

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order by Commissioner at 7:00 P.M. in the Shelton City Hall, 54 Hill Street, Shelton, CT. 06484, on June 8, 2016.

The following Commissioners were present to constitute a quorum:

Commissioner Mike DeAngelis  
Commissioner Stephen Morse  
Commissioner Edwin Hellauer  
Commissioner Joseph Frolish  
Commissioner Stephen Chuckta

Also in attendance were:

Thomas Sym, Sewer Administrator  
Garritt Ogden- WPCP  
Matthew Jermine- Fuss & O'Neill

1. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public wishing to address the Commission.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 11, 2016

***A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer to approve the following meeting minutes:***

***Regular Meeting of May 11, 2016***

***Seconded by Commissioner Frolish. A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.***

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ASSISTANT TO WPCA REPORT

None presented. (Pavone absent)

## B. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The average daily flow was 2.3 MGD; the peak flow for the month of May was 2.5 MGD.

Our effluent total nitrogen was 60 pounds per day; the limit was 106 pounds per day. We pumped out 85,000 gallons of sludge.

We now have had 60 months free from any accidents.

Our safety/training: Overhead crane operation.

Our chemical consumables were approximately the same, with the addition of chlorine from May through September.

The grease removal for Upper Route 8 was 70 pounds, Lower Route 8 was 80 pounds, River Road was 120 pounds, Ladas Place was 80 pounds and Meadowlark was 60 pounds, for the month of May.

Comparing May 2015, the total was 420 pounds, and in May 2016, the total amount of grease was 410 pounds.

We have had 0 complaints this month, making it a total of 45 months free of noise complaints.

We have had 0 odor complaints, which brings us to 36 months of no state odor complaints.

The daily maintenance was basically the same. The corrective maintenance included upgraded SCADA terminals, upgraded operating system software, added "WIN911 Alarm dialing software, replaced #4 motive pump, installed rebuilt pump at wells pump station, and corrected a short in #3 waste pump controls.

The future work includes potable water line replacement, SCADA upgrade (ongoing), rebuilding motive pumps 2, rebuilding #1 & #2 pump at Bridgeport Avenue station, and install new chlorine control system.

## C. BUDGET WORKSHEET

Commissioner Morse: The budget worksheet was printed early, but there are many discrepancies that are un-posted entries. I think we should wait until we get another updated list.

Tom Sym: The problem is that Kathy Zaprazalka is out again.

Commissioner Morse: Okay. She is the only one that could print it, too.

Tom Sym: She is the only one who knows how to the entries for the un-posted ones too.

Commissioner Morse: Is she back yet?

Tom Sym: No. I do not know what they are going to do; she is not there and no one else knows how to do them.

Commissioner Morse: People know how to do them but they do not have the access.

Chairman DeAngelis: Is that okay with everyone in town hall?

Tom Sym: The other departments do not have budgets like we do. Other than that, we should be alright with our budget.

#### D. STRATFORD SEWER USE FEE

Commissioner Morse: This is the sewer use fee; it does not include the capital expense, correct?

Tom Sym: It is what they charge us. They are charging us for 600 units, and it should come down by \$30,000 when we get a bill in July.

Commissioner Morse: I know what you are saying, but I think the other bills that we had included not only sewer use fee, but the capital expense too.

Tom Sym: Part of that sewer use is paying down their bond debt and they are still paying it down.

Commissioner Morse: So when we get the bill you think it should be cut in half, roughly? We budgeted \$310,000, so it should come in around \$147,000-\$150,000?

Tom Sym: Yes for six months. It is going to be \$30,000 less. There are about 600 units going to Stratford; they lower each unit around \$50 so that is \$30,000.

Commissioner Morse: It should put our ongoing budget in good shape.

Tom Sym: Yes. We should have a small surplus.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. 722 RIVER ROAD SEWER EXTENSION

No presentation was made for Item 5A: 722 River Road Sewer Extension

## B. FUSS & O'NEILL STATUS REPORT

Matt Jermine:

- >River Road Evaluation
- >Subsurface Exploration Project
- >Contacted utilities for underground infrastructure mapping
- >Tentatively scheduled to start June 20th

I just got a reply from the DOT about the program, and they want a little bit of information about how we are going to fix the holes, what we are going to do for a traffic detail; etc. The biggest thing is try to locate as best as we can off of the pavement, which we cannot plan to do that until we have the underground utility mapping. We are waiting on that, and that is the most important piece because we do not want to hit anything, and mark anything up and call before you dig and have to go back there a second time.

Chairman DeAngelis: If I read that right Matt, you did stations?

Matt Jermine: I just labeled them. Basically what we are going to do is take the utility mapping, whatever paper copies that we could get as we walk it. We are doing 6,800 feet.

Tom Sym: They may want a call from me.

Matt Jermine: That would probably be helpful.

Commissioner Morse: Call before you dig?

Matt Jermine: Call before you dig as opposed to calling the utilities individually and asking them if they could send over utility mapping. Tom's idea works really well; let's try that.

DEEP Odor Consent Oder

Waiting on good results from a second surprise inspection during the summer  
Last odor complaint on DEEP record was 2014

I would expect the DEEP to have one more surprise inspection during a really hot day in the summer when things are at their worst. Once that is done and everything is satisfactory, then they could start closing it out. They looked at their database, and the last odor complaint that they had was from 2014, which started everything so generally they are pretty happy and laid back.

Commissioner Morse: Did the bus company show up on their database?

Matt Jermine: I did not ask, but they did not say who the person was in 2014. I do

not really need to get too much into River Road right. I did look at the impact that this developer would contribute to our project, instead of having the WPCA do it alone. It does have some significant savings; the project costs for the force main part alone is basically cut in half. So on this overall project, you would be saving around \$2-\$3 million off of the \$7 million, so that has some impact. This is certainly a good reason to negotiate with them. Otherwise, that is all I have to present tonight.

Commissioner Morse: Last month you talked about the consent decree. It is going to get closed?

Matt Jermine: Yes the one that I am involved with is the odor. Tom is involved with the other one.

Tom Sym: So this sheet has the latest Hawk's Ridge, and whatever other allocations that we had made in the past?

Matt Jermine: Yes. That is the flow allocations by sewer shed.

Chairman DeAngelis: Just so everyone knows, Tom and I have a meeting with Planning & Zoning tomorrow, regarding the long range planning.

Tom Sym: Planning for the conservation and development. They are going to show which areas they think, that are going to get developed. Some people from conservation are also going to be there, for areas not to be developed.

Matt Jermine: Tom had a good idea on the phone and it may sound premature to do this, but there is no set aside for redirecting the flow back to the plant.

Tom Sym: We are talking another \$300,00.

Chairman DeAngelis: When we did that originally we did not think that was an option. Good point.

Tom Sym: It might not happen, either.

Matt Jermine: It is something that you cannot set a number to because it has not really been defined, if you are really doing it or not.

Commissioner Morse: Trumbull has just settled with Bridgeport; it is a 10-year deal and both of them have the option to opt out of it within 7 years. It is a graduated pay scale, but in 7 years either one of them written direction to the other party can opt out of the Bridgeport deal.

Chairman DeAngelis: Where do they think they are going to go? Through their own plant?

Commissioner Morse: I do not know; through some other town.

## Assignment Log

Chairman DeAngelis: So will you give us a new assignment log for July 1st?

Matt Jermine: What will happen is I will bring an authorization to sign for next year's budgets.

Commissioner Morse: Where does the aeration task stand?

Matt Jermine: We started working on that, and we started getting the CAD drawings together, for the drafting.

Commissioner Morse: We are going to try to do that with existing funds?

Matt Jermine: What that one, we are trying to make some great headway on that. So Mark will have the funds available to build the project.

I did put together some cost break downs and a cash flow analysis. I would feel more comfortable to have Virgil look them over, but I have two of them- one for River Road; that is shown as 2-year project. The treatment plan one shows us starting in June, continuing until next December. It the whole project, not just the design.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### A. BILLS RENDERED

1. FUSS & O'NEILL	\$8,893.43
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*A motion was made by Commissioner Morse to pay Fuss & O'Neill \$8,893.43.*

*Seconded by Commissioner Frolish. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.*

### B. SEWER ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Tom Sym: Last month we went up Hartford, and we met up with Neil Handler from the EPA, DEEP and the attorney. We asked them if we satisfied the consent decree, and they sent me back of list of things that were already apart of the consent decree. I have to come back with different dates when all of these things were completed, pull up on the different contracts, some of the things that I changed like different lining projects that were approved, we went out to do certain areas. Hopefully I can get this to them in a month and see if we can get this eliminated.

I had people come in from our sewer cleaning and televising company, who also did work on manhole rehab. I had identified 25 manholes around town, and they went in and took care of them, pulled some massive roots out of some of them. They fixed a couple that were leaking pretty; there were a couple that had no inverts at all where they had to go and climb down the manhole to shovel the stuff out. They built around

5 or 6 inverts and it came out good. Those were the known ones that we were aware of; anything that leaks badly, we are trying to get those taken care of for the I&I work. It is good that we clean up the roots, and they were causing blockages.

8. ADJOURNMENT

*A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer to adjourn the June 8, 2016 Regular WPCA meeting at 7:45 P.M.*

*Seconded by Commissioner Frolish. All were in favor and motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Brittany Gannon*

Brittany Gannon, WPCA Clerk