

**MINUTES  
UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 23, 2006**

Mayor Margo G. Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Council members Whaland Clark, Harrison C. Bristoll, Jr., Mabel Mumford-Pautz and James R. Johnson, Robert Sipes, Utilities Manager, W.S. Ingersoll, Town Manager, Jennifer Stead, Stenographer, and guests.

Mayor Bailey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting of December 19, 2005. **Mr. Bristoll moved to approve the minutes as presented, was seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously.**

Mayor Bailey stated that cash on hand and in the banks was \$382,518.82.

Mr. Sipes stated that the new well by Horsey Lane was specified on the original bid documents to have galvanized drop pipe. Mr. Sipes stated that he would recommend a stainless steel 6" pipe because of its durability. He said that the price for this change would be \$13,862.00 and would be an addition to the current contract. **Mr. Clark moved to approve the installation of the stainless steel 6" pipe, was seconded by Mr. Bristoll and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Sipes stated that there was a bid opening for a new utility truck. He said that the bid was printed in the paper and by mailings. The only bids received were from Colonial Chevrolet. Mr. Sipes recommended the bid for \$26,616.10. Mr. Sipes explained that this was a four-wheel drive truck that would get him through sites under development and was also capable of towing the jetter. The truck was a budget item for the fiscal year. **Mr. Johnson moved to approve the purchase of a truck from Colonial Chevrolet in the amount of \$26,616.10. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

Mr. Sipes introduced Resolution 1-2006 Requiring The Installation of Sewer Back Flow Devices For New Buildings With Inadequate Fall To Sewer Mains and read it into the record. **Mr. Clark moved to approve Resolution 1-2006, was seconded by Mr. Bristoll and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Sipes stated that the water plant site was tested for contamination related to MTBE in the drinking water. He said the testing was to determine whether or not the water plant site was contributing to the contamination. He said that Earth Data did several on-site borings, all of which tested negative for MTBE and PCE contaminations. Mr. Sipes stated that MDE was looking for a point source of the contamination and were doing other borings throughout Town. Mr. Sipes stated that the levels of MTBE were not large and had the ability to travel from many sources.

Mr. Sipes stated that MTBE was an unregulated contaminant, but its purpose was to oxygenate gasoline and reduce emissions. Mr. Sipes stated that the drinking water was

absolutely safe. He said an action level was set for 40 parts per billion for taste and odors only. Mr. Sipes stated that if this were in the drinking water you would be able to smell and taste it before it presented the slightest risk for health problems.

Mr. Sipes stated that there was new flow testing equipment purchased and installed as he thought the orifice was restricted and the pressure was not registering in the gauge.

Mr. Sipes stated that new transformers were installed at the water plant due to a report from Delmarva Power in 2005 that the Town was a "hot spot" when the lines and transformers were inspected, meaning the transformers were undersized. He said that he received pricing up to \$40,000.00, but the Town found a company to do the entire project for \$10,000.00.

There being no further business, **Mr. Clark moved for payment of bills, was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.**

**Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., was seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously.**

Submitted by:

  
Jennifer Stead  
Stenographer

Approved by:

Margo G. Bailey  
Mayor