

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 8, 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 June 12, 2019.

The following Commissioners were present to constitute a quorum:

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

Also in attendance were:

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

Excused:

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**

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

**Public Hearing of May 8, 2019.**

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

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

**Regular Meeting of May 8, 2019.**

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

*Stephanie D. Fournier*

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TOWN CLERK

#### **4.) COMMUNICATIONS**

##### A ASSISTANT TO WPCA REPORT

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

For May 2019, 28 monthly inspections were due and 13 were completed, of which 11 passed and 2 failed (Barra for pump frequency and ACT Spooner House for motor not functioning correctly).

There were four establishments added – Tacomida, Brightview Shelton Senior Living, Romeo's Dell & Grill and Addeo's and no deletions.

For May 2019, 10 indoor trap inspections were done and 9 passed and 1 failed. There were 3 outdoor trap inspections and 2 passed and 1 failed.

The Average Monthly Nitrogen Balance Sheet was reviewed. The calendar year average through 5/31/2019 is 141 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.

##### B SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

The average daily flow was 3.2 MGD; the peak flow for was 3.8 MGD

Our effluent total nitrogen was 161 pounds per day. The limit was 106 pounds per day. Monthly sludge trucked was 3 dry tons.

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

Our safety/training: Heat stress/Hydration

Our chemical consumables were 40 gallons/month of polymer; 175 pounds/month of bacteria; 50 gallons/month of neutralize; 75 gallons/month of foam free; and 3011 gallons/month of NaOCL.

We now have 81 months free from any noise complaints.

We now have 11 months free from odor complaints at the pump stations and the treatment plant.

Grease removal: Upper Route 8, 100 lbs; Lower Route 8, 130 lbs; River Road, 80 lbs; Ladas Place, 80 lbs; and Meadowlark, 80 lbs. Total grease removal was 470 lbs. The total in May 2018 was 460 lbs, with a delta of 10 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: Pull and replace River Rd pump for repair (impeller), warranty repair of band screen bearing, service Meadowlark and Bears Sawmill generators and R&R motive pump #1.

2019 SBR Work Schedule: Currently installing air diffusers in SBR#1.

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, reports for the WPCA and there was a power failure on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Members asked the progress on the blowers. Conversations are continuing with Mr. Jermine and the contractor although the issue remains unresolved.

### C BUDGET WORKSHEET

Received worksheet. Reviewed briefly. Commissioner Morse noted that revenue has leveled off and is lower than estimated. Expenditures are also lower than estimated. Revenue is not expected to rise significantly in the closing month of the fiscal year. Expenditures will be monitored carefully.

Commissioner Morse recommended that Nickerson not be paid any further until the blowers are fixed. The matter has been lingering for months without resolution.

### **5.) OLD BUSINESS**

#### A FUSS & O'NEILL STATUS REPORT

Mr. Jermine was excused this evening.

### **6.) NEW BUSINESS**

A. APPLICATION – Riverbreeze Apartments No one was present and the matter was tabled.

#### B. BILLS RENDERED

##### 1.) C.H. NICKERSON

Application #14 for period 12/1/2018 to May 31, 2019 dated June 7, 2019 in the amount of \$20,900.

Commissioner DeAngelis and Mr. Sym noted that the invoice being submitted this evening is for a period 12/1/2018 through 5/31/2019. Work has been performed and there is retainage that is calculated into the contract. The blowers were specified by the City and the issue remains with the supplier of the equipment not Nickerson. Commissioner DeAngelis suggested that Nickerson be advised that future invoices could be withheld if the blower matter is not resolved.

Commissioner Morse felt that some action was needed to encourage completion on the matter of the blowers. He was concerned that too much time has already gone by and he continued to insist that payment should be withheld.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer to pay C.H. Nickerson \$20,900.00 for application #14 dated June 7, 2019 as presented. No second was made and the motion failed.**

**2.) FUSS & O'NEILL**

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.

Mr. Sym indicated Mr. Jermine will be seeking to enter into the next fiscal year's contract for his ongoing services. Mr. Sym mentioned that due to budget restraints it may be necessary to place him on an on-call basis rather than the set annual contract. Looking forward there are a number of applications anticipated but the timing for receiving the application fees could not be predicted at this time.

Commissioner Hellauer noted that there have been a number of projects that he would consider to be capital improvements that have been paid through the WPCA budget. He questioned whether those costs could be shouldered by the City. Mr. Sym indicated that he could research that suggestion with Corporation Counsel.

The Nickerson invoice was revisited.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer and seconded by Stephen Chuckta to pay C.H. Nickerson \$20,900.00 for application #14 dated June 7, 2019 as presented. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Sym reviewed anticipated summer work. Yearly there are cleanings and TVing of lines. Manholes will be repaired. He anticipates raising approximately 30 manholes.

Commissioner Chuckta asked the status of Baingan. Mr. Pavone indicated that he continues to oversee the problem. A letter has been sent insisting that the matter be corrected. A professional service to do the necessary cleaning with the cost falling upon them appears to be necessary. Another avenue may be to reach out to the Health Department to explore any violations. This has been an ongoing problem that is escalating with each inspection.

**7.) FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The statement was reviewed briefly.

**8.) ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer to adjourn the June 12, 2019 Regular WPCA meeting at 7:45 pm. and seconded by Commissioner Ramia. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted**

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