

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

The meeting opened @ 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. The chairman asked to have the roll called. There were five members present, he declared a quorum.

MEMBERS PRESENT: G. Merlone
C. LaRovera
J. Fabrizio
H. Boladz
S. Blume

ABSENT: K. Blake
V. Epifano

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Attorney John Androski
Rich Bshara: Consultant
Rita St.Jacques: Sewer Administrator
Jay Jayanthan: UIC
Peter Georgetti: UIC
Jason St.Jacques: WWTP
John Tomasella: WWTP
Ellen Turshmann: WPCA Clerk/ Secretary

MOTION was made by Henry Boladz and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to accept the minutes from the previous meeting if they are found to be true & correct. All were in favor of the motion. There were no corrections to be made.

PUBLIC SESSION:

The chairman asked three times if there was anyone from the public that wanted to speak. There was no one present he declared the Public Session closed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Priority List from the DEP: Informational
- 2) Response letter to property owner of 284 N. Main St.
- 3) Update on the Great Hill Rd. properties and where they flow
- 4) Brief update on Sewer Back-ups that occurred during the month of August

MOTION was made by Joe Fabrizio and was seconded by Henry Boladz to accept all communications and place them on file. All were in favor of the motion.

SEWER ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

The account balances were given to the members for all accounts. There was a brief update on the totals collected thus far for the Sewer Project (554 Sewer Rehabilitation Project).

The administrator told the members that there were still people coming in on a regular basis to make payments for both last years annual use bill and the sewer project bill. There was discussion on the procedure for collecting past due money. The members were told that in the past any accounts that were not paid at the end of the collection period were forwarded to Attorney Androski office for collection. The office has been trying to work with the rate payers and have them make payments at the office

rather than turn them over for collections as there are collection fees added to their balances. It was also explained that if any account was four or five years in the rear as a rule those accounts are turned over to the attorney for collections, unless of course the rate payer comes in with a substantial amount to pay the account down then the office will work with them. The office would rather work with the rate payers rather than make them angry and have them feel that they are being overcharged, especially in the today's economy "it is the least we can do for them". The members were told that there have been a few instances when the Tax Office and the Sewer Office will work together and send an account to the Marshall for collection. It has worked out nicely and the Marshall has been able to bring in a few VERY PAST DUE accounts for the Sewer Office.

Attorney Androski was asked what he thought of this process. He told the members "he wasn't in favor of that procedure". Attorney Androski told the members that Marshall's aren't able to foreclose on properties and as our attorney he can. There was no further discussion on collections.

There was a brief discussion about the sewer back up at 11 Ford St. The members were told about the property owners and the conversation that was had with them at the office. They were understanding after they were told the process and were willing to wait until the meeting for the members to act on the reimbursement for the damage that occurred. They have submitted all the receipts and the estimate to have the wall board fixed along with carpeting being replaced and money for items they listed as damaged. The amount is about \$3,400.00

The members had some questions about the back ups that have been happening in that area of the hilltop. It keeps reoccurring pretty much in the same area. The members are somewhat concerned that it continues to happen and there really hasn't been any answer as to why it keeps happening other than the back ups are caused by grease. "Where is the grease coming from, and why can't we pin point it"! MOTION was made by Steve Blume and was seconded by Joe Fabrizio to have attorney Androski make a settlement with the property owners of 11 Ford St. for their reimbursement and have some sort of agreement signed, stating that they have been paid in full when they have received their reimbursement. All were in favor of the motion.

MOTION was made by Carl LaRovera and was seconded by Joe Fabrizio to accept the Sewer Administrators report. All were in favor of the motion.

CDM: monthly report submitted by Jim Ryan to the members. Jim was not present at the meeting for the presentation of the report. Member Carl LaRovera asked about the (\$319,355.98) amount that was referred to in the report. Carl asked if it is showing a credit since it says a ***Balancing change order to account for contract unit price work under runs & overruns, will be processed. The current estimate is (\$319,355.98)***

The members were all of the opinion that it does mean we are getting a credit but they also feel as though it will have to be returned or applied somewhere else. The project is just about complete and they are working diligently on punch lists. There are very few workers on site since most everything is complete.

Attorney Androski told the members that the actual closing for the project should be sometime in January 2012. There is a good possibility that there is going to be money left over from Administrative costs that were funded and not used since quite a bit of it was done by himself & Rita at the office. Attorney Androski is optimistic that there may be some money that we can possibly recoup and put towards the paying off of the project. He also mentioned that the WPCA and the City Of Ansonia is so fortunate that there haven't been any law suits and any BIG problems during this project.

Member Steve Blume asked the representatives from UIC what the status was with the hiring of a Class 4 person to run the plant. The members were told they have contacted all the previous people that had applied for the position and none are interested. Sindhu has contacted the state DEP and asked to have an updated list sent to her of all the people that have Class four licenses throughout the state. They / She will contact each of them by personal letter asking if they are interested in applying for our position in Ansonia. The members are all adamant that this is a priority that needs to be addressed now. The City of Ansonia / WPCA has been fortunate up to now that the state hasn't begun to levy fines yet because we aren't in complete compliance. The WPCA has certainly been proactive in its search for a candidate for the position; they just haven't been successful yet.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: UIC

1) Application for Sewer Connection Permit:

a) Castle Lane Sub-division: No activity

b) Copper-Gate Village: No Activity

2) Maple Street Bridge Rehabilitation:

The bids that were presented were very high (\$200,000.00) NEPCO (New England Pipe Cleaning Company) came in with an alternate solution to the problem. The suggested lining about 10 feet of the pipe, do a point repair and coat the manhole. This solution would stop the sink hole and fix the problem for quite a bit less money than any of the bids. The approximate cost for that part of the project would be about \$5,000.00 there will be a few other costs involved such as some work on the manhole and other incidentals that would add to the \$5,000.00 but it would not be anywhere near the \$200,000.00 bids that were received.

The members are pleased with the results of the work that UIC has done to get this problem taken care of. Peter Georgetti mentioned that Joe Maffeo was very helpful with the problem.

MOTION was made by Joe Fabrizio and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to allow UIC to move forward to get a contract and get the project to repair the sink hole at the Maple Street Bridge, and Main St. intersection done. All were in favor of the motion.

3) 103 Ford St.: The back up has been addressed and the findings are that the back up is the responsibility of the association for that sub division.

4) Great Hill Rd. Dye Testing: Due to Hurricane Irene the dye testing that was scheduled has been put off. It will be done very soon. This should provide the WPCA with the necessary information that it needs to know if the homes in question are flowing to Ansonia's WWTP and should be paying Ansonia.

5) Sewer Back-ups: discussed previously

MOTION was made by Henry Boldaz and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to accept the report as presented. All were in favor of the motion.

Chairman Merlone and the members would like a letter written to the Planning & Zoning Commission updating the status of the Castle Lane sub-division. There was conceptual approval given June 1, 2011 and since then there hasn't been any activity and UIC has asked to meet with the principals of the project and they have not yet complied.

MOTION to pay all bills if they found to be true and correct was made by Joe Fabrizio and was seconded by Henry. Boladz. All were in favor of the motion.

1) Attorney John Androski

Month of August 2011

\$2,799.00

Attorney Androski Update:

Attorney Androski told the members he has been trying to tie up the loose ends for the 554 Project as far as the closing and finally getting it finalized.

Rich Bshara Update: Working vigilantly on getting the water company records put together so the billing can get done. Regional Water Authority changed its billing procedures. They sent 4 separate files instead of 1 file, therefore Rich had to spend a massive amount of time working to combine the data so the billing can get done. Derby was good enough to give us the heads up that they had billing problems with the data RWA provided them. This allowed us to be ahead of the problem here. Hurricane Irene created another set of problems as far getting the billing loaded and mailed. Hopefully the bills should be able to go out about the 15th of the month and then we will give the rate payers until the 31st of October to pay.

MOTION was made by Steve Blume and was seconded by Joe Fabrizio to go into Executive Session. All were in favor of the motion.

MOTION was made by Carl LaRovera and was seconded by Henry Boladz to return to the regular portion of the meeting. 8:15 PM

MOTION was made by Steve Blume and was seconded by Joe Fabrizio to allow Attorney John Androski and Gary Hale to continue to obtain funding from the state and local priority capital for alternative energy including anerobic digestors and solar wind energy for electricity to supply the facility plant and for sludge removal.

All were in favor of the motion.

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There was some discussion regarding the posting of Operator Mechanic at the WWTP, no motion was made. The members asked that the chairman discuss the posting with the mayor before any decision is made by the WPCA.

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

The meeting ended at 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Rita St.Jacques
Sewer Administrator