

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 2, 2010

The Chairman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance @ 7:00 PM. The roll was called, there were five members present. The Chairman declared a quorum.

PRESENT: H. Madigosky
S. Jordanides
G. Merlone
C. LaRovera
H. Boladz
V. Epifano (late) making 6 members present)

ABSENT: K. Blake

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE
Attorney John Androski
Acting Mayor: Steve Blume
Sindhu Natarajan: UIC
Jay Jayanthan: UIC
Jim Ryan: CDM
Rita St.Jacques: Sewer Administrator

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, if they found to be true & correct. Vito Epifano seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Chairman Madigosky asked three times if there was anyone from the public to speak. No one was present he declared the Public Session closed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Fr: Adam Barbash: of Fuss & O'Neill & CT D.E. P.
Re: Survey for the General Permit Regulations for (FPE's) food preparation establishments

All other communications were informational and to be put on file.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to accept all the communications & place them on file. All were in favor of the motion.

SEWER ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

There was a brief explanation given regarding the monthly reports. An update was given regarding the collections since the delinquent reminder notices were sent out in late March. The amount collected since April 1, 2010 is about \$231,700.00. The office is very pleased with the response they have had from the property owners.

The new Sewer Administrator asked the members to please be patient because she is trying to recreate and replicate reports done by the former administrator. The office has

been running pretty smoothly and there haven't been any problems to date. As far as the billing for the 554 Project everything was done on schedule after the documents that were removed from the office were returned. Hopefully next months billing will go as well. The Chairman said he would like to see a few changes regarding the monthly reports presented to the members at the meetings. Everything that is presented has been very paper oriented & there may be some places to cut back on that. The Chairman would like to make it easier for the members to find and read the information presented.

MOTION was made by Henry Boldaz and was seconded by Gary Merlone to accept the Sewer Administrators update / report. All were in favor of the motion. Gary Merlone also wanted it on record that he is pleased with the way the office has been running since the personnel change was made.

BUSINESS:

1) Discuss & move to adopt the rate for the Sewer use Capital Fee for the Sewer Plant Rehabilitation Project. AKA... 554 Project

There was quite a bit of discussion regarding the rate and the multiplier in place. Spero Jordanides asked if the payments could be made in 2 parts. The chairman explained the office tried that during the regular collection 2 years ago and it created more problems than it was worth. Spero again indicated that he thought the property owners would be better off if they could spread the payments out.

Carl LaRovera said he thought the comments from last night's Public Hearing were very good and the people present made very good points when they spoke. Carl also mentioned he agreed that there were some multipliers that needed to be addressed and raised. Gary Merlone agreed with Carl's comment about the multipliers needing to be addressed.

Gary Merlone told the members he had some issues with the current plan. He said he truly believes that being billed by CONSUMPTION is the way to go, as far as he is concerned. "WHAT YOU USE YOU PAY FOR" is what Gary Merlone said?

Carl LaRovera agreed but he also said because of the time constraints the WPCA is under right now to get the first collection mailed and started that we should go with what has been put together now, then revisit it again for the next years billing cycle (year # 2).

Carl Said to stop now and turn this billing cycle around & upside down now might not be the best thing to do.

Howard Madigosky agreed that we should get this year's collection procedure that was discussed last night at the Public Hearing under way and then as Carl LaRovera suggested revisit the payment procedure before next years billing has to go out. It would be a good time to look at the consumption idea for billing for the 554 project.

It was mentioned that most people that were in attendance at the public hearing didn't have a problem with the building / rehab of the plant they were concerned with how they were going to be billed for the project.

Spero Jordanides told the members that he would like to see a little more organization in place for the WPCA.

Vito Epifano asked if there was time to relook at the billing for the project. "Do we have to have an answer now?" He asked if the members that worked on the billing for the

project looked at the consumption way to go at all. Carl LaRovera told him that consumption was looked at a while ago and it was thought that a FLAT RATE was easier and the most efficient way to get the billing done.

Howard Madigosky told the members he would be apprehensive about changing mid stream now because we are so close to getting the first years billing done.

The question about billing on consumption raises the question “what if everyone conserves and then there isn’t enough money collected to pay the annual payment due” Attorney Androski told the members that by billing the way that was discussed at the Public Hearing we are looking at billing 8000 units –vs- 5500 billable units/ properties. Gary Merlone wanted it on the record that he thinks the MULTIPLIERS in place really need significant changes.

He also wanted it on the record that he believes “usage” is the way to go. Gary also mentioned that commercial properties will be the answer not the residential properties. He also mentioned that there is an APPEALS PROCESS in place for the property owner to use if they need to.

Attorney Androski said there are 2 ways to appeal: (1) 21 days after the information on the rate is in the newspaper they can go to Superior Court and appeal it (2) they can come before the WPCA and state their concerns.

Gary Merlone feels that the property owners should be able to attend the WPCA meetings and present their appeals. There are going to be exceptions, a problem is going to be the units that have the ability to rent and the property owners choose not to.

Member Carl LaRovera asked how will the WPCA know if they decide to rent after the fact. The homeowner that attended the Public Hearing is probably never going to rent her units. The WPCA knows she hasn’t rented the units in over 20 yrs. The members all agreed that each appeal will be handled on an individual basis.

Gary Merlone said that doing “drive bys” is a way to monitor. An example would be electric meters that shouldn’t be in operation because of empty units and now the meter is in use.

The members started to discuss the MULTIPLIERS. Mr. Egan attended the Public Hearing and had some very valid points. He mentioned Nursing homes, after discussion the members decided they would be treated the same as Griffin Hospital.

Member Gary Merlone mentioned that he thinks the Riverside Apts. should not be billed by each unit, as they are a non-profit group. There was no further discussion on the Apts.

The following are adjustments and /or additions to the MULTIPLIER LIST

- *Nursing homes & Griffin Hospital: MULTIPLIER of “6”
- *Schools & Municipal buildings will have a MULTIPLIER of “3”
- *Light Industry MULTIPLIER of “3”
- *NON PROFIT ORG. (i e... YMCA, Boys & Girls Club) MULTIPLIER of “6”
- *Laundromats: MULTIPLIER of “6”
- *Experimental Lab. (former Nike Site) MULTIPLIER of “3”
- *Car washes (if they recirculate their water) MULTIPLIER of “6”
- * Light & Heavy Industry: MULTIPLIER of “6”

Member Gary Merlone said that he feels that the WPCA needs to go out and do DYE TESTING of the sewer lines on Pershing Dr. He is very sure that the Brickhouse Restaurant, Expect, Valley Bowl & Italian Pavilion flow into Ansonia's system.

Attorney Androski told the members that included in the document that was presented for adoption it states that "All categories listed (multipliers) include the other towns & cities that flow into Ansonia's system. (Derby, Seymour & Woodbridge)
The members all agreed that was very fair since they do use the system.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Vito Epifano to ADOPT the FLAT RATE of \$285.00 per billable unit using the REVISED MULTIPLIER LIST / CHART Attached to it. This motion also includes the option to go and revisit the possibility of billing by CONSUMPTION for the next years billing cycle for the 554 PROJECT. There should be more research done moving ahead.

A roll call vote was taken: H. Madigosky: YES
C. LaRovera : YES
H. Boladz: YES
G. Merlone: YES
V. Epifano: YES
S. Jordanides: YES

There were six YES votes the motion passed.

CDM: monthly report/update: Jim Ryan:

- 85 % complete
- 60% of time used
- about 65 workers on site daily

Gary Merlone asked what the Nitrogen looks like now since there are parts of the new plant up & running.

Jim said it looks good & he has seen some decrease already.

Howard brought up the storm water and how it brings up the volume of flow into the plant. The last rain storm it was handling 10 million (g p d) average then it peaked out at 14 million (gpd).

Gary said he believes it's time we treat only sewage not rain. Howard Madigosky said there is quite a bit more I&I work that needs to be done (Inflow & infiltration) but right now they are concentrating on the project.

Spero asked about the hiring of the Class 4 to run the plant. Howard said the interviews were put on hold because Joe Maffeo was on vacation & then his mother-in-law passed away. Spero asked why they waited to do the interviewing for Joe Maffeo. Howard told him, he felt as though Joe would have good input & know what they were looking for. Spero thinks everyone should be included in the interviewing process. Gary Merlone agreed.

Spero asked if the back-ups will decrease. Everyone present told Spero the plant construction really has nothing to do with the sewer back-ups throughout the town. Spero told the members how important it is to do preventative maintenance on the sewer system. He was told the WPCA does not have the manpower & the WPCA has no authority to tell /ask the public works Dept. to do it.

Spero really believes something needs to be done.

Chairman Madigosky asked Jim Ryan to continue. Gary Merlone agreed and told Jim Ryan it is always a pleasure to listen to Jim's reports because he always has good things to say.

Jim told the members there have been 11 change orders so far.

He asked the members if they had any questions about the proposed change orders he has for them tonight. Henry Boladz did ask a few questions and he was satisfied with the answers.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Carl La Rovera to approve the PCO's presented. # 46A,60A,65,66,67,68,69,71 & 72

Totaling \$44,004.03

All were in favor of the motion.

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

UIC monthly report: Sindhu Natarajan:

Sindhu reported there were three sewer back ups this month. They were handled by the Public works crew.

The members began another discussion about the upkeep of the sewer lines. There was discussion regarding the restaurants in the areas of the back ups. They asked if they are monitored for grease removal. Howard told the members the communication we received from Fuss & O'Neill is in regard to that very issue. Hopefully we will be able to make some head way with the on going sewer back up problems caused by grease.

There was discussion regarding sending UIC out to do dye testing in the Derby area that is tied in to the Ansonia Sewer System. Gary seems to think the Public Works guys should be able to do it. The members were all in agreement that the Engineers are a better choice because they will be able to write a detailed report to the Derby WPCA officials. Gary wanted it on record that he really believes our own people should handle this and "dye testing is not rocket science".

MOTION was made by Henry Boladz and was seconded by Spero Jordanides to have UIC do the dye testing that needs to be done in Derby to determine if they are connected to Ansonia's sewers. They will contact the Derby people, coordinate the testing and report back to the WPCA. There were five YES votes and 1 No vote (Gary Merlone) the motion passed with 5 votes.

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

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Spero Jordanides to pay all bills if they found to be true, correct and providing there is enough money in the accounts to pay them. All were in favor of the motion.

1) Attorney Androski:	\$1,825.50
2) Attorney Androski reimbursement for the New Haven Register	\$ 870.99
3) Trident Ins. for Dec. 14, 2008 back up (deductible)	\$10,000.00
4) CT DEP Nitrogen Credits Program	\$149,885.00
5) U.S. Post Office –annual rental fee for PO Box	\$80.00

Attorney Androski Update: There was discussion regarding the problem with Birm I and the issue with the Elm, Division, & Main St. intersection problem last yr. Attorney Androski will compose a letter to let the City Of Ansonia officials know that there was in fact a problem but it was caused by miscommunications between Insituform the engineers and Birm I. This will take any problems out of the WPCA's hands and Birm I can get on with whatever they have too.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. All were in favor of the motion. 8:50 PM Rich Bshara was asked to stay for the Executive session.

MOTION was made by Carl LaRovera and was seconded by Gary Merlone to come out of Executive Session. All were in favor of the motion. 9:20 PM

MOTION was made by Spero Jordanides and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to move the New Sewer Administrator (Rita St.Jacques) to:

A-3 WPCA Administrator

Pay rate: STEP 3

According to Appendix C// effective date July 1, 2008 (pg. 31) of the union contract.

All members were in favor of the motion.

Attorney Androski will write a letter to the payroll dept., mayors office & union notifying them of this decision/ motion.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Spero Jordanides to hire Rich Bshara as a Financial Consultant to WPCA on an as needed basis. The pay rate will be \$60.00 per hour. All were in favor of the motion.

MOTION was made by Carl LaRovera and seconded by Vito Epifano to send a letter to Acting Mayor Steve Blume thanking him for his support and help. Also to send letters to Sindhu Natarajan :of UIC and Jay Jayanthan of UIC thanking them for their continued support to the WPCA.

All were in favor of the motion.

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

The meeting ended @ 9:40 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Rita St.Jacques

June 3, 2010

