

MINUTES
WATER SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 5, 2006
7:00 PM Town Barn

Members Present: Dan Barker, Paul Kimple, Katherine Sanders and James Watts
Members Absent: Jim Singleton
Elected Officials: Eric Hallman
Staff: Julie Vance and Will Baker
Visitor(s): none

ITEM #1 Chair Sanders called meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

ITEM #2 The following additions were made to the agenda:

- Eric Hallman requested an addition to update the committee on his inner-city trip to Madison, WI with various officials from throughout the county. This was assigned Item #9a.
- Dan Barker requested an addition to discuss the proposed rezoning of the Daniel Boone Property. This was assigned as Item #9b.

ITEM #3 A motion was made by Mr. Kimple and seconded by Mr. Watts to accept the

MOTION: September meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #4 The October Engineering Status Update included briefing on the following by Mr. Baker:

- Non-compliant at the WWTP with a Mercury sample.
- Durham/WWTP study is on going. A report is expected before the next WSAC meeting.
- A sanitary sewer spill occurred at the outfall that runs near Exchange Club Park. The spill was around 8,000 gallons and the site was cleaned and treated as per State requirements.
- The West Fork of the Eno was about 12 inches from full.
- We are still compliant with TTHMs.
- Unaccounted for water numbers are still being compiled.
- GIS is around 50% complete.
- Cates Creek Outfall construction is currently on going.
- The Thalle outfall is complete. An easement map is currently being completed for the use of acquiring sewer easements. Once the map is complete, projects bids will be requested.
- In house corrections are being made on the collection system from findings from the collection survey. Some manholes are also being evaluated for rehabilitation.
- Final submittals were sent to the State in October and construction should begin in December on the Lakeshore Outfall.

ITEM #5 Town Board Update
September 11 – no one attended

September 25 – no one attended

ITEM #6 Mr. Barker gave an update of the Strategic Growth Plan since Mr. Kimple was unable to attend. He reported that the Strategic Growth Plan would reduce our ETJ on the east side of town, effectively removing Hillsborough's oversight from that area where have existing water customers and water lines. That also would put the Town in the position that we have no future interest in new connections in that area.

Since we have lines in that area we need to consider if that is the right position for Hillsborough to take.

ITEM #7 The discussion of the committee responsibilities and involvement in development review was tabled until the November meeting.

ITEM #8 Mr. Watts compiled some proposed regulations for irrigation systems. They are as follows:

The Hillsborough Water and Sewer Advisory Committee recommend the town board adopt the following for inclusion in the water conservation section of the town code.

- 1) Irrigation Systems
 - a) Spray irrigation shall not occur more than three days per week. Even-numbered properties may be irrigated with spray systems only on Sundays, Wednesdays, and/or Fridays. Odd-numbered properties may be irrigated with spray systems only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and/or Saturdays. All spray irrigation shall occur only between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. These restrictions shall not apply to properties using underground, drip irrigation, micro spray, low precipitation bubblers, hand watering, or where watering of containerized plants and commercial plant stock in trade is maintained for resale.
 - b) Regardless of irrigation methods used, no more than one inch of water may be applied to plant material in any given week.
 - c) All irrigation systems shall be equipped with automatic controllers that activate the system according to a desired frequency and duration, and shall also be equipped with rain or soil moisture sensors that will prevent irrigation during periods of rainfall or when there is sufficient moisture in the ground for plant health and survival.
- 2) Miscellaneous
 - a) All hoses used for hand watering, car washing, or other allowable outdoor uses shall be equipped with shutoff nozzles.
 - b) Supplemental Irrigation Permits may be purchased from the utility at a price and term to be determined by the Town Board of Commissioners. To be eligible to purchase the permit, a property must have an active building permit, or had a permit within the

previous 90 days. Permits shall be unavailable during declared droughts.

MOTION: Mr. Barker made a motion to forward the recommendation on regulating irrigations systems to the Town Board and Mr. Kimple seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #9a Mr. Hallman reported the Inner-city visit to Madison, WI was a success. Officials from throughout the County attended, along with Mr. Hallman and the Mayor. The visit was not only used as ways to improve services in Hillsborough, it was also used as a networking trip with the other Orange County officials.

ITEM #9b The WSAC would like to be included in the rezoning process proposed for the Daniel Boone Property. Staff will keep them informed and let them know about all future Planning Meetings involving the property.

ITEM #10
MOTION: Mr. Kimple made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Barker seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie E. Vance
Utilities Analyst