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Regular Meeting

April 6, 2016

Present: Nunzio Parente, Chairman
Carmine Durante
Andrew Geruntho
William Nimons
Ken Plavnicky
Charles Stowe, 1st Ward Alderman
Robert Turschmann

Others in Attendance: Rita St. Jacques
Richard Bshara
Brian Capozzi
John Tomasella, Shift Operator
Joan Radin, 5th Ward Alderwoman

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chairman Parente.

All present rose and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

The secretary called the roll. There was a quorum present.

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Approval of Minutes

Alderman Stowe made a motion to accept as written and place on file the minutes of the March 2, 2016 Regular meeting. Mr. Durante seconded. All in favor so carried.

Public Session

Chairman Parente asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the Commission.

Mr. Michael D'Alessio, Supt. of PWD was present. He said he is not on the agenda but he is here this evening because he received a letter from the Commission asking him to attend.

Mr. D'Alessio said he can show where WPCA and Public Works took care of billing for 10 years. He has records for 10 years where any sewer backups Public Works went out and took care of the backups and at the end of the year the overtime bill was sent to WPCA and WPCA paid the OT to Public Works. Any damages to the property, WPCA paid.

Mr. D'Alessio said the bills always went to WPCA. The Overtime bill for 1 year went to WPCA from Public Works Dept. WPCA sent a check to Public Works Dept. He said this is what he found because he wants to get to the bottom of this with WPCA. Someone has to pay the bills. There are residents calling because the bills aren't paid.

Mr. Durante said he has been on the Board for 3 to 4 years and he has never seen this happen. The first time he saw this was last month.

Mr. D'Alessio said he spoke to Terri Robison who was secretary for 30 years at PWD and she said PWD never paid for anything. Last year Mr. Novak paid for the generator and discarded the \$6000.

Alderman Stowe said basically it needs to be clear as to who is responsible for the sewer backups. He quoted sections from last month's meeting minutes discussing the responsibility for the sewer backups – WPCA or PWD. He said this has to be cleared up. It seems to be vague in the Charter. At the time the plant was rebuilt there was one Supt. for PWD and WPCA.

Mr. Parente said it may be prudent to have an attorney come and interpret what the Charter means. He said the Board discussed that last month.

There was discussion on what the Charter says and what it means. The commissioners agree that there should be an interpretation of the Charter and the proper way to handle the sewer backups. There should be dialogue to decide what the procedure is going forward.

Mr. D'Alessio said there would be time wasted with an attorney. The WPCA should look at past practice and the reasons why we don't know what happened recently.

Chairman Parente said he is in favor of hiring an attorney not just for this problem but for the future. He said the WPCA and PWD should sit down and hash out the problems among themselves and commit to a resolution. He said this is not the place to do this. There should be a meeting where the members can sit down and go over all of the issues and come to an agreement. It has to be a give and take on both side.

Chairman Parente said for the record he is available on Wednesday, April 13th for a meeting to sit down and put a meeting together with both parties. He is available anytime. He said to Mr. D'Alessio invite the people and he will be there. Wednesday at 1:00 p.m., tell him where and he will be there for the discussion.

Alderman Stowe asked who will be at the meeting to interpret all of this. He doesn't want to deprive PWD either but who will make an honest, unbiased decision.

A discussion followed on the above. Alderman Stowe said there are a lot of concerns and everything has to be worked out. Chairman Parente said that PWD said to WPCA if there is a backup WPCA needs to pay for it. Past practice was the WPCA paid and they would like WPCA to continue to pay. He said it was eliminated from the budget and nothing was written down because it was verbal. He said Mr. D'Alessio can invite whoever he wants to the meeting so we can resolve this issue.

Alderman Stowe said the Charter is unclear and we are supposed to operate by Charter.

Chairman Parente said the Charter isn't unclear.

Mr. Nimons said he read the Charter and the City of Ansonia is responsible for the sewer lines meaning Public Works Dept.

Mr. Durante said past practices – things we are not doing anymore – we should have counsel come in and set it up for us. Then bring it to the Board and we have to make a decision.

Chairman Parente said it doesn't matter who comes in. They have to form a blue print and present it to us. We can't solve it here. The process has to begin and then come to the Board.

Alderman Stowe said his belief is we need to follow the intent of the Charter. He said if there is nothing in the Charter then WPCA has to figure something out because we have a responsibility to the taxpayers. We can't have a discussion on what to do after there is a backup. We have to have a plan and a contingency fund so that the people's property will be cleaned up.

Chairman Parente said he is not trying to put this off but we need a starting point. How are we going to do this, we need a plan. PWD is saying WPCA will pay for the cleanup and the former PWD Supt. wouldn't work with WPCA. This is not the meeting to have this discussion.

Mr. Nimons said if a resident has a backup they should contact their insurance company and they should contact WPCA and PWD regarding payment.

There was discussion on the last backup when Public Works and City of Ansonia said they would take care of the cost. Public Works came to WPCA and asked if WPCA could help out with the cost. The resident picked the contractor and refused to get bids on the work. Mr. D'Alessio said he told the resident to contact her insurance company so the City of Ansonia could negotiate with the contractor. Chairman Parente said that the resident would not get the three estimates and would not allow the lowest bidder do the work. Chairman Parente said that WPCA and PWD should have a blueprint on how to respond to these calls. Mr. D'Alessio said that his department is out there the next day as is WPCA.

Chairman Parente said this is not the forum to discuss this. He said there is a meeting for next Wednesday. Anything that is suggested and brought up will be brought back to the WPCA Board.

The Commissioners discussed past procedure, the Charter, and hiring an attorney to resolve some of these issues. Chairman Parente stated the Board should begin with a blueprint on paper from the beginning to the end of the process when there is a sewer backup.

Mr. Plavnicky asked if there is another Charter that governs WPCA.

Mr. Nimons said the Commissioners should read the section in the Charter that covers this. He said you can have three lawyers and you will receive three different interpretations. The first thing someone should do that has a sewer backup is call their insurance carrier. WPCA should not be involved.

Chairman Parente said somewhere there has to be someone to start a process and WPCA will be involved. He said Mr. D'Alessio is holding a meeting next Wednesday April 13, 2016.

Alderman Stowe said you are discussing a procedure but there is still an issue that is the center of everything. There is still the problem of the Charter and who is responsible to pay for the damages and cleanup.

Chairman Parente said if WPCA has to make a concession, we'll make it. He said we want to make the right decision for Ansonia citizens. The ball is in Mr. D'Alessio's court. He advised him to invite whoever he wants.

Mr. D'Alessio said he had no one to invite.

Chairman Parente suggested he invite the WPCA Board members and anyone else he thinks should be there. The date of the meeting is Wednesday, April 13th at noon at Public Works. Mr. D'Alessio will send out the invitations to the meeting.

Chairman Parente asked three (3) times if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the Commission. There being no one, he closed the public session.

Sewer Administrator's Report (copy on file in the Town Clerk's office)

Rita St. Jacques, Sewer Administrator was present.

Ms. St. Jacques reviewed her report with the Commissioners. There is an informational letter from DEEP for the commissioner's to review, and an informational copy of a claim from property owner at 50 Elaine Drive. This claim was forwarded to Brian Capozzi. The expenditure report and the Due to Due From report is in the packet. She said there was a decrease in the medical expenses so there is a \$264.31 medical adjustment.

Mr. Bshara explained the City changed insurance plans and Anthem refunded back the difference paid. The Teamster's charge the same amount per employee.

Chairman Parente asked if the \$7050 is an increase or decrease.

Mr. Bshara said he believes it is a decrease.

Ms. St. Jacques stated the Bank balances are also in the packet. Marshall Davies collection has increased from last year March 2015 (\$40,797.92) to this year March 2016 (\$48,348.94). She said Marshall Davies inquired as to how WPCA wants him to proceed with collection on the Ansonia Copper & Brass and Cook Industrial Park accounts. He said CT statutes allows for the sale of property with liens.

Chairman Parente asked about the Ansonia Copper & Brass and Cooks Industrial accounts and why there are not in collection.

Ms. St. Jacques stated they were told not to pursue collection on those two accounts by the Administration.

Alderman Stowe said that Corporation Counsel Marini offered to discuss that with the Board.

Chairman Parente said right now City of Ansonia has a plan. In the plan we said we'll wait. There were discussions with Corporation Counsel and they were very close to being on schedule. He said WPCA doesn't have anything to lose by waiting. He said in his opinion WPCA doesn't suffer by waiting to see the deal between City of Ansonia and Ansonia Copper & Brass.

Mr. Nimons asked if these are old liens.

Chairman Parente said they are 10 years old.

Mr. Nimons said in 15 years these liens will go away as uncollectable. Marshall Davies is correct.

Alderman Stowe discussed the CT Land Bank. They find out about pollution and find businesses interested and they are supposed to take care of the cleanup. This fellow is dragging his feet on the cleanup and owes the City money and the City should receive it.

Chairman Parente said if you have questions on the deal with Ansonia Copper & Brass, you should voice your dissent with what the City is doing.

Alderman Stowe said the deal told last year was the City of Ansonia will waive up to \$400,000 of the taxes if they cleaned up the area up to \$400,000 in cleanup cost. He said the City doesn't have any agreement with them.

Chairman Parente said Ansonia will end up with the land or the money. He said Alderman Stowe is an alderman and should bring it up.

The discussion continued on the agreement that was approved by the Board of Aldermen for the Ansonia Copper & Brass regarding the contamination and the payment of taxes.

Mr. Nimons stated that this has to be settled before the 15 years.

Alderman Stowe said there is no pressure from the WPCA on that property. The pressure is with the back taxes. The owner is not following the arrangements agreed upon with the City. The property owner is not doing anything for WPCA. He said bringing it up at the Board of Aldermen would not be constructive.

Chairman Parente said they have a deal with the City of Ansonia, not with WPCA. What should we do?

The commissioners discussed the above and how the WPCA should proceed to collect the past due money for this account.

Ms. St. Jacques asked about the Cook Industrial Park.

Alderman Stowe said give the property to City of Ansonia.

Chairman Parente asked what are you asking the members to do?

Alderman Stowe said send the owner a letter stating that he hasn't been paying WPCA fees. He was given the option to pay over time and he paid nothing. Advise him he did nothing and WPCA needs to collect the delinquent sewer use owed to them.

Mr. Turschmann made a motion to begin collection of the money that is owned to WPCA by Ansonia Copper & Brass. Mr. Plavnicky seconded.

Alderman Stowe said the WPCA is sitting here this evening discussing the Project fee and there are people who pay their bills. If the owner of Ansonia Copper & Brass paid their past due account we could lower our fees for our rate payers.

Mr. Nimons said there is a law firm representing them. There has been no information sent to the City of Ansonia on the status of the account. He suggested WPCA send a letter stating that WPCA is ready to take legal action regarding the collection of the past due account and ask that WPCA past due accounts be incorporated into any agreement made with the City of Ansonia.

Mr. Turschmann moved to amend his motion to include the above language. Alderman Stowe seconded.

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion. All in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Parente said that Corporation Counsel Marini briefed him on the Cook Industrial account.

Chairman Parente asked about Corelogic Tax Service.

Ms. St. Jacques said Marshall Davies contacts Corelogic and they contact the banks where the mortgage is held advising them of the past due sewer accounts. The banks pay the past due sewer account and add the cost onto the monthly mortgage rate that the homeowner pays.

Mr. Durante made a motion to accept Ms. St. Jacques' report as presented. Mr. Nimons seconded. All in favor, so carried.

There was discussion on the accounts that Marshall Davies is currently collecting. Some of the accounts in collection are large and the Commissioners were concerned with the length of time it will take to pay them in full. Ms. St. Jacques said the WPCA had an agreement with an owner who owed a considerable amount of money to WPCA. The payment would be \$2000 a month. The owner was making payment. This account was removed from WPCA collection.

Chairman Parente said he met with Mr. Gorzelany and Mr. Burdo on the collection of the WPCA accounts. He said they were asked to evaluate the collections of the WPCA and the selling of the liens held by WPCA. He said they don't have to evaluate the proposed plan, we can decide ourselves. Generally they pay over 100% of what the people owe in taxes. They assured him it would be over 100% or at least 100%. If they sell a lien they are responsible. He discussed the forms of payment for the liens. He said they pay WPCA and the Lien Holder will get 18% on their money.

Chairman Parente said we have two options, we can ask Bill Nimons or we can invite Mr. Gorzelany to a WPCA meeting. He said his understanding is next week at the Board of Aldermen meeting they will present a Resolution to adopt the perimeters to go after the people. Not names but perimeters for purchasing the liens – time frame and the amount of money owed. He said the Tax Office is selling liens for real estate and they want WPCA to “piggy back” with them for the sewer use accounts. He said he believes this is a valuable tool even if we use it on an individual basis.

Ms. St. Jacques said she would like to go on record that she is highly insulted at the Administration and Mr. Nunzio our Chairman for not including me, asking that I be included as the Sewer Administrator in this meeting. I do the collections. Mr. Gorzelany who was hired as a consultant in the Tax Dept. is running stuff on the WPCA Dept. I think this is totally out of line. I sent you an e-mail the other day to that effect. I did not hear back from you. Out of respect for this Commission I would not give him any information until I spoke with you. Obviously they didn't highly enough of me to answer me or anything else as far as that goes. I don't know what my position is supposed to be. Why they had Brian in there as Supt. of WPCA of the treatment plant is beyond me. Do you know anything about collections? (Brian answered – no I don't). Again I'm highly insulted that nobody at this Board cares, or that the Administration cares because they didn't think to invite me to that meeting. Again I'm going to say I think it stinks and I am going to talk to all of them about it whether you guys approve or not I just think it stinks. Why is Mr. Gorzelany running information on the WPCA Dept.? That is what I would like to know.

Mr. Durante said I know you just made a point to say that you think nobody on this Board cares. I didn't know anything about this.

Ms. St. Jacques said how would you feel sitting in my seat.

Mr. Durante said you made a blanket statement saying that nobody on this Board cares. I didn't know anything about this.

Ms. St. Jacques said she will retract that statement. She said she did call and go to the Chairman and she did not send out an e-mail to the rest of the Board because she thought the Chairman would get back to her and let her know what was going on and out of respect and courtesy for the members of this Board and WPCA and the Chairman I made sure as soon as it was brought to my attention I brought it to his attention.

Mr. Durante said OK, but I'm just telling you I didn't know anything about it.

Mr. Plavnicky asked if there was any reason why you didn't have Rita and you had Brian.

Chairman Parente said he didn't call the meeting. So now let me say what I have to say. I received an e-mail to go to this meeting and I said I'm not going. Today I went to see Brian and at 2:45 p.m. I said to Brian do you want to go to this meeting? Brian said yes, let's go but I have to be out of there by 3:30 p.m. That is when I decided to go to the meeting and I had the e-mail for over a week.

There was discussion on the requests that the Chairman receives to attend meetings concerning WPCA. He said he doesn't want to waste his time on this type of thing. The meetings are because someone wants something from WPCA or they want WPCA to help PWD. He said he has yet had someone call him to say let's work together on this. It is always adversarial. He said he doesn't even want to respond to this type of stuff. He said he knows Rita did it with a genuine heart. Her e-mail was on the computer 4 or 5 days.

Ms. St. Jacques said what bothers me is the memorandum that everybody has a copy of. I truly believe that he has bashed me and the Dept. Richie has figures that I think he is ready to give to you tonight on our collections. That is the tool to get there. As you said Nunzio, many times on record that we are in good shape bringing the old collections up to date. In the grand scheme of things my collections have been really good. I really hope that at some point in your meeting today that you bring it to the Boards attention that our collections are really good.

Chairman Parente said OK so here's the problem.

Ms. St. Jacques said I am offended.

Chairman Parente said I know you are offended. I know you wear your emotions on your shirt sleeve. Listen I don't have a problem with that I think that is great sometime because I don't want to be sitting here thinking 'what are they thinking'. OK. Here's the problem. Imagine if they had called me and said we want you to join us and piggy back us on the selling of the liens even though your collections are going great. What are the chances I would have said even though our collections are going good, let's do this? The only way to get someone to jump in on this is to say that your collections could be better or your collections are not where they should be. In all honestly I don't really think they had anything against you. I think If Bill Nimons had your job they would still say your collections are not that good. If you come with us we will do better.

Mr. Durante said they are trying to sell a service.

A discussion followed on the collection of the WPCA accounts in conjunction with the sale of the tax liens in the Tax Office. The only way to sell the proposal for the sale of the liens is to say your collections could be better or they are not where they should be. Public Works Dept. is coming to WPCA for money because WPCA has good collections and funds in their account. There was discussion that the WPCA computer system has been hanging up because of the amount of reports that the Tax Office has been running since Mr. Gorzelany started work.

Chairman Parente said he is not agreeing to anything unless it is truly beneficial to the WPCA Board. He discussed using this service on a few accounts in the past if it was available to the WPCA for collection just to get that money. He may not have used it again but he would have used it then.

Mr. Nimons asked if we could get to the point on what we are going to do.

Chairman Parente said he is telling the Commissioners this was the proposal that was put forth.

Mr. Nimons said so what you are saying is the letter just came in today and you have a copy of it and we have to vote on it.

Chairman Parente said I'm not asking anyone to vote on anything. Chairman Parente explained

again the sequence of events leading up to the meeting with Mr. Gorzelany. Chairman Parente said they said they would like us to piggy back with them. He said he would bring it to the Board. I am here bringing it to the Board. What is your pleasure?

There was discussion that WPCA is doing quite well with their collections and the Commissioners would like to see how they do in the Tax Office with this lien sale. Mr. Durante said he would like Mr. Gorzelany to come to WPCA and tell us how we can do collections better. Mr. Durante said the information received from the Tax Office shows WPCA collected less in 2014. Ms. St. Jacques said his figures are different than Mr. Bshara's figures.

Mr. Bshara explained the sheet with the collection figures that he prepared. He said they give their percentage they are looking at the current year collection only but if you got Ansonia Specialty and the block building and that other person that haven't paid two years before it that means that this year is not paid either so it's hard to get your 98% on your current year if you got past due behind you. Tax Collectors look at current years only going forward.

Mr. Bshara said we collect 18% interest which adds to our revenue. We have \$300,000 to \$400,000 in interest in our budget every year. With 98% you wouldn't have the interest income. You would only have the fees being collected.

Chairman Parente said he agrees. Numbers as raw numbers you could look at one and look at the other and say this one is better. The problem is numbers don't generate themselves without some type of dynamics behind them. So we don't know the state of Fairfield's collection Dept. We don't know what goes on in their town versus what goes on here. Same holds true in Shelton with their Grand List growing all the time. Look at the raw numbers and say this one is 85%, this one is 82% but what is going on in those towns to get those percentages.

Mr. Nimons made a motion to turn over the two accounts to them, Ansonia Copper & Brass (Ansonia Specialty) and the Cook Industrial Co. accounts to Mr. Gorzelany to piggy back on the Tax lien sale. Mr. Turschmann seconded.

Alderman Stowe said we should send them a letter stating we have done quite well on our collections and we would like to see how you do with this service. If we have any problems we would be glad to give it a try.

There was discussion on this new service and how it would benefit the WPCA.

Mr. Durante stated he is insulted that they didn't come to WPCA meeting and explain the lien sale process to us and to Ms. St. Jacques. They want to pitch something to us they should have come to the meeting to let us know. Ms. St. Jacques is our Administrator they should come through her and talk to us at our Board meeting.

There was discussion on a previous meeting that Mr. Parente and Ms. St. Jacques attended. Mr. Parente said he asked them what they wanted WPCA to do. They said they were looking for ideas. Chairman Parente said they had to show us something. They had to put together a policy and show WPCA. The meeting ended and he did not know what happened. He said they came to

him with this proposal and he said he would bring it to the Board. That is why you received it tonight. He said he received it today at 4:30 p.m. and you received it at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Parente asked if there was any more discussion on the motion. We have a motion and second. All in favor with one No vote C. Stowe and one Abstention C. Durante. The motion carried as follows:

Yes: Geruntho, Nimons, Parente, Plavnicky, Turschmann (5 yes votes)

No: Stowe (1 no vote)

Abstention: Durante (1 abstain vote)

Chairman Parente said the motion carried.

Mr. Durante made a motion to accept Ms. St. Jacques' report as presented. Mr. Plavnicky seconded. All in favor, so carried.

New Business

Decision re: Sewer Use Capital Fee Rate

Mr. Durante made a motion to set the Rate at \$270. Alderman Stowe seconded. All in favor with two no votes: No votes: W. Nimons and K. Plavnicky. The motion carried.

Mr. Nimons said he would like to see the rate a little lower.

Marshall Art Davies

Ms. St. Jacques said Marshall Davies report was included in her report.

Discussion on pre-payment for loan/project

There was discussion on paying down the 311 Project loan. Mr. Bshara said he believes they were talking about utilizing money from the sewer use operating to pay down the 311 project loan. He suggested we could raise the User Project Fee from \$50 to \$60 to cover the Project loan and lowering the User Rate by an equal amount to make the total bill amount the same. The user fee is a user fee, the 311 is actually a bond payment type fee. They are different and we really need to keep them segregated from one and another.

Mr. Nimons asked if we can pay down on the loan.

Mr. Bshara said the calculation is out there. We originally started with \$50 per unit, 5300 units per year which is \$265,000 a year for a 20 year payment, 5.3 million dollar payment. That is what we borrowed. That does not include the interest on the 5.3 million.

There was discussion on the \$50 per unit and the Ansonia Housing Authority units. Mr. Bshara stated it is \$50 per bill. The Housing Authority had only three bills and the buildings are gone. Mr. Bshara explained that everybody pays the user fee. The user fee is only supposed to be for the operation of the plant getting the sewage from the houses to the plant into the river. If there is a surplus it goes around and reduces the rate next year, if there is a deficit you increase the rate to cover the deficit. That money is the non-profit section of the special project fee, special service fee. We got money so we are going to go over here and spend it on something else. He said he doesn't believe that is the correct way to do it.

New Business

Mr. Turschmann discussed the agreement with Ansonia and Derby with regard to the water flows with the Derby residents. He would like to have the information available to the Board for the next meeting so the Board can discuss it. We supply all the information, we pay for it and it is turned over to the Derby WPCA and they add 25% to it and give it to their customer. They keep the 25%. The bill become delinquent and they charge them the 1 ½ % interest. We don't get the interest. They keep the interest.

Mr. Nimons said they have to share this. Ansonia should get a copy of the agreement and the information.

Ms. St. Jacques said she has a copy of the agreement.

The commissioners discussed the Derby collections and how they charge their customers and what they are paying to Ansonia. Mr. Bshara stated that he will send a letter to Derby requesting all of the outstanding accounts and get a master list of what is still on their books. The commissioners were in agreement with sending the letter to Derby. Ansonia is supposed to receive the sewer use collection within 30 days of billing. Within 6 months they are supposed to pay us 90% of the total billing whether they collected it or not. The agreement needs to be reviewed and revised. The Board will look at it.

There was discussion on sending Derby accounts to collection and the placement of liens and payment of interest to Ansonia. Derby should be notifying Ansonia of all liens and lien releases. Collections Birmingham Health went to collections through Marshall Davies. We have an agreement in place with them. They are almost finished paying the past due account including the interest. Ms. St. Jacques stated she will have to notify Derby WPCA that they will have to release the liens on the property because they have paid us. She said they will not be receiving their 25% because they have paid the account.

There was discussion on Ansonia billing the Derby residents direct and they will pay Ansonia direct. Mr. Turschmann said he wanted to bring this up so everyone would receive a copy and it can be put on the agenda for next month.

Ms. St. Jacques reminded the commissioners that the Sewer Use billing will be coming up soon. Derby's billing is in July. She said Derby is supposed to keep her updated on the sale of Derby properties.

Old Business

Payment of Bills

None

12 West Brookside Ave. – Possible damage to driveway

Chairman Parente said he has called them and he hasn't received a return call as yet. He noted they are not present this evening.

Superintendent's Report (copy on file in the Town Clerk's office)

Supt. Brian Capozzi and John Tomasella were present.

Supt. Capozzi reviewed his report with the Commissioners. There was no Overtime. There are seven trucks a week. The average flow for March was 2.01 million gallons a day. Supt. Capozzi asked to transfer \$179.18 to claims to cover the Servpro invoice.

A copy of his report is attached to the minutes.

Supt. Capozzi discussed the status of the FOG program with the Commissioners. He explained how his department will handle this program. Attached is an outline of the FOG program.

Mr. Durante asked that the letter they plan to send out to the businesses be more customer friendly.

Mr. Turschmann asked when Valley Health stopped doing the restaurant inspections.

Chairman Parente said they do the health checks and they have a sheet signed off by WPCA and the Fire Marshall but it doesn't say anything about the grease traps. WPCA has to inspect the grease traps and if it isn't in compliance they don't receive a permit.

Mr. Durante said that the State of CT is pushing restaurants for compliance and they would like everyone's cooperation to get these inspections done. He said he doesn't want to put anyone out of business.

Supt. Capozzi stated they will begin the inspections in alphabetical order and give out the informational packets. There will be yearly inspections and log books. He said the State has given them power to charge fines.

Mr. Durante said if there are multiple visits to one establishment there should be a charge.

Supt. Capozzi said there are two people who are working to get these establishments in compliance and they are short on staffing. He said they are working on a procedure.

Mr. Nimons asked they prepare a "softer" letter.

Supt. Capozzi said they will prepare another letter for the Board's review.

Chairman Parente stated they put a lot of work into setting up this process. He said Supt. Capozzi will tone down the letter that is sent out and they are looking for approval to proceed.

Mr. Nimons made a motion to grant approval for Supt. Capozzi to proceed with the FOG program. Mr. Plavnicky seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Alderman Radin stated with the economy today if the cost is \$3000 to \$5000 to get into compliance, she asked if they will make agreements with the establishments to get the work done to become compliant.

Supt. Capozzi said they will review them and give them six months to get the unit installed.

Mr. Nimons made a motion to transfer \$180.00 from the plant supplies line item to claims line items. Alderman Stowe seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Durante made a motion to accept Supt. Capozzi's report. Mr. Nimons seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Financial Report

Mr. Richard Bshara was present.

Mr. Nimons made a motion to accept Mr. Bshara's report as presented this evening. Alderman Stowe seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Bshara said WPCA is functioning well. He will be requesting the information from Derby and from the Regional Water Authority for the next billing.

There was discussion on the revenue and the expenses. Mr. Durante asked if the Board can have a spreadsheet showing this information. Mr. Bshara said that information is on the front page of his report. He explained the sheet showing the revenue and expenses to the Board members.

Executive Session

None

May Meeting

The May Regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Parente discussed the meeting regarding the Capital Improvement Plan. He said he did not attend this meeting and he is not in favor of the 5.9 million dollar plan.

Adjourn

Mr. Durante made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Mr. Nimons seconded. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary

Board Report April 2016

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Superintendent Ansonia WPCA

OT- There was no unscheduled over time.

Average trucks for the month of March was, 7 trucks a week.

Average flow for March was 2.01 MGD (million gallons a day)

Phosphorus season has started. Phosphorus leaving the plant before we started the chemical addition was 2.0 mg/l. Last year it was 1.2 mg/l. We might be looking at an increase in the alum that is used.

The mechanic Jason, installed a new seal in return pump #2. It was the last of the spare seals from the upgrade. Cost of one seal rebuild kit is about \$1,000.00. Return pump #1 seal is starting to leak. That will need replacing in the near future.

The Jackson St pump station is not in as bad shape as we thought. The pumps are good, and the elbows are good. The pumps are leaking out because they are not seated correctly on the discharge elbows. New rails must be installed, before we can reseal the pumps. We ordered the rails in stainless steel. The galvanized pipe rots out within a few years. Cost for the 2 rails was \$1,000.00. The galvanized rails would have been \$700. The rails can be replaced from the top, so no need to have to enter the wet well. Once the rails are in, we will remove one pump at a time and reseal them. The next station on the list to get looked at, to install a new panel topside, will be Hotchkiss.

A solenoid valve went bad on the grit washer. The cost of the solenoid and valve was \$605.

Superior mechanical came in and repaired four heating units around the plant, and also had to replace the motor for the air supply fan to the boiler in the main building. As of now I do not have the invoice for.

Richelt Terr, Hotchkiss and the Bart stations were cleaned out. New floater was added to Bart.

I was incorrect with my math for last transfer to claims and deductibles. We need another \$179.18 to cover the Servpro bill to clean up.

The mixer for storage tank #1 has come loose from its mounts. We had a rep come out to take a look. We removed the shroud and were able to tighten the bolts. The whole mount still rocks. We pumped out that tank and the mixer shaft has a huge ball of rags wrapped around it. We believe that it is throwing the shaft off balance and making it rock. We will remove the rags and then we will be able to determine if the whole shaft is bent. After we are done with mixer #1, we will inspect and if need be clear mixer #2 of rags.

FOG program

Step one:

Mail certified mail receipt letters to all permit holders. Cost of each letter would be \$6.39. There are 64 establishments.

Step 2 :

Start inspections starting in alphabetical order from the list provided by the Valley Health Department.

Deliver packets with information to the establishments who are not in compliance.

Packets include: sign sheets

Information with DEEP web address

Fog equipment reps

Grease disposal companies

The maintenance sheet that the establishment is responsible to fill out.

Have them sign sheet acknowledging they have received packet and understand they must comply.

Step 3:

Do yearly inspections to check maintenance log and disposal records.

If the establishment is not in compliance, we will start fines after 3 months. After the 3 month "grace period" they will be fined \$10.00 a day for 3 months. After the fining for 3 months we will notify the Health Department, that the establishment is not in compliance and have the food license pulled.

The CAT generator still has the same amount of weep from the water pump. I placed a piece of cardboard under the drop. The drip spot dries before a new drop falls. I will continue to monitor it.

I met with a company called Earthcore. They took a tour of the plant and looked at our electricity and gas bills. They will be looking for ways for us to save on electricity. Our present budget for electricity is \$330,000.00.

I still have not heard from the contractor for 108 Platt St, for the second payment.

John and I have come up with a FOG program, I would like the board to read what we have come up with, and vote on it.