

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
JANUARY 6, 2010

The chairman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance @ 7:05 PM. The secretary called the roll, with 5 members present he declared a quorum.

PRESENT: H. Madigosky  
G. Merlone  
C. LaRovera  
H. Boladz  
V. Epifano

ABSENT: K. Blake  
S. Jordanides

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Attorney John Androski  
Maureen Bennett: Sewer Administrator  
Steve Blume: Bd of Alderman  
Warren Baethege: UIC  
Jay Jayanthan: UIC  
Steve Seigal: CDM  
Jim Ryan: CDM  
Jason St.Jacques: WWTP

Gary Merlone made a motion to accept the minutes from the Previous (October 2009) meeting if they are true and correct. Carl LaRovera seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed and there were no corrections to be made.

Public Session:

Dave Casseti: Birm I Construction was present. He told the members he was there because he was asked to be present. He is ready to answer any questions the members have for him regarding the Construction site located @ Elm, Main & Division St. intersection. Attorney Androski suggested to the members that they wait to go in to Executive Session for the discussion. Mr. Casseti said he would wait until then. Chairman Madigosky asked three times if there was anyone else from the public to speak. There was no response he declared the public session closed.

Communications:

Chairman Madigosky asked the secretary if there were any communications for the members.

The secretary went through the December file and the January file with the members. They all had their copies of the communications from their packets and apparently had gone through them on their own. All the information was exactly that "informational". Motion was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Henry Boldaz to accept the communications and place them on file. (all copies of communications are on file with the minutes in the Town Clerks Office) All were in favor of the motion.

Sewer Administrator Report: Maureen Bennett told the members in the December packet were the percentages of the collections. This information dates back to the List year 2004.

The collections for the past due list years have really come up! With the economy the way it is and so many people being in dire straights we are very pleased. It has taken quite a bit of follow up work, billing and diligence to finally get to where the office is with the collections.

Member Gary Merlone said “he is very pleased with the collection rate” and would like to see the office continue on the way they are going. He knows how much effort has been put forth and would like to see it continue. The other members also mentioned how pleased they were. Chairman Madigosky said the effort hasn’t gone unnoticed. Maureen told the members her monthly reports are very detailed and if anyone had any questions for her she would be more than happy to answer them. The members didn’t have any questions for her.

MOTION was made by Henry Boldaz and was seconded by Gary Merlone to accept the Sewer Administrators Report as presented. All were in favor of the motion.

Chairman Madigosky asked for a motion to ADOPT the annual meeting schedule as prepared & posted by the secretary.

Gary Merlone made a motion to accept and adopt the 2010 annual meeting schedule as prepared by the secretary. The motion was seconded by Vito Epifano. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

Jim Ryan CDM monthly report:

Jim told the members the project is going very well. They are on schedule maybe even a little ahead of schedule.

#### HighLights

- as of today ( 1-6-10) they are 63% complete for general contracting
- they are @ 42% for time
- Site is 2/3 complete
- Piping is being installed & duct banks connected
- Sidewalks @ switchgear & the generator enclosure has been installed
- New generator is ready
- The service building is well on its way
- The interior renovations are underway
- There are about 53 people working on site daily
- He predicts by spring the UV system should be ready
- Concrete is complete for oxidation ditch

Jim asked if the members had any questions so far, they told him everything seemed to be moving along well and they would like to see it continue.

#### Change Orders:

Change order # 6 has already been executed

- please note it is a credit change order + \$17,160.41 (credit)
- Change order # 7 is estimated to be \$12,130.82
- The totals of the change orders is @ .03% (\$10,348.00) which is really unheard of on projects of this magnitude

Steve Seigal told the members that the project is @ a point close to 75% that the members might want to go for another tour of the project site. The ground is still frozen and before it starts to thaw and becomes very messy you may want to pick a date soon. Jim told the members he really didn't have anything else unless the members did.

Steve Seigal presented the members a proposal for :Ansonia Wastewater Sludge To Energy study as he was requested to do. The proposal amount is \$46,900.00  
Maureen told the members there was money budgeted for the project study in two different line items (Co-generation study & new projects)

The was some discussion about project. Steve did answer questions for the members. At that point a motion was made.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to continue with the Sludge to Energy project proposal using the money allotted in the current budget. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to approve Change orders # 6 & 7. All were in favor of the motion.

MOTION was made by Henry Boladz and was seconded by Gary Merlone to accept Jim Ryan's (CDM) monthly report as presented. All were in favor of the motion.

Engineer's Report: UIC

Warren told the members he really didn't have much to report on.

There haven't been any applications submitted for review.

There were five sewer back ups reported. UIC was able to report on a couple addresses that there were back ups at. There was discussion regarding the Sewer Back up Report that the Public Works Dept. uses. Howard and the members along with Attorney Androski feel that the "form" needs to be revisited for language changes. Attorney Androski will contact Michael Schryver P.W. Supt. to discuss this and make the necessary changes.

Attorney Androski did tell the members that the back up on Dells Rd.( Mr. John DellaVolpe) has created a legal problem for the WPCA. Mr. DellaVolpe is suing the WPCA /City for about \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 for damage and emotional distress.

Gary Merlone made a MOTION to accept the Engineers Report from UIC as presented. The motion was seconded by Vito Epifano and all were in favor of the motion.

Howard Madigosky told the members he was invited down to public works to discuss the possibility of co-purchasing a new vac-truck. The public works dept.uses the truck to vacuum out sewers and service property owners when there is a sewer back up. The public works dept. uses the truck on a daily basis and the use for the WPCA side is limited to using it when there are sewer problems. Maureen said there isn't any money in the current budget for this purchase. Also in light of the economy it may not be feasible to talk about for the upcoming budget either.

The members asked Jason St. Jacques what happened over the Christmas holiday at the WWTP and the sewage problem. He told the members there was a break down in communication and somehow there was quite a bit of time that went by before he (the on-

call person) was notified of the problem. Therefore the problem escalated and took a vast amount of time & trouble to finally get under control. There was somewhere around 2 million gallons of sewage that over flowed during that break down of equipment and communications.

The members had discussion with Jason about this continuing problem with the alarms and the way they are handled. Jason suggested going with an alarm company to equip & monitor the pump stations & waste water treatment plant. If an alarm company is hired they will monitor the calls. If a problem arises there should be a call list and the calls will be placed to the on-call person. If the 1<sup>st</sup> on call doesn't answer then they will go down the list to the next and so on. Jason said he would not mind getting some information on this and getting back to the members at the next meeting. The members are all in agreement that they would like Jason to get the information and report back to the members.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to pay all bills if they are found to be & correct. A voice vote was taken and all were in favor of the motion.

1) Attorney Androski:

\$ 2,362.50

The members are all in agreement that Attorney Androski should be paid since he hasn't received any salary / pay since July of 2009. Attorney Androski had a payroll change form and the members agreed that Chairman Madigosky should sign it so he can be paid for the work he has done.

Attorney Androski didn't have anything to report on. He suggested that the members go into Executive Session.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Henry Boladz to go into Executive Session. All were in favor of the motion. 7:50 PM

At the request of the Chairman & Attorney Androski Dave Cassetti : Birm I Construction, Warren Baethege & Jay Jayanthan of UIC, Steve Blume and Secretary Rita St Jacques stay for the Executive session.

MOTION was made by Henry Boladz and was seconded by Vito Epifano to come back to the regular session of the meeting. All were in favor of the motion. 8:00 PM

The members had discussion and it was decided that they were going to set up a meeting with Chuck Corson of UIC and invite Joe Maffeo former Supt of Public works also. This will be to discuss and come to a reasonable conclusion as to what happened at the Elm, Main & Division St intersection when the project for the sewer rehab was being done by the contractor Insituform and subcontracted to Birm I Construction. Apparently this was the cause of the bigger problem that occurred in the spring of 2009 which prompted the New Supt. of Public Works (Michael Schryver) to hire another contractor to fix the emergency that occurred.

Member Carl LaRovera asked what was being done about the collections for the 554 Project repayments. The members were in agreement that they thought the bills should have already been sent out and what has happened.

After much discussion everyone agreed that the property owners are all going to have a hard time paying this bill but unfortunately because of a state mandate the WPCA had no choice but to do the rehab. Therefore one way or another it will have to be paid for.

Alderman Blume said the city is in dire straights and it will be difficult to get any money from the city side to help pay for the project. The members and everyone present presented many ideas and decided that this needs to be addressed as soon as possible because putting it off yet again is only going to exasperate the problem and not solve it. Steve Blume suggested setting up a meeting with the mayor very soon to discuss this with him and stress the importance of beginning the collection process for the project. Chairman Madigosky is supposed to set up a meeting soon and he will get in touch with everyone when it is set up.

The members also had discussion about the motion that was made earlier to continue with the Ansonia Wastewater Sludge to Energy Study presented by Steve Seigal: of CDM. The members are in agreement after having a lengthy conversation that even though there is money set aside now may not be the time to start another study. We should finish what is going on now and maybe address this down the road when the 554 project is closer to completion.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Vito Epifano to RESCIND the earlier motion to have Steve Seigal stop the Wastewater Sludge to Energy Study. All the members were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION was made by Henry Boladz and was seconded by Vito Epifano to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

The meeting ended @ 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Rita St. Jacques:  
WPCA/ Recording Secretary  
January 7, 2010