SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC SESSION

JANUARY 8, 2020

TOWN COUNCIL: Joanne Bacon President

Greg Welch Vice President

Pam Davis Councilman

Edward (Skip) Ash Councilman

James Sample Councilman

John Wright Councilman (no voting privilege)

TOWN EMPLOYEES: Cheryl Lynch Town Clerk

OTHERS: Robbie Murray Valerie Dugdale

Ronald Hall Elizabeth Walters

Fred Thomas Robert Murray

Kathy Murray Duane Beck

Dave Specht John Thraeder

Ken Branner

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Joanne called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS:

Greg made the motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Pam

Motion was unanimous

Joanne noted the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Request for Proposal

Joanne had everyone introduce themselves

Joanne noted there are three representatives from Artesian

Greg noted he would like Artesian representatives to tell Council and attendees

about the proposal.

Dave noted from Artesian noted they had been in business for 115 years and have

83,000 plus customers across the State of Delaware.

Dave noted the map showing where Artesian has water.

Dave noted the water invoices would be billed monthly.

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Dave noted they would be replacing some main lines, replacing the water meters

with digital water meters, reduce rates and improve water quality.

Dave noted if the town sold to Artesian the water rates would decrease in about a

year or two once their system becomes online in Dagsboro.

John noted Artesian would be purchasing the water plant, water tower and the towns

customer base for 3.6 million.

John noted Artesian is installing a well in the Town of Dagsboro on Armory Road.

Dave noted you can view and pay online also you can call and talk to a representative.

Dave noted will add fluoride wants the Dagsboro plant is up and running.

Dave noted the new water meters will be installed during the first year of purchase.

John noted Artesian will review each meter pit in Frankford.

Dave noted the meters are read monthly.

Dave noted delinquent customers would probably be shut off by ninety days.

Dave noted if there is a customer having financial or on a fixed income, they have

Charitable foundations that would assist the customer.

Kathy noted the council should have a meeting with the businesses in town which

would include churches, schools, fire company and businesses so they understand Artesians

billing.

The council will hold a Special meeting for the businesses and a separate Special

meeting with the residences. The meetings for the businesses and residence the

council will have Artesian attend these meetings.

John Wright noted if the town annexed a parcel into town would Artesian be apart

of the annexation for the water.

John from Artesian noted they would be a part of the annexation for the water.

Dave noted Artesian can’t force someone to join their water system.

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Dave noted you can apply to add an irrigation well.

The council will hold a Special meeting for the businesses and a separate Special

meeting with the residences. The meetings for the businesses and residence the

council will have Artesian attend these meetings.

John noted send to Artesian a copy of the businesses last water invoice so Artesian

can review and show the businesses the difference between the Town of Frankford

and Artesian billing.

Pam noted need to have the businesses and residences be aware of the Request For

Proposal.

Joanne noted a mass mailing will be sent to the residences to attend a Public meeting

with the Council and Artesian.

Cheryl will post the Request for Proposal on the town’s website.

**ADJOURN:**

Pam made the motion to adjourn the meetings at 7:48pm and was seconded by Skip

Motion was unanimous

**Respectfully**

**Cheryl A Lynch**

**Town Clerk**

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