



## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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Regular Meeting

June 1, 2016

Present: Nunzio Parente, Chairman  
Ken Plavnicky  
Robert Turschmann

Absent: Carmine Durante  
Andrew Geruntho  
William Nimons  
Charles Stowe, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman

Others in Attendance: Rita St. Jacques  
Richard Bshara  
Brian Capozzi  
Joan Radin, 5th Ward Alderman

The Regular Meeting of the Ansonia Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Parente.

All present rose and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

The secretary called the roll. There was no quorum present.

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Chairman Parente stated that there is no quorum present this evening. The commission will have an informal review of the agenda with those present however there will be no decisions or votes taken.

### **Budget Housekeeping**

Chairman Parente discussed some of the line items listed in last year's budget with Mr. Bshara and the commissioners present. He discussed a preliminary transfer of \$332,245.16 to the Capital Improvement account next month.

There was discussion on the transfer of monies. Mr. Bshara explained the transfer process at the end of the fiscal year and assured everyone that the transfers will be accomplished properly.

### **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. She reviewed the letter from Marshall Davies and explained each of the top delinquent accounts to the members.

There was discussion on these past due accounts. Chairman Parente said he thought WPCA was collecting these accounts. Ms. St. Jacques stated they have agreements with some of them and some are with the Marshall. She said the Marshall is communicating with the Banks on some of these to obtain payment from them. She said the Board asked for this listing.

Chairman Parente asked Ms. St. Jacques to bring the original agreement for one of the accounts to the next meeting.

The commissioners discussed the tax lien sale that will be conducted by the Tax Office. The members present were satisfied with the WPCA collection of accounts and felt they wanted to keep all collections with the WPCA.

Chairman Parente said the Marshall has been successful with his collections. He discussed some of the old past due accounts and their status.

The members present discussed starting foreclosure proceedings on a particular property that is WPCA's oldest outstanding bill. Ms. St. Jacques stated that WPCA has tried to collect this past due account for many, many years with no success. The members said "enough is enough" the Board should consider foreclosure.

Chairman Parente discussed procedures and the handling of sewer backups and the implementation of a maintenance program.

Ms. St. Jacques asked that she be kept informed as to what is happening with the WPCA.

Ms. St. Jacques advised the members present that the Assessor gave her a list of In-law apartments in the City. She said she sent a letter to them advising them their rate will be raised accordingly per the In-law status. There are about 50 in-law apartments.

### **Ansonia – Derby Agreement & Derby Fee Schedule**

Mr. Bshara stated he is still working on this information.

### **Set Public Hearing Date**

The public hearing for the proposed Sewer Use Rate will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. in City Hall.

### **Earth Core Presentation**

Supt. Capozzi stated he invited Earth Core to attend this meeting to discuss energy conservation. He said Mr. Luca Petracca, President and Mr. John Gibson, Sales Executive are present.

Mr. Petracca addressed the commissioners present explaining Earth Core Energy Services and how they have helped other municipalities.

Mr. Petracca and Mr. Gibson both explained how the savings is accomplished. They stated that Ansonia WPCA is doing a good job with energy conservation. The utility company wants to reduce the KW demand and therefore the Towns get a no interest loan for the work.

Mr. Gibson said they install base controls for HVAC, they look at the lighting and co-generation, etc..

Mr. Petracca said the Utility Company will sponsor a lot of the upgrades up to a 4 year payback.

There was discussion on the work they did in Trumbull and Fairfield. Mr. Petracca said they reduced Trumbull's consumption by 30% and Fairfield by 40%.

There was a discussion on the WPCA plant generators and the pump stations. Mr. Turschmann asked about the responsibility for repairs and maintenance of the pump stations. Mr. Petracca said there is a warrantee in place. Mr. Turschmann asked about the training for the new systems and if our WPCA workers will be able to go out and do the work and take charge. Mr. Gibson said they would support WPCA with regard to maintenance, etc. There would be a preferred rate for Ansonia. He said WPCA workers will be able to maintain the system.

Mr. Lucas said he would like to get the WPCA information from the Utility Company so he could prepare a proposal for the Board's approval. He would like to get this done by July. Chairman Parente signed the permission enabling them to get the utility information.

They thanked Chairman Parente and the Board members for their time. They will present a proposal at the next meeting.

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

Supt. Brian Capozzi was present.

Supt. Capozzi stated the paperwork has been prepared to pay the Contractor for the work at 108 Platt St. He said he would like to get the WPCA bill paid.

Mr. Bshara explained that the check is ready for the Contractor. He said Supt. Capozzi has to prepare a PO for both the homeowner and WPCA. Once the check is done, both the homeowner and WPCA will sign it and it will go to Ms. St. Jacques for payment of their past due account. Both checks should go to Supt. Capozzi and should not be mailed. He will deliver them.

### **Financial Report**

Mr. Richard Bshara was present.

Mr. Bshara discussed the WPCA collection rate stating that it has been rising. He briefly reviewed the reports presented this evening. (Current Projections for Project 554 and Current Projections for Project 311).

He said the WPCA expenditures are in the packet. The fringe benefits will be corrected and the wages and insurance is listed. He reviewed the "The Due To/Due From" report.

Mr. Bshara explained the calculation of the rates for the WPCA collections.

There was discussion on the Derby rates and how they are calculated. Derby also bills the Town of Orange. He said Ansonia calculated the Derby rate to Ansonia's rate. He said with regard to this year's budget, WPCA should not reduce the electric rate for this year's budget.

Chairman Parente asked Ms. St. Jacques about the pamphlet that will be sent out with the September billing. He said the cost is \$440 for 6000 copies from Ever Ready Press.

Ms. St. Jacques said she has a quote from Ever Ready for 6000 copies of the pamphlet for \$440. She said she will have to have someone drive them up to Waterbury so they can be put into the bills before they are mailed.

Chairman Parente said Jason St. Jacques organized the work needed to fix up and repair the old WPCA truck so that it can be used. He said Jason did a wonderful job. There are cabinets and drawers along the outside of the bed and they are filled with tools. The new crane has been fitted to the truck and installed. It does have the ability to plow but they probably will not use it for plowing. He showed the people present pictures of the finished truck. Everyone was pleased to see that the truck looks like a new truck. Chairman Parente commended Jason on the outstanding job he did on restoring and fixing the WPCA truck.

### **July Meeting & Public Hearing**

Public Hearing on the proposed sewer use rate will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 6:45 p.m.

The July Regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Parente closed the informal meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jo-Lynn Flaherty  
Secretary