

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 9, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order by Commissioner DeAngelis at 7:00 p.m. in the Shelton City Hall, 54 Hill Street, Shelton, CT, 06484, on May 9, 2018.

The following Commissioners were present to constitute a quorum:

Commissioner G. Michael DeAngelis
Commissioner Stephen Morse
Commissioner Edwin Hellauer
Commissioner Stephen Chuckta
Commissioner Todd S. Dowty

Also in attendance were:

Thomas Sym, Sewer Administrator
Peter Pavone, Asst. Sewer Administrator
Ed Comboni, WPCP
Garritt Ogden, WPCP
Virgil Lloyd, Fuss & O'Neill
Matthew Jermine, Fuss & O'Neill

1 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one from the public wished to be heard.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2018

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

Regular Meeting of April 11, 2018

Seconded by Commissioner Morse. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

4 COMMUNICATIONS

A ASSISTANT TO WPCA REPORT

WPCA Report made by Peter Pavone. In April, there were 23 inspections due and 26 completed, of which 22 passed and 4 failed.

The four failures are: Elizabeth Shelton School, Long Hill School, Shelton High School and Shelton Intermediate School. They are rebuilding their grease stoppers.

Bella Pizzeria's motor is not working.

Outstanding businesses may stay on the books for some time. For example, Ruby Tuesday now pumps as often as each month, but tests will not be conducted each month.

The total pump station grease removal for April 2018 is 470 lbs. The trendline on the "Total Pump Station Grease Removal History" graph shows a trend increase to 30 lbs per day from December to today.

"Total Pump Station Grease Removal History" chart will be touched upon by Ed Comboni's report (4B the Superintendent's Report).

Commissioner Morse was thanked for creating graphs on grease pump removal information.

"Pump Station Grease Removal" has negative trendline since January 2011.

B SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report was delivered by Ed Comboni.

The average daily flow was 2.9 MGD; the peak flow for the month of March was 5.1 MGD.

Our effluent total nitrogen was 252 pounds per day. The limit was 106 pounds per day. Monthly sludge trucked was 19 dry tons.

We now have 83 months free from any accidents.

Our safety/training: Hand tool safety.

Our chemical consumables were 55 gallons/month of polymer; 125 pounds/month of bacteria; 500 gallons/month of neutralize; and 65 gallons/month of foam free.

Grease removal for April 2018: Upper Route 8, 90 lbs; Lower Route 8, 110 lbs; River Road, 100 lbs; Ladas Place, 90 lbs; Meadowlark, 80 lbs. Total grease removal in April 2018 was 470 lbs. The total in April 2017 was 440 lbs, with a delta of 30 lbs.

We had no noise complaints this month; we now have 68 months free from any noise complaints.

We had no state issued odor complaints at pump stations and the treatment plant this month; we now have 59 months free of any such odor complaints.

Preventive maintenance: weekly SBR maintenance; lube bar screen; lube main pumps; lube grit collection system; lube plant water system; and lube rotary drum thickener.

Corrective maintenance: Replaced overload for Motive pump#1/ burned up VFD for the same/ new one ordered; repaired starter for sludge mixer; repaired leak on hypo pump; repaired trash pump.

Future work resumed as of March 29th. Keep on top of all equipment and controls with daily checks, and repair anything as needed.

Reported overtime, including current projects. Prompted by questions by Commissioner DeAngelis, more information was given about the projects. Jermaine asked if the cleaning is done every three days, and Comboni said yes. There was a discussion concerning the types of items that get flushed down toilets, which must then be cleaned up.

In response to SPRs decreasing from four to three, Commissioner Morse asked if this will have an effect on nitrogen; the response was that this is uncertain. There was a discussion about the rebate.

Commissioner DeAngelis applauded Comboni and Ogden for their work with the WPCP. Commissioner Morse noted that it took a long time for operations to get "automatic."

Issues with the wet well were brought up. Commissioner DeAngelis asked when the wet wheel will get replaced. There was no answer to this, but the need for one was emphasized.

Discussion followed about pouring concrete for the wet well, a job taking much longer than anticipated to finish. The unanticipated time leads to more overtime needed.

C BUDGET WORKSHEET

By Commissioner Morse.

Commissioner Hellauer noted a difference of \$25,000.

D LETTER TO JOE FROLISH

Commissioner DeAngelis if there were any comments on the letter to Joe Frolish. There were none.

5 OLD BUSINESS

A FY 2018-2019 USER CHARGE RATE

Commissioner DeAngelis and Sym reported that the budget is no different than last year, and Sym noted the auditor's report attached to the budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dowty to approve the operational budget.

Seconded by Commissioner Hellauer. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morse to set the fiscal year 2018-2019 sewer user rate at \$198.00 per residential unit.

Seconded by Commissioner Chuckta. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

B FUSS & O'NEILL STATUS REPORT

The Fuss & O'Neill Status Report was delivered by Matthew Jermaine. Commissioner DeAngelis asked if pictures were taken of work being done, and Jermaine said yes.

Jermaine stated that his report would focus on the next 30 to 45 days. Jermaine said there have been issues with putting in the band screens, and issues with flow. Chipping out the grout has taken longer than expected. Once the old grout is removed, a new flat floor can be poured and other jobs can be performed.

Commissioner DeAngelis asked for the expected operational time and materials. Jermaine answered \$4000-\$5000 per day, with three full time workers and jackhammer equipment. This led to a discussion about who would oversee them. Alternative solutions included having the supervisor be Garritt Ogden, a younger engineer or someone from the Trumbull office. The notion of having a second foreman, or four workers total, was discredited for being excessive, and because four people may not comfortably fit in the workspace. It was proposed that they base future progress off the initial rate of work, while understanding that work should get easier and quicker as the project goes on.

Jermaine stated that the bypass project, which has already gone on for three weeks may take another three weeks; they should be done by the end of the month.

We are awaiting progress on the barscreen before putting SBR 4 back on line. Ogden stated that influent pumps are most important. There was talk about the general plan, including the use of generators. Budget will be had next month.

Questions were asked about the construction project. Sym asked if the contractor is behind by their own work pace and not because of extra work. The contractor is behind by their own work pace, but extra work is anticipated to come. Jermaine said that the contract runs through January or February, and no need for a time extension is foreseen. One possible reason for an extension is extra grout that no one knew was in the work area. Commissioner DeAngelis stated that if the contractors are not on a critical path, there should be no need for a time extension, except for money.

5C INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Existing connections will not be effected; only new owners will pay new connection rates. Commissioner DeAngelis believes that, for the purpose of connections, a two family house should pay the same rate as a lot with many more families living on it. Sym disagreed, referring to the agreement, and specifically referring to changes in a property's zoning. Jermaine asked if the charges from Stratford are to individual properties or to the city; they are to the city.

Lloyd brought up the Clean Water Act, and suggested that Shelton follow the example of others, and charge property owners differently based on how much they use the sewers. Sym stated that this is in Corporation Council's hands. DeAngelis suggested that Corporation Council be present at the next meeting.

Discussion was held to prepare ourselves for possible actions by Stratford and the developer. It was asked if it is the developer's responsibility to reach out to Stratford; Commissioner Morse responded that it is a gray area, based on the agreement, concerning flow of sewage and any future flow. The developer has reached out to Stratford and, according to, Commissioner DeAngelis, he's coming back to us. Commissioner Morse said that the developer is stuck. Sym said this issue is in zoning hands.

Commissioner DeAngelis stated that we do not have sufficient information to make decisions tonight on the Boat Yard and on charging. He will call our attorney, and the head of P&Z.

6 NEW BUSINESS

A BILLS RENDERED

1. C.H. NICKERSON: \$491,501.01

A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer to pay C.H. Nickerson \$491,501.01.

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

2. FUSS & O'NEILL: \$6,549.75

A motion was made by Commissioner Morse to pay Fuss & O'Neill \$6,549.75.

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

B SEWER ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Sewer Administrator's Report made by Tom Sym.

The bid for manhole raising went out. There were two bidders, and the contract went out to the lower bidder. The contract is for three years.

Another bid went out for cleaning and televising. In discussion, Lloyd knows someone in the television business. Commissioner Hellauer asked if our television equipment is used; Sym replied that they are occasionally used, in emergencies.

7 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

No financial statement was made.

8 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer to adjourn the May 9, 2018 Regular WPCA meeting at 8:00 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Cleri, WPCA Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING
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The Public Hearing of the Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order by Commissioner at 6:45 P.M. in the Shelton City Hall, 54 Hill Street, Shelton, CT. 06484, on May 9, 2018.

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Water Pollution Control Authority of the City of Shelton, Connecticut will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday May 9, 2018 at 6:45 P.M. in Room 305 of the Shelton City Hall at 54 Hill Street, Shelton, Connecticut to consider the sewer user rate for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The user charge rate will be based on the Wastewater Operational Budget.

A copy of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget is on file with the City/Town Clerk's Office and available for public inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

All affected property owners shall be heard.

G. Michael DeAngelis
Water Pollution Control Authority

Chairman DeAngelis declared the Public Hearing open. Although there was no one from the public, Chairman DeAngelis asked:

"Is there anyone from the public who wishes to be heard?"

“Does anyone wish to be heard?”
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No one stepped forward and the public hearing was declared closed.

ADJOURNMENT

The public hearing was closed at 6:55 P.M.

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