

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2017

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 January 11, 2017.

The following Commissioners were present to constitute a quorum:

Commissioner Michael DeAngelis
Commissioner Stephen Morse
Commissioner Joseph Frolish
Commissioner Donald Ramia
Commissioner Steve Chuckta
Commissioner Edwin Hellauer

Also in attendance were:

Thomas Sym, Sewer Administrator
Pete Pavone – Asst. Sewer Administrator
Edward Comboni - WPCP
Garritt Ogden- WPCP
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 NOVEMBER 9, 2016

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

Regular Meeting of November 9, 2016

Seconded by Commissioner Ramia, with an abstention from Commissioner Hellauer. A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. ASSISTANT TO WPCA REPORT

Pete Pavone: Looking at the FOG Report for the months of November and December, we had 29 inspections that were due in November and 12 due in December. There were 31 that were completed in November and 15 completed in December. Out of those totals: 29 passing establishments and 2 failures in November; 15 passing establishments in December and no failures. Big Y was an add to the FOG Report for the month of November, as well as Jack's Café which has been replaced by Jack's Café. Bricks and Barley is now closed, along with Café Plus and Huntington Street Café.

We now have numerous places pumping once per month or twice per month. We had increased it to twice per month for Chili's, Ruby Tuesdays and Longhorn Steakhouse. Outback Steakhouse is still pumping once per month.

The other item I am working on is Infonet, as to generating the necessary data that we need for possible realigning of the Route 8 interceptor, and the Laurel Heights interceptor. I had generated all of the maps; I am working on a number of inverts coming in so when we line it we will be able to conform the bidding on it.

Commissioner Morse asked Peter Pavone to add to the existing report, the number of indoor and outdoor traps- there are approximately 43 outdoor traps and 98 indoor traps. Another project was delivering a log book to all of the people who have indoor traps; AGRUs

B. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The average daily flow was 2.0MGD; the peak flow for the month of December was 2.3 MGD.

Our effluent total nitrogen was 123 pounds per day. The limit was 106 pounds per day. We pumped out 71,500 gallons of sludge to Hartford.

We now have had 67 months free from any accidents.

Our safety/training: Back/ Lifting safety

Our chemical consumables were approximately the same. Sodium hypochlorite is not used because the season has expired.

The grease removal for Upper Route 8 was 80 pounds in November and 90 pounds in December, Lower Route 8: 80 pounds in November and 140 pounds in December, River Road: 100 pounds in November and 100 pounds in December, Ladas Place was 80 pounds in November and 90 pounds in December; and Meadowlark was 70 pounds in November and 70 pounds in December.

Comparing November 2015, the total was 510 pounds, and in November 2016, the total amount of grease was 410 pounds. Comparing December 2015, the total was 380 pounds, and in December 2016, the total amount of grease was 490 pounds.

We have had 0 complaints this month, making it a total of 52 months free of noise complaints.

We have had 0 odor complaints, which brings us to 43 months of no state-issued odor complaints.

The daily maintenance was basically the same. The corrective maintenance included servicing all generators, replaced garage door motor, repaired #4 waste pump and replaced coupling on #4 motive pump.

The future work includes replace seal on #1 Main pump, potable water line replacement, SCADA upgrade (ongoing), rebuild #2 motive pump, rebuild #1 and #2 pump at Bridgeport Avenue Station, and pull pump at Meadowlark Station to verify numbers.

Overtime Management for the same was the approximately the same as usual.

C. BUDGET WORKSHEET

Commissioner Morse: It was received in your packet; there were also a graph: Revenue vs. Actuals 2016-17 as well. The green line represents the actual revenue, which are sewer fees and we are in good shape there. The yellow line represents the total WPCA Estimated Expenses, the red line represents the actual expenses. There is a gap between the green and the red lines due to Tom needing to do more work on his line item. The Accounting Department has not added all of the revenue, labor expenses, employee insurance, dental plan, etc. That is why we show a gap in the expenses; we have the money but the Accounting Department has not caught up with their responsibilities.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. ASPETUCK VILLAGE REQUEST – no one present from Aspetuck Village

Chairman DeAngelis: I spoke to Tom Welch, and I think that this was out there five years ago that we do not have a problem accepting it.

Tom Sym: On an emergency basis- they set up a fund and if necessary we will respond.

Chairman DeAngelis: He did agree with our discussion that we had because you cannot

just say \$2,000; that does not mean anything. You need to attach hours and rates to it. He is going to work on something and then return it to you and I to look at.

Tom Sym: I think we had agreed five years ago to go into agreement if they wanted to accept it. At the time they did not want to accept it, and they wanted us to take over that line and own it. Now they are just saying they want us to respond in the case of an emergency. I believe that is probably what DEEP wants on all of these private communities.

Commissioner Morse: Are they under the same rules that we are with DEEP? You would need to report an overflow?

Tom Sym: No. We have an agreement with Sunwood Condominiums because of that easement that runs through there and we continue the line. The other line runs the top of Sunwood, out of Regent, Bristol, into L'Hermitage, Basking Brook. So we do own that line. We have an agreement with Sunnyside mobile park, in case their pump system goes down we would intervene and have it fixed.

Chairman DeAngelis: The discussion that I had with Tom Welch and with Tom Sym, you would put \$2,000 in an escrow?

Tom Sym: Yes.

Chairman DeAngelis: My only comment with the \$2,000 in the escrow by my calculations gets you 3 hours of the truck, which includes Tom Sym, three guys from the plant, plus the truck. In general, the \$2,000 is not a bad starting point, but what happens if you clean it in two hours? What if you do not clean it for 5 or six hours, and you only have \$2,000 in escrow? Do you only ask for the \$2,000 that only covers you for those 3 hours in the truck?

Tom Sym: I would start out with the \$2,000.

Commissioner Hellauer: What happens when a section of pipe fails and it needs to get repaired?

Tom Sym: That is part of our agreement; they are responsible. All we need to do is act if an emergency occurs.

Chairman DeAngelis: Tom Welch agreed that you would need to place hours and rates attached to it. If you exceed the \$2,000, how do you collect the money since it is from an association?

Commissioner Morse: Why don't we recommend to have them establish an agreement with a private guy, rather than with the City?

Tom Sym: This is what we had agreed on five years ago.

Chairman DeAngelis: It is not that difficult to enter into this agreement.

Tom Sym: I have not heard of a backup over there. It is all PVC pipes so it should not be a problem.

Chairman DeAngelis: We will work out the details and let you know what is going on for the next meeting.

B. HAWK'S RIDGE APPLICATION

Michael O'Bymachow, Nowakowski, O'Bymachow, Kane & Associates- Land Surveying and Engineering

We are here tonight for re-subdividing Lot 54 of the Hawk's Ridge subdivision, that we did north of this project. What we are proposing is two separate parcels: Parcel 54A we are proposing a 160-unit Senior Housing Project. Parcel 54B we are proposing a 60-unit parcel, Independent Senior Housing complex.

I highlighted how the laterals from the existing buildings are going to go to the existing storm drainage. At the recommendation of Tom Sym, our Engineer, would like to have a 10-inch line from manhole 18, to proposed manhole: Beard Saw Mill Road into the existing manhole there.

Also on Parcel 54B, we are proposing an 8-inch line to the existing sanitary manhole to the east of the property. Proposed grease trap for each of the manholes.

Chairman DeAngelis: You have an application for the both of them because you are breaking the parcel up?

Michael O'Bymachow: Yes that is correct: 54A and 54B. 54A is the larger building, and 54B is the smaller building.

Chairman DeAngelis: What is the status from P&Z? You have P&Z checked off, so you obviously saw Rick and Ruth. Do they think it is okay for a PDD?

AJ Grasso: This was already approved as a PDD, for 196 assisted living units. There is a current WPCA approval, that was approved during the original approval process. This was going back to Planning & Zoning for a final detail plan approval. We brought this in around 3 years ago. At that point, the footprint of the building was slightly different and that was pretty much the only difference.

C. FUSS & O'NEILL STATUS REPORT

1. HIGH EFFICIENCY AERATION TO REDUCE SEWAGE TREATMENT

- a. Fine Bubble Diffusers
- b. Scum Removal System

- c. Additional Blowers

- d. Air Filtration Modifications

- e. Pipe Insulation Repair

- f. Tank Wall Drains

- g. Energy Efficiency Grant Funding

Tom Sym: I had a meeting with the Mayor last week. I was talking to Gene Sullivan about getting a waiver of bid from the Board of Aldermen to buy a car. Gene said the Mayor wanted to talk to me, and first he said he wanted to look at D'Addario. Then he said that they were getting rid of a car at the Highways Garage. I then spoke to George Stachowicz. The Mayor said that Pete could use that orange truck for now. I said no. Supposedly he is supposed to get this SUV from George, which he is using it right now.

I then asked about the \$2.4 million appropriation. I sent a memo to the Finance Director, and then I gave him the cash flow report. I spoke to the Mayor and he agreed to take this out of the General Fund. He then started to ask if we had an engineer for this, and I said yes we entered into a contract. He then asked if Corporation Counsel had looked at this, and I said no. The Mayor then said you are basically on your own, so that is where we are at. I mentioned to him that we would pick up the engineering fees. The actual construction is going to get bid out, and to take that out of the General Fund. It was the end of discussion.

Chairman DeAngelis: We kept him on board for all of these months. I called him today or yesterday afternoon and he did not call me back. Do you know why he did not call me back? It was because he knew what I was going to say. It is not right to be pulling the plug on something like that, that you were involved in for the past 6 to 8 months. It is unacceptable that he turns around and does that to us. If you do not like what we did, then say something, call someone or call me.

Tom Sym: I told the Mayor that I looked at all of the lining for both interceptor lines, and I need to line around 20,000 feet of sewer. I brought him the videos and maps and that is a \$2 million job right there.

Commissioner Hellauer: What was the answer to that?

Tom Sym: He said to leave him the stuff and he was going to look at it.

Chairman DeAngelis: I am just more upset that he had dropped us.

Tom Sym: For another year and a half, with this year's surplus we are going to be up to \$1.8 million in the Sinking Fund. There is no reason for us to put it on hold because we are going to continue to collect around \$100,000 out of Big Y, and another \$100,000 from other developments just this year. So I think we will have enough to handle it.

Commissioner Hellauer: You need to make sure the payback accounts need to get into our accounts, and not the General Fund, on this project. Everyone is going to get assessed for this sewer line that we are talking about.

Tom Sym: We are not going to sponsor the Sportsman Drive sewer line. We present it, and recommend it to the Board of Aldermen that they sponsored it.

Chairman DeAngelis: We have sponsored it the other years.

Tom Sym: We sponsored it when we had money. Right now we are looking at \$240,000 in the Special Assessments Account. That is not going to cover this. We are going to take the engineering fees out of it, the preliminary design. All that we can do is recommend it to the Board of Aldermen to approve it.

2. SPORTSMAN DRIVE SEWER EXTENSION

- a. Completed Wetland Flagging & Mapping
- b. Preparing Plan & Profile Sheets this month
- c. Motion to approve the "Sportsman Drive Sewer Extension" task amendment in the amount of \$32,400.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morse to approve the Sportsman Drive Sewer Extension task amendment, in the amount of \$32,400, out of the revolving Sewer Account. In addition, the invoices for this project need to be separated in order to paid out of the proper account.

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

Tom Sym: We would want the invoices for this project separate so we can pay them from the proper account.

3. CENTER STREET RELIEF SEWER

- a. Preparing Plan & Profile Sheets this month

4. FY 16-17 MONTHLY BUDGET SHEET

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. BILLS RENDERED

1. FUSS & O'NEILL \$7,499.25

A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer to pay Fuss & O'Neill \$7,499.25.

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

2. FUSS & O'NEILL \$7,245.13

A motion was made by Commissioner Morse to pay Fuss & O'Neill \$7,245.13.

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

3. FUSS & O'NEILL \$13,433.72

A motion was made by Commissioner Ramia to pay Fuss & O'Neill \$13,433.72.

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

B. SEWER ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Chairman DeAngelis: We do not have much money in the Special Assessments Account, do we Tom?

Tom Sym: Right, that is where the sewer benefit expenses come from. That amount is not going to cover the project. They are still building houses, and we are still collecting connection fees.

They are still building onto Big Y. They are building the Downtown Bridge Street, five-story building. We are going to be collecting more connection fees within the next six months.

Chairman DeAngelis: We can be building a new plant in a couple of years due to all of the PDD's. You cannot keep up with the influx of people now.

Tom Sym: According to AJ Grasso, they have approved a certain number last time. I believe it was around 30,000 gallons per day. We had quite a bit of development up to this point, and we are still hovering around 2 MGD. So even adding a couple of larger developments, I think it is going to make a big dent.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Morse to adjourn the January 11, 2017 Regular WPCA meeting at 8:15 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Gannon

Brittany Gannon, WPCA Clerk