

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
April 10, 2019**

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, Rm #305, 54 Hill Street, Shelton, CT, 06484, on April 10, 2019.

The following Commissioners were present to constitute a quorum:

Commissioner G. Michael DeAngelis
Commissioner Stephen Morse
Commissioner Edwin Hellauer
Commissioner Stephen Chuckta

Also in attendance were:

Thomas Sym, Sewer Administrator
Peter Pavone, Asst. Sewer Administrator
Ed Comboni, WPCP
Garritt Ogden, WPCP

Excused:

Commissioner Donald Ramia
Matthew Jermin, 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

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

Regular Meeting of March 13, 2019.

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

4.) COMMUNICATIONS

A ASSISTANT TO WPCA REPORT

WPCA Monthly FOG Status Report prepared by Peter Pavone was distributed to the members.

For February and March 2019, 41 monthly inspections were due and 42 were completed, of which 38 passed and 4 failed.

For February and March 2019, 24 indoor trap inspections were done and 22 passed and 2 failed. There were 3 outdoor trap inspections and 3 passed and 0 failed.

The Average Monthly Nitrogen Balance Sheet was reviewed. The calendar year average through 3/31/2019 is 143 lbs/day, which is higher than the limit of 106.

Mr. Pavone stated that he has been working on scanning the map books to have the information electronically filed and available for research needs and public inquiries.

B SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report for March 2019 was delivered by Ed Comboni.

The average daily flow was 3.0 MGD; the peak flow for was 3.3 MGD

Our effluent total nitrogen was 172 pounds per day. The limit was 106 pounds per day. Monthly sludge trucked was 3.5 dry tons.

Under safety, there were no lost time accidents or First Aid cases.

Our safety/training: Electrical Safety.

Our chemical consumables were 20 gallons/month of polymer; 175 pounds/month of bacteria; 50 gallons/month of neutralize; 35 gallons/month of foam free; and gallons/month of NaOCL were not specified.

We now have 79 months free from any noise complaints.

We now have 9 months free from odor complaints at the pump stations and the treatment plant.

Grease removal: Upper Route 8, 100 lbs; Lower Route 8, 140 lbs; River Road, 90 lbs; Ladas Place, 100 lbs; and Meadowlark, 90 lbs. Total grease removal was 530 lbs. The total in February 2018 was 395 lbs, with a delta of 135 lbs.

Preventive maintenance: Weekly SBR maintenance; lube bar screen/band screen and clean filters; lube main pumps; lube grit collection system; lube plant water system; and lube rotary drum thickener.

Corrective Maintenance: Removed faulty starter on main pump#3. Remove motor for main pump #3, serviced, tested and new bearings - reinstall. Replace charger on Ladas Place generator. Repair bandscreen basket filter.

2019 SBR Work Schedule: Project will restart April 29th. Tank#1 will be taken down the week prior.

Future work consists of keeping on top of all equipment and controls with daily checks, and repairs to anything as needed.

Overtime Management report was reviewed. Reasons cited as scheduled or reports for the WPCA.

Next month, the disinfection with NaOCL will start. It was noted that the nitrogen report does reflect higher than allowed but it is anticipated that with the completion of the construction, that number will go down.

C BUDGET WORKSHEET

Received worksheet. Reviewed briefly. The estimated revenue is anticipated to be higher than has been received to date. By end of year the actual revenue is expected to be received to cover the projected expenses.

D BUDGET 2019-2020

Members reviewed the Budget Summary. Overtime is increased due to the anticipated construction. The State of Connecticut fee for Nutrient Reduction is anticipated at \$170,792. This was calculated based on the estimate of nitrogen numbers for the year. Reasonable reductions were made in various line items to compensate for the added expenditures. There is a projected increase of \$59,256. With that cost increase, the revenue will have to be adjusted with a modest increase to the usage fee rate.

E TOWN OF STRATFORD LETTER

Chairman DeAngelis received a response to his letter sent last month. Christopher Tymniak, Stratford Assistant Administrator replied on March 13, 2019.

Dear Chairman DeAngelis:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 28, 2019.

Your assumptions stated in your letter are not correct and should not be blindly relied upon by your commission.

The amount of flow that your commission can discharge into the Stratford sewer system is controlled by contract and/or affirmative action of the Stratford WPCA, not by studies or statements in minutes. Presently, the only agreement existing between the parties, that I am aware of, is an agreement dated May 17, 1983. If you are aware of any other agreements or documents that may be instructive, relevant or controlling, please let me know.

Moreover, the Stratford WPCA is in the process of reviewing its system and is not able to answer to your question. Once it has completed its study, however, representatives from the Stratford WPCA are willing to meet with representatives from your commission to discuss the matter. It would be advisable for the parties to memorialize any new agreement into a new interlocal agreement.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

The reply leaves the questions by the Shelton WPCA unresolved regarding any development that would utilize the Stratford system. There is no indication when their review will be finished. The Chair and Mr. Sym will continue to pursue communication with Stratford.

5.) OLD BUSINESS

A PUBLIC HEARING FY 2019-2020 SEWER USE RATE

A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer to set the public hearing for Wednesday, May 8, 2019 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, 2019 to June 30, 2020 based on the budget.

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

B. FUSS & O'NEILL STATUS REPORT

Mr. Jermine was excused this evening.

6.) NEW BUSINESS

A. BILLS RENDERED

1.) FUSS & O'NEILL

A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer and seconded by Commissioner Chuckta to pay Fuss & O'Neill \$10,740.50 for invoice #0210693 dated April 4, 2019 as presented. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

2.) C.H. NICKERSON

No invoice was presented this evening.

B. SEWER ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Reported by Tom Sym.

Mr. Sym continues to monitor the budget and estimate the nitrogen charge.

7.) FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The statement was reviewed briefly. Mr. Sym noted the financial advance from the general city fund to WPCA. He indicated that the members should discuss a partial reimbursement payment during the budget discussions next month.

8.) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer to adjourn the April 10, 2019 Regular WPCA meeting at 7:30 pm. and seconded by Commissioner Chuckta. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted
Karen Kemmesies**