

UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 15, 2013

Before the meeting began, Mayor Bailey called forward Ms. Courtney Sipes, who won the Letters About Literature Award (a national reading and writing promotion program for young readers). Ms. Sipes, a sophomore at Kent County High School, read her essay to the Council. Mayor Bailey stated that Kent County had two out of three winners in the State. Mr. Sipes stated that there were over eighteen hundred (1800) entries.

Mayor Margo G. Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Council members James R. Gatto, Linda Kuiper, Mabel Mumford-Pautz and Mauritz Stetson, Robert Sipes, Utilities Manager, W. S. Ingersoll, Town Manager, Jennifer Mulligan, Stenographer, and guests.

Mayor Bailey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Utilities Commission meeting minutes of March 18, 2013. **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to approve the minutes as submitted, was seconded by Mr. Stetson and carried unanimously.**

Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to pay the bills as submitted, was seconded by Ms. Kuiper and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bailey stated that cash on hand and in banks was \$853,589.03.

Mr. Sipes stated that the bid was awarded for Well #9 and he was waiting for the well-driller to schedule the work.

Mr. Sipes stated that a hydrant was hit at Washington Avenue and Kent Street. He said that he is going to speak to Mr. Fox to ask if the hydrant can be relocated back to the corner of his yard, since this was the second time that the hydrant had been hit by a car.

Mr. Sipes stated that there have been at least five (5) visitors to the Wastewater Treatment Plant to offer proposals for the Solar Project.

Mr. Sipes stated that on Sunday, April 14, 2013 beginning at 9:00 a.m., he received phone calls about low water pressure or no water pressure from all over Town. Mr. Sipes stated that there was a power surge in Town that knocked out one of the phases on the 3-phase pumps. The pumps stopped pumping. The water towers had just been painted and the outflow valves were not fully opened and therefore the Town could not meet the water demand without the pump running. The problem was fixed within twenty (20) minutes and all the pumps were up and running. This type of incident could not happen without the water tower maintenance closing the valves.

Mr. Gatto stated that there was Homeland Security grant funding available for fencing in strategic areas and water plants were listed. Mr. Sipes stated that he did look at that when the first vulnerability response plan was done and what was considered "strategic" had to

do with military or central government facilities, so the Town did not qualify. Mr. Sipes stated that he would check to see if the funding rules had changed, noting that any fencing should fit into the neighborhood and not look like an industrial site. Mr. Gatto stated that he would forward the web address to Mr. Sipes.

There being no further business, **Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m., was seconded by Mr. Gatto and carried unanimously.**

Submitted by:


Jennifer Mulligan
Stenographer

Approved by:

Margo G. Bailey
Mayor