

MEETING OF THE MINUTES
JUNE 6 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
Peter Georgetti: UIC
Jay Jayanthan: UIC
Rita St. Jacques
Mark Thomas
Rich Bshara
Tom Chaplik
Thomas Clifford

MOTION to accept the minutes from the previous meeting with two corrections made by S. Blume and seconded by C. LaRovera. All were in favor and the motion passed.

CORRECTIONS TO LAST MONTH'S MINUTES.

PAGE 4 PARAGRAPH 1, WHEN REFERENCING THE ADDITION OF SODA ASH, IT IS USED TO RAISE THE ALKALINITY, NOT LOWER IT.

PAGE 4, PARAGRAPH 4 NEEDS TO BE CLARIFIED THAT S. BLUME DID NOT DENY COMPENSATION TO JOHN.

R. St. Jacques asked for permission to present her Sewer Administrator's report prior to the public session due to a family emergency. The chairman willingly obliged and Rita's report follows;

An informational letter was sent to Attorney Condon asking for clarification of the order liens are paid off. The blight officer is having several houses auctioned off and it appears

that the blight liens will be paid off before tax and sewer liens. No reply has been received.

The property owner of 5 Cook St. claims that he is not hooked up to the sewer. M. Thomas investigated and found this to be true. The Commission agreed to waive the sewer charges to date, however, the property line is within 100ft of the sewer line so the property needs to be hooked into the sewer per City Ordinance.

M. Thomas will send the property owner a letter with this information and advise him that he has 6 months from the date of the letter to hook into the sewer.

There was a fire at 16 Fifth St. and the house was leveled. There is now only a vacant lot. The property owner has advised that he will be building a two family house in the future and asked if he would have to pay the sewer fees until the house is built. The Commission agreed that he should continue to pay the sewer charges because it will be cheaper for him rather than paying for an impact study when the house is being built. Rita will notify the owner of the decision.

305 and 307 Kimberly Lane claim to have wells and septic. Rita spoke with the owner of 305 and advised him that we will need to do a dye test to verify. The home owner refused to allow the test saying that it would be invasive to his system. Rita advised him that we need to verify that he is not tied in before we can remove him from the billing data. M. Thomas will check to see how close his property line is to the nearest connection and report back.

R. Bshara is working on the budget.

Liens were placed on unpaid balances of \$5.00 or more for the 2010 List Year Sewer Project bills.

Delinquent/lien notices will be prepared and sent out for the 2010 List Year Usage bills. The notices will go out July 1, 2012 and be due by August 1, 2012. Liens will be placed the last week of August 2012 for any unpaid balances of \$5.00 or more.

R. Bshara has the data from the Regional Water Authority. He will work his magic and prepare the billing for the 2011 List Year Usage bill.

Some transfers will need to be made and R. Bshara will provide that information. (See attached).

Financial reports are attached.

Public Session: the Chairman asked three times if anyone from the public would like to speak. Mr. Tom Chaplik Vice President-water Quality & Outreach of the Regional Water Authority spoke about water sources. The WPCA had previously requested that water provided to the plant come from the well fields in Derby and Seymour. Less soda ash is

needed to raise the alkalinity on well water than water that is pumped from either the Orange or Woodbridge tanks due to the hardness of the well water.

Mr. Chaplik explained that prior to 1985 the source of water came from two well fields: one in Derby and one in Seymour. The Seymour well field has been deteriorating for years and does not produce as much water. Therefore, during high demand times (i.e., summer), water is pumped from either the Woodbridge or Orange tanks, in addition to the two well fields.

The Water Authority is working to keep the Seymour well going, in addition to looking at other areas to drill new wells.

Mr. Chaplik explained that it would not be possible to guarantee that water provided to the WTPP will only come from the well fields. The Water Authorities goal is to provide water to all of its customer's on demand, and to do this it may have to use the tanks in Woodbridge and Orange.

S. Blume suggested that it might be less expensive for the chemicals if Ansonia were to form a consortium with neighboring towns and order in larger quantities. M. Thomas will contact the neighboring towns and see if they are interested.

T. Clifford, former Mayor of Ansonia and present member of the Board of the Regional Water Authority said that he thought it was a good idea to contact the other towns and piggyback with them on the purchase of chemical, such as Soda Ash.

There was no one else present from the public and the public session was closed at 7:03PM.

UIC Report:

1. Applications for Sewer Connection Permit
There is nothing to report this month.
2. Sewer back-ups:
May 2, 2012 at 2 Bassett St. Main was clogged with grease and rags. The WPCA ran the line and flushed
3. Dye testing:
UIC is scheduled to perform a dye test on Friday June 8th at 80 Beaver St. to determine if it is connected to the city sewer. UIC suggested that since M. Thomas has been performing dye tests, he do the test instead. M. Thomas agreed to conduct the test on the 8th.
4. Sewer As-built Plans:
UIC contacted Mr. Tracy Lewis from Lewis Associates regarding the old sewer as-builts originally owned by Clark and Pearson. Mr. Lewis indicated that he would offer to sell the entire collection of maps (reportedly numbering in the hundreds), along with scanned images of most of the maps, for \$10,000. This would also include a set of rolled prints prepared by Teddy Witek. Mr. Lewis indicated that he could make the maps available for inspection and/or could meet with the WPCA to discuss the possible sale in more detail. The Commission

asked UIC to let Mr. Lewis know that they are interested in the maps and would like to inspect them. R. Bshara asked to be included in the inspection meeting.

5. Anaerobic Digester Project:

UIC is involved with the anaerobic digester project proposed for the piece of land to the north of the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). UIC is tasked with the following project components:

- a. Evaluating the permitting requirements for this project.
- b. Developing a site plan
- c. Evaluating the building and life safety codes.

The project team is moving toward the completion of a 10% design package by the middle of June. The design package will include a conceptual design of the plant and site, cost estimates for permitting and construction and anticipated scheduling for permitting and construction. The developer will use this information to evaluate whether or not to proceed with the project.

UIC and the other team members have been in contact with M. Thomas to determine the suitability of discharging the project water to the WWTP. Mark said that the process water won't impact the plant as much as originally thought.

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

Receive and pay all bills:

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. Madigosky. All were in favor and the motion passed.

1. Attorney Androski – Services through – 5-31-2012 \$150.00
2. Attorney Androski – Additional closing costs \$2,000.00

Androski Update:

A discussion took place concerning the WPCA accounts and what the money is designated for. The money in the 544 and 311 accounts is to be used to pay off loans. R. Bshara will investigate the various accounts to see if there is money which needs to be moved.

R. Bshara said that money needs to be transferred to various line items from some other line items in order to pay some bills.

The chairman proposed discussing the rate for the 2012 List Year for Sewer Usage. R. Bshara doesn't have all the information he needs. In order to establish a proposed rate for usage Rich needs the completed budget and water consumption. He will look at the sewer accounts and the budget and analyze what's going on. He said the Usage rate will most likely stay the same. It probably won't go up, but it may not go down.

The Chairman wants to schedule a public hearing on the proposed usage rate for the meeting on July 11, 2012 at 6:45PM.

M. Thomas brought up a problem that he is having with Serv Pro. Public Works employees who are called in for sewer back-ups have been giving the home owners Serv Pro's cards and M. Schryver has been authorizing payment. Now that the WPCA has a Superintendent, Mark should be the person authorizing the Serv Pro cleanup. The Secretary will invite Mr. Schryver to the July meeting.

MOTION to go into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's contract made by S. Blume and seconded by C. LaRovera. All were in favor and the motion passed. In addition to the Board and Attorney Androski, M. Thomas attended the Executive Session.

MOTION to go out of Executive Session made by S. Blume and seconded by C. LaRovera. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION to adjourn made by C. LaRovera and seconded by H. Madigosky. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Ellen Turschmann, Secretary