

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Works, Lewes, Delaware was held in the Council Room of the Town Hall on Thursday night, February 16, 1978 at 8:00 o'clock.

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

Others Present: Mr. John P. Curtin, General Manager
Mr. Irving Gillis, Field Supervisor
Mr. Barnard Muir, Plumbing Inspector
Mr. Douglas D. Marshall, Board's Attorney
Mr. Greg Booth, Board's Electric Consultant
Mr. Robert Gibbs
Mr. Robert Gibbs, Jr.
Mr. Gary Soulsman, Whale Reporter

President Bell Presiding:

Approve Minutes (1.) Motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regul Meeting, January 19, 1978 as written.

Motion - Mr. Redmile Seconded - Mr. Seymour

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

Before proceeding with any more business, the President, Mr. Bell, introduced the new General Manager of the Board of Public Works, Mr. John P. Curtin, to the General Publi

Address to Reporters (2.) The second item on the agenda was directed to the Press. The articles that appeared in the newspaper about the plan the Board of Public Works is consider which parallels closely with the Federal Government "Energy Crisis Intervention Program" misinterprete the program as being directed to help provide relie to people with unpaid electric bills. It should ha been stated as unpaid heating bills. Mr. Bell requ that the record be set straight at this time.

Disability Income Coverage (3.) The Board has looked into the possibility of obtain an insurance policy for Disability Income Coverage full time employees.

Out of three companies approached, one responded wi a quote of \$274.43 that would provide the 19 full-t employees with Disability Income Coverage on a sixt per cent (60%) of pay basis up to 6 months after a

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(8) sickness elimination period. The Board would pay the wage for employee until the elimination period was up and the insurance took over.

Motion was made to accept the proposal from the L & W Agency, an independent agency presented through Frank S. Carter, Inc., Lewes, Delaware, to provide Disability Income Coverage to the Board of Public Works' full-time employees on a sixty per cent of pay basis with a one day accident elimination period and an eight day sickness elimination period for a monthly premium of \$274.43

Motion - Mr. Redmile Seconded - Mr. Seymour

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

Gibbs Paint (4.)
Co. -request
for sewer

Mr. Robert Gibbs, owner and President of Gibbs Paint And Chemical Co., Inc. took the floor. At this time he read for the benefit of all present a letter previously sent to the Board of Public Works (a copy is included with these minutes) requesting an opinion from the Board in writing to the effect that if any purchaser of Gibbs Paint and Chemical Co., Inc. should need additional sewer facilities, the Board would: 1. provide city sewer, and/or 2. assure the applicant that he would be able to install sufficient septic capacity to meet his needs.

Mr. Bell read from a legal opinion obtained in 1976 pertaining to a similar request. In that opinion, it states that the present ordinance does not require that every building located within the City limits have access to the sewer. A copy of this opinion from Mr. Jack Messick, the Board's Attorney in 1976 was given to Mr. Gibbs.

After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Curtin investigate the feasibility of extending the sewer service to the discussed area and report to the Board at the next meeting.

Revised
Rules &
Regulations
Electric
Service

(5.) Mr. John Curtin, General Manager, reported on the progress of establishing a Revised set of Rules and Regulations for Electric Service. They should be ready for the Board's approval at the next meeting.

Mr. Curtin-
Authori-

(6.) Motion was made to authorize Mr. John Curtin to sign all E.P.A. documents pertaining to the federal projects involved with the two projects now underway.

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documents

1. GMB File # 789 - New Streets and Storm Drains.
E.P. A. #C-10-92
 2. GMB File # 825 - Sewer System Rehabilitation
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E.P.A. #C-10-98.

Motion - Mr. Beauchamp Seconded - Mr. Redmile

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

Mr. Curtin (7.) Motion was made and approved to authorize Mr. Curt Signature on checks to sign checks for all Board of Public Works checki accounts

Motion - Mr. Beauchamp Seconded - Mr. Redmile

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

Rescinds (8). Mr. Redmile mentioned that on July 12, 1971, the Resolution Board had passed a Resolution that limited the amou of dollars that should be in any one account at any given time to \$20,000.00. With today's economy suc as it is, the Board receives many bills that are a great deal higher that \$20,000.

Motion was made to rescind the Resolution adopted July 12, 1971 to limit the Board's accounts to \$20,000.

Motion - Mr. Redmile Seconded - Mr. Seymour

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

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Ruth Steelman
Secretary

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