

# Minutes for Meeting of the Water and Sanitary Boards

August 28, 2025 6 pm

Town Hall 104 N. King Street

## **1. Call to Order**

## **2. Members Present**

Water Board: James Gatz, Marcy Bartlett, John Bresland, Dan Shelton, Sue Kemnitzer

Sanitary Board: James Gatz, Harvey Heyser

**3. Visitors:** Greg Welter, James Auxer, representatives of Compass Development Group

## **4. Minutes**

**Vote:** Approved the Minutes of July 24 Meeting of the Sanitary Board

**Vote:** Approved the Minutes of July 24 Meeting of the Water Board

## **5. Flow and Quality Reports from Staff**

– All measures were within acceptable limits. Most notably, the lead and copper sampling results are all within the acceptable range.

- Water Board asked staff to prepare a plan for covering the water basin and present it at the September meeting.

## **6. Financial Reports**

a. The Town Administrator introduced the new Financial Administrator, Maged Kirolos, to the Boards who welcomed his expertise.

b. Budget v Actuals with discussion of end of year numbers

c. Balances in Reserve Accounts

## **7. Unfinished Business**

a. **Vote:** Water Board voted to approve the proposal to modify the drinking water chlorination system from chlorine gas to hypochlorite at a cost of \$13,000 and specified that the funds be taken from the Cash Working Capital Reserve Fund. The Board also acknowledged that the annual cost for chemicals would increase by about \$25,000.

b. Hydrant Report and Collaboration with Fire Department – Woody Coe and Sue Kemnitzer will meet with the Board of the Fire Department on September 9.

c. Replacement of Sewer Pump Station in Fernbank- completion is on schedule.

d. **Vote** – Town Run Watershed Baseline Study – The proposal dated August 15, 2025 from Decota Consulting Engineers was approved by the Water and the Sanitary Boards. The total cost is \$42,944 which will be split 50-50 by the Water and Sanitary Boards.

e. Colonial Hills- Staff briefed the Boards on the change of ownership of parts of the Colonial Hills property from Forestar Reality group to Compass Development group. Before the sale, Forestar had begun the process of obtaining Water Sewer service for these properties. The Water and Sewer Boards had approved Colonial Hills Phase 3 Step 1 and Step 2 applications, the Colonial Hills Phase 3A Step 1 application, and the Colonial Hills Phase 3B Step 1 application. Given the short time elapsed since these approvals, the staff suggested that the new owners submit applications for Step 1 and Step 2 simultaneously. The Boards agreed. The new applications will be considered at the September Board meeting.

## **8. New Business**

a. Cleaning and Inspection of Water Towers – This routine maintenance project will be completed next week. No problems were detected during the inspection.

b. Problems persist related to the Return Sludge Pumps. The Sanitary Board asked our consulting engineer to consider whether a redesign is necessary.

c. Suggestions for the Town newsletter – Suggestions included reporting on the lead and copper sampling results, explaining the Town Run Watershed Baseline Study, and the extent of the effort to find and repair leaks within the water delivery system.

**9. Next Meetings September 25 and October 30 at 6 pm**

**10. Adjournment**