

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MARCH 3, 2010

The meeting opened @ 7:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. The chairman asked the secretary to call the roll. There were five embers present he declared a quorum.

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

ABSENT: K. Blake
S. Jordanides

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: S. Blume: Acting Mayor - J. Maffeo: Consultant WWTP
Attorney John Androski - J. Tomasella: WWTP
J. Ryan : CDM - J. St. Jacques: WWTP
W. Bathaegel : UIC - C. Corson : UIC
J. Marini : Alderman - E. Norman: BOAT
M. Bennett: Sewer Administrator

The chairman asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Vito Epifano to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. (January 2010) if they are true & correct. All were in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Ed Norman : 51 Grove St. // Mr. Norman said he has heard Chatter around town about the payment plan for the 554 Project (Sewer Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project). He said he recalls this has been discussed in the past and if he isn't mistaken he thought the payment plan was to be put in effect / started about 2 years ago.

Mr. Norman said he has some concern about the City Of Ansonia defaulting on the payment that will come due in 2012.

Why weren't the collections started in 2007 or 2008.

He also addressed the talk / gossip he has been hearing about the "Sludge to energy project". Mr. Norman has done some investigation on his own and he hasn't heard anything positive or successful about it anywhere. He also hasn't been able to find anything on the internet about it. In the last set of minutes he noted there was discussion about having CDM do more research on it. It was also noted that the cost of the research would be about \$46,000.00. Chairman Madigosky noted that later in the meeting / minutes the MOTION to allow CDM to do the research had been RESCINDED by another MOTION. Therefore they aren't going ahead with that now. At some time down the road they may revisit the idea and do some research but it isn't happening now.

Mr. Norman brought up the city of Stamford and its' project for "sludge to energy" and if he isn't mistaken he believed it to be "sludge to compost". There was a little more discussion about Stamford and their project.

Mr. Norman asked again if the City Of Ansonia was in jeopardy of defaulting on the loan for the 554 Project. Chairman Madigosky told him the first payment would come due in July 2012 there are some funds put aside for that now. Mr. Norman asked if there was enough money put aside. He was told as of now there isn't but they are working on how

they to get the money collected to be ready. The WPCA / City Of Ansonia will need about 7 million dollars when July 2012 rolls around.

Chairman Madigosky noted that the first payment is due July 2012 and then a years worth of payments need to be in place. They are looking at the Tax Base as an alternative. Mr. Norman noted that the way the current RESOLUTION for the 554 Project is written it says that the WPCA is responsible for the repayment of the loan. He said there is the possibility of having to Re-write the RESOLUTION.

Mr. Norman said he as a member of BOAT is “DEAD-SET” against using the tax base as part of the repayment of the 554 Project.

Attorney Androski, Chairman Madigosky and member Carl LaRovera reminded Mr. Norman that the members didn’t “just decide to do this” it was a “MANDATE”/ “DIRECTIVE” from the state and we are complying with their MANDATE.

Ed Norman said he has written to Senator Lieberman, Senator Dodd and Congress-woman Rosa DeLauro asking for some relief to the city through stimulus money.

Attorney Androski & Carl LaRovera noted that the DEBT-RESERVE could possibly go away if we get to go with the money being collected through the “mill-rate”.

It was also noted that there would be some tax relief for the residents if it was put on the mill rate.

Mr. Norman did tell the members “he does not have a solution” and he asked if the Authority has over-extended itself with this project.

He asked when there will be a plan of action in place for example a “start date for collections”.

Attorney Androski noted that they were pretty sure the collection would be started in September when the regular billing goes out. Ed asked if there was an amount set per household. There are items that need to be ironed out like home many billable units there are and such.

At this point Maureen Bennett invited Mr. Norman to come to the office and discuss the possibilities of different ways to do the billing. Mr. Norman said he was told 2 years ago there was a problem with the billing company and that’s why the bills hadn’t gone out. What is the real problem. He also believes this is going to be a real burden to the rate / taxpayers.

Mr. Norman thanked the members for their time.

Chairman Madigosky asked three times if there was anyone else from the public to speak. There was no one else present ,he declared the public session closed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The secretary went through the communications from February and March. The letter from John Coughlin regarding the property located at 70 Hull St.(former KO Club) and waiving the last 2 years of Flat Rate Fees because the club has been unoccupied since then.

Member Gary Merlone made a motion to waive the last 2 years of Flat Rate Fees for the property @ 70 Hull St. with the exception of leaving the Capital Improvement Fee of \$50.00 per year totaling \$100.00 due on this property. The \$50.00 fee per property has to be paid for every parcel. The motion was seconded by Henry Boladz. All the members were in favor of the motion the motion passed.

The secretary will resend a bill with an explanation attached.

The secretary also read the memo from the DEP regarding the 1st Draft of the Nitrogen Credits bill for this year: the amount is \$149,885.00

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Henry Boldaz to place all the communications on file. All were in favor of the motion.

SEWER ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Maureen told the members she is extremely pleased with the collections. The office has been diligent with it's follow up on the accounts that are past due. The rate payers have been very receptive to the personal notes sent by Rita and they have been coming in to pay their bills.

Maureen also spoke about the rates for the CD's that are coming due. The interest rates are VERY low right now. In Maureen's opinion she thought it might be a good idea to think about paying down the loan for the 311 Project since the interest rate on our loan is 2% and we're only getting 1% (maybe) for keeping the money in a CD or STIF account. Howard Madigosky said that her idea was food for thought.

Attorney Androski did mention that his interpretation of that money is that it isn't only for the 311 Project, maybe the money can be used for other things.

Maureen asked if there were any questions. Member Gary Merlone asked why they call it the STIF account. Ed Norman spoke up and told him it stands for (State Treasury Investment Fund) Gary thought there might be a better name for that account.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Henry Boladz to accept Maureen's report as presented. All were in favor of the motion.

BUSINESS:

Ray Sadlick: TWC Development presented the members with plans for his project @ 23 Hull St.. He asked that the plans be reviewed for the project. He told the members he has the approval from Inland & Wetlands and he is in the final stages of getting approval from Planning & Zoning.

There will be 22 units (townhouse like units, with the master bedroom being on the first floor) .He told the members that there will be City water not well. Chairman Madigosky told him they will turn the plans over to UIC for them to review. Please note there was no discussion of fees that need to be paid for the review of the plans. The review fee is usually a pass through to the WPCA and forwarded to UIC for their services.

UIC will review the plans and get back to Mr. Sadlick with any recommendations and - or comments

Mr. Sadlick thanked the members for their time and said he'll be waiting to hear or be at the next meeting.

Jim Ryan CDM: monthly update/report:

- 70 % complete using 50% of the time allotment up to the end of February
- Site work is continuing
- Underground Electrical & pipe work pretty much complete
- The bulk of the activity is around the service building
- Building construction is continuing
- Demolition of the Effluent pump system is complete
- Structure is complete for the Grit System,
- Due to damage from the Christmas day flooding problem the Grit system completion will be delayed because they had to be sent out to be repaired

Jim said he had summarized the report and asked if there were any questions.

He then went on to the Change orders that were presented in the packet / report. Jim noted along with Joe Maffeo that some of the money from the Christmas Day flooding may be reimbursable. Jim told the members that C.H. Nickerson was on site the day of the flooding on Christmas Day to help with the problems that occurred. Everything is being submitted to the insurance company they are not sure what will be covered. There is an outstanding bill for about \$33,000.00 that needs to be paid for the flooding.

Maureen asked for a motion to do a transfer of funds from one line item to another to be able to pay the bill. She also mentioned that they didn't budget enough money for the Nitrogen Credit Bill. The budget is about \$20,000.00 short for the Nitrogen Credit bill. There will need to be 2 transfers made within the current budget / line items to pay the bills discussed.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to have Chairman Madigosky go to the WPCA office and work with Maureen to review the line items / budget and make the necessary transfers. There were four yes votes and Howard Madigosky abstained the motion passed.

Steve Blume asked if there was anything that can be done regarding the Nitrogen Credit Bill since we are complying with their Mandate to do the rehab on the plant. Maureen didn't seem to think anything could be done about it but it certainly is worth looking into.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Vito Epifano to approve the PCO's (change orders) presented.

Proposed change order #8 includes: PCO # 36, # 43, # 44, # 45, # 47 & # 50

Proposed change order #9 includes: PCO # 49, #51, # 52 and also includes #53

The PCO's total \$67,422.07

All were in favor of the motion.

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

UIC REPORT:

Warren said he had little to report. The Sewer back up on Olson Drive was already mentioned. He do an investigation regarding any back ups in the past at American Brass Co.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to accept UIC's report. All were in favor of the motion.

MOTION was made by Henry Boldaz and was seconded by Gary Merlone to have UIC review the plans for Mr. Sadlick's project @ 23 Hull St.

All were in favor of the motion.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Vito Epifano to pay all bills if they are found to be true and correct. All were in favor of the motion.

1) Attorney Androski: March 3,2010 invoice \$2,787.00

Chairman Madigosky asked Attorney Androski if he had anything to report. He said everything he would have discussed has already been addressed. Attorney Androski said he thought it was time to move to Executive Session.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to enter into Executive Session. 8:10 PM

There were 2 items to be discussed for the first item regarding the problem @ the intersection of Elm, Main & Division St required: Alderman Blume, Joe Maffeo, Warren Bathaeg, Chuck Corson both of UIC and Dave Cassetti of Birm I Construction, Jim Ryan: CDM and the secretary was asked to stay.

The second item for Executive Session (Personnel WWTP) required John Tomasella, Jason St. Jacques and Jim Ryan of CDM to stay for discussion.

The last item for Executive Session were Legal Fees: there were no other parties asked to stay other than the commission members and secretary.

After the lengthy discussions of all items the WPCA went back into regular session.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to return to regular session. All were in favor of the motion. 9:35 PM

There only action taken on any of the Executive Session items was the following motion.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Vito Epifano to have the Chairman go to the Finance Dept. to find out why Attorney Androski is not getting paid regularly. All the members were in favor and the motion passed.

The members are all concerned that Attorney Androski has not been getting paid and they want this problem resolved as soon as possible.

MOTION was made by Henry Boladz and was seconded by Gary Merlone to adjourn. All were in favor of the motion.

The meeting ended at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted :

Rita St. Jacques: Recording Secretary WPCA
March 4, 2010