

MEETING OF THE MINUTES  
April 4, 2012

The meeting opened @ 7:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. The chairman asked for the roll to be called. There were five members present, therefore there was a quorum.

PRESENT     G. Merlone  
                  H. Madigosky  
                  C. LaRovera  
                  H. Boladz  
                  S. Blume

ABSENT: K. Blake  
                  V. Epifano

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE  
Attorney John Androski  
Rich Bshara  
Peter Georgetti: UIC  
Rita St. Jacques  
Mark Thomas

Public Session: the Chairman asked three times if anyone from the public would like to speak. No one was present and the public session was closed.

MOTION to accept minutes from March 20, 2012 meeting made by C. LaRovera and seconded by S. Blume with one amendment. At the March 20, 2012 special meeting Mr. LaRovera had made a motion that as Superintendent Mr. Thomas will solely be responsible for the supervision of all WWTP employees and will answer only to the WPCA Board. There will no longer be any WWTP employee reporting to Mr. M. Schryver at the Department of Public Works. The wording should have read all WPCA employees, not just WWTP employees. R. St. Jacques asked why Mr. Thomas would be in charge of the WPCA office when her position is Sewer Administrator. She takes care of the collections and general office. Mr. LaRovera replied that “yes he is your boss - all WPCA employees. If he comes and asks you or Ellen to type a letter or something you have to do it.” Ms. St. Jacques mentioned the organizational chart and Mr. Blume replied “things change. That’s not the way it is anymore.” The secretary (E. Turschmann) explained to Mr. LaRovera that she and Ms. St. Jacques do not work for the Department of Public Works and report directly to the Commission. Mr. LaRovera said that is going to change. Ms. St. Jacques then said she didn’t understand how Mr. Thomas can be her

boss when she is the sewer administrator. Chairman Merlone then said if that's what you want then let the record show the motion should have said "all WPCA employees". All members voted yes to accept the motion with the correction and the motion was carried.

Communications:

Letter from Mr. Thomas Clifford, Commissioner of the Regional Water Authority responding to the Commission requesting water furnished to the WWTP be provided from wells rather than surface water. Mr. Clifford forwarded the Commission's letter to Larry Bingaman, President and CEO of the Regional Water Authority.

Letter from Mr. Tom Chaplik Vice President-Water Quality and Outreach-Regional Water Authority. Mr. Chaplik advised the Commission that because the source of water used in the public drinking water system can vary from day to day due to operational constraints, the Regional Water Authority is unable to simply change the water to be solely from the operating wells in order to accommodate the request of the WPCA while meeting the public drinking water system demands. As a result the Regional Water Authority urges the WPCA to plan on continuing to receive both types of quality of water (reservoir and well) at the treatment plant for the foreseeable future.

MOTION made by S. Blume and seconded by C. LaRovera to have H. Madigosky contact Mr. Chaplik and invite him to the May 2, 2012 WPCA regularly scheduled monthly meeting to further discuss the water situation.

Invitation to the Spring Workshop and Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Association of Water Pollution Control Authorities, Inc. on Friday, May 11, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Cromwell, Connecticut.

MOTION made by H. Madigosky and seconded by S. Blume to send M. Thomas to the annual meeting. All were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION made by H. Madigosky and seconded by H. Boladz to accept the communications and place them on file. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Sewer Administrators Report:

R. St. Jacques presented her Sewer Administrators Report. The lien notice for the Sewer Project bill (2010 List Year) was mailed out beginning the week of March 21, 2012.

The rates for the WPCA Special Project bill need to be set in order that the bill can go out for the June billing. In order to set the rates the WPCA needs to know what the closing costs will be.

Attorney Androski update: There was a lengthy discussion on the 554 closing. Attorney Androski said that with the information currently in hand there is enough money in the account to satisfy our obligation to the State.

1. The closing is tentatively scheduled for 7-20-12.
2. Attorney Androski provided financial documentation. See attached.

A public hearing and special meeting need to be held to discuss the rates and a Public Notice must be published in the newspaper.

MOTION was made by H. Boladz and seconded by H. Madigosky to hold the Public hearing and Special Meeting on May 2, 2012 prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. The Public Hearing will be held at 6:30PM, the Special Meeting will be held at 6:45PM and the regular meeting will be held at 7:00PM. Attorney Androski will publish the Public Notice. All were in favor and the motion carried.

It is time for the WPCA to begin the budget making process for the next fiscal year. R. Bshara has begun assembling data for the Line Items.

WPCA Monthly Financial Documents were provided.

MOTION to accept the Sewer Administrator's report made by S. Blume and seconded by H. Madigosky. All were in favor and the motion carried.

UIC Report:

There were no sewer backups for this month.

UIC met with the City of Derby, The City of Ansonia, and Weston & Sampson on March 14, 2012 on the Ansonia-Derby Interconnect Project. A copy of the minutes is attached. Weston and Sampson has requested a meeting with UIC to discuss further details and to share data.

R. St. Jacques requested UIC to check a few well meters that are in question. P Georgetti agreed to have the work performed.

MOTION to accept the report as written made by S. Blume and seconded by H. Madigosky. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION to pay all bills if they are found to be true and correct and there is enough money to pay them made by S. Blume and seconded by H Boladz. All were in favor and the motion passed.

1. Attorney Androski – Services through 3/30/2012 \$1,725.00
2. Attorney Androski – Additional closing costs \$1,800.00
3. R. Bshara - Services through 3/31 2012 \$1,320.00

MOTION made by H. Madigosky and seconded by S. Blume to transfer funds to several line items as proposed by R. Bshara, financial consultant. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Old business: Per Attorney Androski language was added to the Synagro contract giving Ansonia the right of first refusal of any sludge.

MOTION made by S. Blume and seconded by H. Madigosky to have the Synagro contract approved and signed. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION made to accept Attorney Androski's report as filed made by H. Madigosky and seconded by C. LaRovera. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION made by S. Blume to go into Executive Session and seconded by C. LaRovera at 8:35pm. All were in favor and the motion passed. Staying for the Executive Session were members of the Commission and Attorney Androski.

MOTION made to go back to regular session made by C. LaRovera and seconded by H. Madigosky at 9:59PM. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION made by S. Blume and seconded by H. Madigosky to adjourn. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting ended at 10:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ellen Turschmann Secretary/Clerk