal grants that the Board of Public Works now has. These resolutions authorize President Bell to sign documentation and the resolutions are similar to previous resolutions that au

ized the General Manager to sign documents for both projects except

EPA Grant
#C-100092-02
& EPA Grant
#C-100261-01

that these appoint President Bell in this position. In the final section it says: Be it further resolved that this resolution shall remain in effect until the position of the General Manager of the Board of Public Works, City of Lewes has been filled and the Board rescinds this resolution and reinstates the resolution referred to herein which vests the authority to the General Manager by motion at a Regular or Special Meeting of the Board of Public Works.

Motion was made that the Resolutions as submitted by Mr. Marshall be accepted by this Board.

Motion - Mr. Redmile	Seconded - Mr. Seymour	
	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Redmile	x	
Mr. Seymour	x	
Mr. Beauchamp	x	
Mr. Downs	x	

Copy of each resolution will be filed in the minute book with these minutes.

Report by Mr. Gillis (5.) Mr. Gillis reported that thirty-three water meters had been installed since March which makes a total of 1,019 water meter installations. There is an estimated 200 water meters to go.

Sub-division Amendment (6.) Mr. Marshall reported that the motion by the Board requiring prospective developers to post an amount of money when they submit subdivision plans to the Board for the purpose of covering their costs of review, examination and consultant's fees was presented as a formal amendment to the Sub-division Ordinance at the Regular Meeting of the City Commissioners of Lewes and duly passed and is now a part of the Code of the City of Lewes under Chapter 170-Subdivision Ordinance.

Mr. Marshall explained that when the plans are presented, the Board will determine at that time what the anticipated costs will be and require the developer to post that amount. When the project is completed, withdrawn, or terminated for any reason, the actual cost will be subtracted from the deposit and the remainder returned to the developer; or if the deposit wasn't sufficient, then the developer will be liable for the difference.

Request for water (7.) Mr. James Monihan, Mr. Frank Larsen and Dr. Jeung Sohn, all residents of Highland Acres, Lewes requested permission to hook into the City water supply.

Mr. Warren Walls, another property owner in Highland Acres had already received permission and the water line that he will be laying could handle the additional customers.

Motion was made to let the four applicants (Mr. Monihan, Mr. Larsen, Dr. Sohn and Mr. Warren Walls) and anyone else in Highland Acres that is feasible to hook up to the Board's water system. The customers are responsible for all contracting work and payment of those costs involved for these customers to connect to the City's water. The Board of Public Works will be responsible for installing the individual water meters, the tap into the Board's system and inspection of

the work. All work to be done to the Board's specifications.

Motion - Mr. Redmile

Seconded - Mr. Seymour

Yea Nay

Mr. Redmile	x
Mr. Seymour	x
Mr. Beauchamp	x

Mr. Downs abstained from voting; reason: works with three of the applicants.

It was pointed-out that should any leaks or other problems occur with the applicants line after the connection to City's supply, it is the responsibility to maintain from the City's connection to their homes

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Delores Rickards Drainage Problem (8.)

Mrs. Rickards asked the Board's cooperation with a problem with the stream in the back of her property. The water backs up and floods her yard.

Part of the problem has been remedied by the Board. She does not feel that the problem is entirely the Board's. The drainage from Freeman Highway is the problem. However, she would like the Board to restore the culvert to the condition it was before work was done a few years ago.

Mr. Seymour will contact the Ferry Commission to investigate the problem since they installed three catch basins which drain onto her property. Mr. William J. Miller is the one to contact at the commission.

Doug Marshall will check with the County Records to see if there is easement for the creek to be used as drainage.

This problem will be investigated. Mr. Beauchamp will check the situation out at the property involved to become more aware of the situation. The Board will report the results to Mrs. Rickards.

#2 & #3 Lift Stations (9.)

Mr. Seymour brought to the Board's attention that the capacity of these two lift stations on Pilottown Road is not enough to handle the flow at this time.

Mr. Gillis was directed to get prices on units that would have enough capacity and report back at the next meeting.

Geo-Thermal Well (10.)

Mr. Beauchamp reported that after reviewing all the information available and talking to the consultants involved on the drilling of a geothermal well, he feels that the Board should not pursue the matter any further. It would not be in the Board's best interests.

Motion was made to not pursue the matter of a geo-thermal well for Lewes.

Motion - Mr. Seymour

Seconded - Mr. Downs

Yea Nay

Mr. Seymour	x
Mr. Downs	x

Mr. Lewis	^
Mr. Redmile	x
Mr. Beauchamp	x

Mr. Gillis'
report

- (11.) Mr. Redmile reviewed Mr. Gillis' report submitted prior to this meeting. This report is filed with these minutes.

A motion was made to give Mr. Gillis permission to hire three more employees for summer help only, primarily for the purpose of installing water meters.

Motion - Mr. Redmile

Seconded - Mr. Seymour

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Redmile	x	
Mr. Seymour	x	
Mr. Downs	x	
Mr. Beauchamp	x	

- Elmer Thom- (12.) Mr. Thomas reported that he has a problem with rust in his water. It has a line that runs from Savannah Road and it dead-ends just to the right of his house about 150 feet.
as 118 School
Lane, Lewes

After he has complained so much to the Board of Public Works, he wonders why the situation has been allowed to continue so long.

Mr. Seymour said this situation had been discussed previously and a solution had been suggested to cut a line through to DeVries Circle water main so that the line on School Lane would not dead-end.

Mr. Gillis said that it could go either way, McFee Street or DeVries Circle depending upon easements through properties.

The Board promised Mr. Thomas that this situation would be remedied the best way it can be as soon as it can be done. Mr. Gillis will check into what is necessary.

- Al Crisson (13.) Mr. Crisson reported that he owns two houses on Monroe Avenue, between the railroad and Freeman Highway. Each is served by a cesspool. One system is 16 years old and the other one is 18 years old. Not only are the cesspools old, but now he gets the drainage water from Freeman Highway. There's no drainage down across the front of his property. Two years ago, during the big snowstorm, one of the cesspools gave up. At that time he inquired about putting in a septic system. He does not have ample space for such.

So he would now like to know if the Board could provide sewer if his cesspools gave up.

Mr. Seymour stated that Mr. Gillis is working on figures right now to determine what can be done and what can't be done. Mr. Crisson can count on an answer within 30 days one way or another.

- (14.) Motion was made by Mr. Seymour to adjourn to an Executive Session.
Time: 9:24 P.M.

Ruth Anne Steelman
Secretary

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency of the United States and the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control of the State of Delaware have been charged with the responsibility of maintaining within their respective jurisdictions a reasonable quality of water consistent with public health and public recreation purposes, and with the propagation and protection of fish and wildlife, including birds, mammals and all other terrestrial and aquatic life; and

WHEREAS, the above organizations have issued certain water quality standards and standards of treatment for waste water discharge into streams and other bodies of water; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works of the City of Lewes is responsible for the collection, treatment and discharge of waste water within and to some extent without the jurisdiction of the City of Lewes; and

WHEREAS, it is this Board's intent to serve the citizens within its jurisdiction by providing a safe and economical waste water collection, treatment and discharge system which is compatible with the environment and which meets or exceeds the standards of treatment and discharge applicable to the treatment system and the body of water into which it discharges; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works desires to upgrade and expand its present waste water treatment facility to carry out the above intent; and

WHEREAS, the Federal and State Governments have grant funds available to aid in the study, planning and construction necessary to accomplish the expansion and upgrading of waste water treatment facilities;

WHEREAS, by Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Public Works of the City of Lewes, the General Manager of the Board of Public Works was authorized to do whatever was necessary to make and carry through an application and grant for the separation of the storm sewers from the sanitary

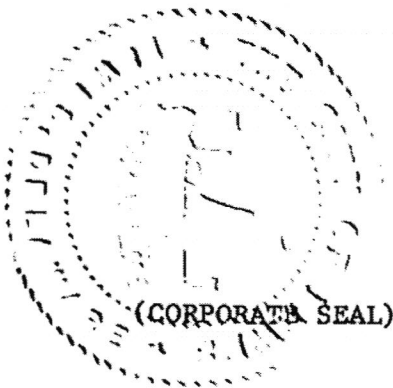
sewers of the City of Lewes under EPA Project C-100092-02, including the signing of a Federal Grant Application and any other documents to be signed by the applicant and grantee; and

WHEREAS, at the present time the Board of Public Works of the City of Lewes is without a General Manager;

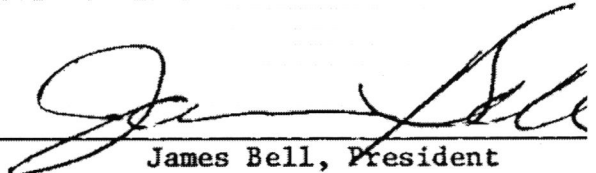
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Public Works of the City of Lewes is authorized to do whatever is necessary to make and carry through said application and grant, including the signing any and all documents to be signed by the applicant and grantee; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Public Works does hereby ratify and confirm any actions of the President heretofore taken on behalf of the Board in the furtherance of the application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall remain in effect until the position of the General Manager of the Board of Public Works of the City of Lewes has been filled and the Board rescinds this resolution and reinstates the resolution referred to herein which vests the herein-granted authority to the General Manager, by Motion at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Lewes.



BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE
CITY OF LEWES

BY: 
James Bell, President

ATTEST: 
, Secretary

DATED: May 15, 1980

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency of the United States and the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control of the State of Delaware have been charged with the responsibility of maintaining within their respective jurisdictions a reasonable quality of water consistent with public health and public recreation purposes, and with the propagation and protection of fish and wildlife, including birds, mammals and all other terrestrial and aquatic life; and

WHEREAS, the above organizations have issued certain water quality standards and standards of treatment for waste water discharge into streams and other bodies of water; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works of the City of Lewes is responsible for the collection, treatment and discharge of waste water within and to some extent without the jurisdiction of the City of Lewes; and

WHEREAS, it is this Board's intent to serve the citizens within its jurisdiction by providing a safe and economical waste water collection, treatment and discharge system which is compatible with the environment and which meets or exceeds the standards of treatment and discharge applicable to the treatment system and the body of water into which it discharges; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works desires to upgrade and expand its present waste water treatment facility to carry out the above intent; and

WHEREAS, the Federal and State Governments have grant funds available to aid in the study, planning and construction necessary to accomplish the expansion and upgrading of waste water treatment facilities;

WHEREAS, by Resolution dated July 19, 1979, duly adopted by the Board of Public Works of the City of Lewes, the General Manager of the Board of Public Works was authorized to do whatever was necessary to make and carry through said application and grant including the signing of EPA Project C-100261-01 a

Federal Grant Application for the STEP I Facilities Plan and any other documents to be signed by the applicant and grantee in the event that such application should be acted upon favorably; and

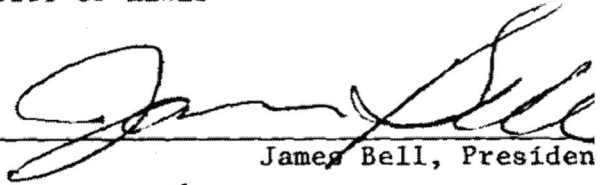
WHEREAS, at the present time the Board of Public Works of the City of Lewes is without a General Manager;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Public Works of the City of Lewes is authorized to do whatever is necessary to make and carry through said application and grant including the signing of a Federal Grant Application for the STEP I Facilities Plan and any other documents to be signed by the applicant and grantee in the event that such application should be acted upon favorably; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Public Works does hereby ratify and confirm any actions of the President heretofore taken on behalf of the Board in the furtherance of the application or pursuance of a STEP I Federal assistance grant to upgrade and expand the Lewes waste water treatment plant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall remain in effect until the position of the General Manager of the Board of Public Works of the City of Lewes has been filled and the Board rescinds this resolution and reinstates the resolution referred to herein which vests the herein-granted authority to the General Manager, by Motion at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Lewes.

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, Secretary

