

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
APRIL 3, 2013

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

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

ABSENT: K. Blake  
C. LaRovera

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Attorney John Androski  
Rita St. Jacques  
Sindhu Natarajan: UIC  
Brian Capozzi  
Charles Stowe: Alderman  
Rich Bshara

MOTION to accept the minutes from the previous meeting made by S. Blume and seconded by H. Boladz. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Chairman asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to speak. Ms. Stacy Wild was in the audience to speak about a sewer back-up that had occurred at her residence on 40 Beechwood Dr on March 31, 2013. This was the third time within 18 months that there has been a back-up with raw sewage flooding the basement. Brian Capozzi responded and ServPro was called in to clean up. Stacy stated that she has been busting her "a###" since Sunday trying to clean up everything that has to be thrown out. Brian said that C.Pitney of Public Works will send a truck to pick up the refuse when she is done and Stacy said that there is a huge pile of debris there now. Brian will contact Carmen about the pickup. There was damage to the walls and black mold was found behind the paneling, necessitating the removal of the walls. Brian described the problem as built up grease in the sewer line and a clump of roots that had broken off from somewhere else in the sewer line and become trapped at 40 Beechwood. After the previous backup C. Pitney had put degreaser into the line and routed out the built up grease. It was believed that this had eliminated the problem, however, after the current backup Derby had loaned Ansonia their camera truck with a technician and it was discovered that the grease was still present. Brian stated that the grease is white and rock hard and has been there for a long time. There is a small section of the line where the road does not have enough pitch and the grease collects there. Roto-Rooter and Brian will be at the residence on April 4, 2013 when Roto-Rooter will install a clean out. Ms Wild is

responsible for the cost of the clean out and Roto-Rooter is charging her \$700, which is discounted due to all the trouble she has had. Carmen and Brian will again add degreaser and rout out the old grease and once again Derby has offered the use of their camera truck to be sure that the problem has been corrected.

While Ms. Wild has been very pleased with the response of the WPCA, C. Pitney and his crew and ServPro she is very displeased with Atty. Androski's lack of response to multiple calls she has placed to his office. Ms. Wild received \$3,000 in March of 2012 for her first back-up but has heard nothing on her second claim, filed in November 2012. She is concerned that she now has another claim and there has been no action on the previous claim. Chairman Merlone stated several times that the WPCA has insurance and there won't be a problem. Atty. Androski stated that both claims will be discussed at the same time.

H. Madigosky asked Stacy if she had ever had a backup in her pipes and she said no, that she was raised that nothing was put down the toilet unless it was meant to go there.

While stating that she is frustrated and tired of the backup problem Stacy realizes that the WPCA and Public Works are doing everything they can to correct the problem, and she hopes that the problem will soon be corrected. Chairman Merlone assured her that the WPCA will stay on top of the problem and that she will see WPCA trucks in her neighborhood frequently throughout the summer, monitoring the lines.

The Chairman asked two more times if there was anyone else who wished to speak. No one answered and the public session was closed at 7:23 PM.

Sewer Administrator's Report: See report attached.

It was found that the property at 38 Great Hill Rd flows into Seymour and the rate payer is due a refund. A refund request form was sent to the rate payer and subsequently signed and returned. WPCA approval is needed.

Discussion was held on Ms. Jennifer Gerrity of 42 Finney St. regarding the hooking up of her home to the sewer. When the home was purchased Ms. Gerrity and her husband were told by the previous owner that they did not have to hook up to the sewer. Ms. Gerrity complained to the WPCA office that she did not feel she should have to pay the project fee since she is not hooked up to the sewer. Investigation revealed that according to the City's Charter the house falls within the limits (100 ft. from the curb to the lateral) and needs to be hooked up. Mr. Gerrity came into the WPCA office and was given this information but apparently told Ms. Gerrity that they were all set. They have since divorced and Ms. Gerrity is the homeowner. She is now struggling with bills and is concerned with the cost of the hookup. In the past the Board has given some leeway to hardship cases and the Board agreed that they should be consistent. Jack will send Ms. Gerrity a letter stating that she needs to be hooked up within six months and that she needs to provide documentation to the WPCA that the septic is serviced regularly. Atty. Androski will prepare an order for the May 1, 2013 meeting stating that she has 6 months

to hookup but the Board will review the situation then and if there is still a problem will address it then.

Copies of the monthly financial documents from the finance office, bank balances, collections from Atty. Androski and Marshall Davies and the top 20 Delinquent List were also presented in the Administrator's Report.

Discussion was held on 32 Prindle Av (Discko) concerning the broken meter which hasn't been fixed since 2011. H. Madigosky and G. Merlone both agreed that since the meter is broken and has not been repaired, Mr. Discko should be billed the flat well rate until such time as the meter is fixed.

The date and time for the Public Hearing for the proposed Sewer Project Bill rate has been set for May 1, 2013 at 6:45PM followed by the regularly scheduled monthly meeting to adopt the rate at 7:00PM. The meetings will take place at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, N. Division St. Atty. Androski will handle the publishing of the legal notice. At this time it looks as if the rate should be able to remain the same.

Discussion was held on Tax Sales. The WPCA will not hold it's own Tax Sale, however, if the Tax Department is having a sale on property which has delinquent sewer bills, the WPCA will forward it's information to the Tax Department to be included in the sale. Tax Sales should have minimum bids which cover both the taxes and sewer fees owed. Atty. Androski will send a letter to the Board of Alderman, BOAT, Tax Department and other Commissions which clearly states this requirement.

There is still an ongoing concern with the Naugatuck Savings Bank concerning the technology R. Bshara needs to perform tasks associated with the WPCA. has requested a meeting with Rita, Rich, and Robert Rose of Naugatuck Savings. S. Blume requested that he be included in the meeting.

Discussion was held on the 554 Project account. When originally set up it was made a money market account. There is a banking regulation (not just Naugatuck Savings) that there can not be more than 50 transactions per month. Each check that is deposited into this account is considered one transaction so we have been going over the 50 transaction limit every month. H. Madigosky stated that when the accounts were established, two accounts were set up: one for day to day transactions and one for deposits which would then transfer money to the other account as needed. Rita said that to her knowledge there is only the one 554 account. Howard will check his records and get back to Rita.

Rita asked the Mayor if installment billing should be continued on the sewer bills. He asked her what the response from the rate payers has been and she told him that it has been mixed. The senior citizens complain that the installments are very confusing but the younger people like the option of the installment billing. The Board will need to decide at the May meeting whether to continue with the installments.

Rita was asked if she had made contact with TD Bank in Seymour. She had but the representative never called her back.

Motion to give 38 Great Hill Rd. (Schuster) a refund made by S. Blume and seconded by H. Boladz. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION to have the Public Hearing for the 2012 Sewer Project Rate on Wednesday May 1, 2013 followed by the adoption of the rate at the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00PM made by H. Boladz and seconded by S. Blume. All were in favor and the motion passed.

UIC Report: see report attached.

On the Interconnect with Derby there is nothing new. Our facility can easily handle the flow from Derby. The facilities plan done by Weston and Sampson was not complete and has to be reworked. UIC will continue to work with the DEEP and Weston and Sampson to ensure that a complete analysis is done.

Chairman Melone commented that he is surprised that the DEEP hasn't ordered Derby to begin construction. Brian replied that Derby's process is fine, their equipment is old and odor is a problem. Rita brought to the members' attention that the difference between Ansonia and Derby is that Ansonia flows into the Naugatuck River and Derby flows into the Housatonic River which has a greater flow than the Naugatuck. Derby has a problem with heavy rains which produces a heavy flow. They also have significant infiltration problems. Derby doesn't have enough room to expand so it would seem that the best choice is to connect with Ansonia.

S. Blume requested that UIC procure copies of the job descriptions for all employees of the WPCA to be reviewed by the Board. Rita told the members she has copies of the job descriptions in her office and Brian stated that he also has copies also.

MOTION made by S. Blume and seconded by H. Boladz to have UIC obtain copies of WPCA employees' job descriptions. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION to accept the report as presented made by H. Madigosky and seconded by H. Boladz. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Superintendent's report; see report attached.

Brian spoke with C. Pitney regarding specing out a vacuum truck. There are two options: the WPCA can either buy a truck on the own or the WPCA and Public Works can split the cost of a truck which will handle the needs of both departments. The WPCA uses the jet side while the DPW uses the vacuum side. S. Blume stated several times that the WPCA should buy their own truck, however, Brian stated that there really is no need for the City to own two trucks. He feels it would be fiscally imprudent to have two trucks when one equipped to handle both jobs would suffice. There was a question about whether the DPW would ruin the vacuum by picking up stones and sticks and Brian said that if there is a fan motor it wouldn't be a problem. Brian said that \$65,000 had been put aside this year for the truck and not used and he asked R. Bshara how to retain that

money for next year. Rich told Brian to hold on to the money and let it fall to the bottom and next year he can use that money and budget additional money for the truck. There was also some discussion on the purchase of a camera truck in the future.

Brian mention that his probation period would be ending in two days. The Board congratulated him and said that he is doing a great job.

MOTION to have Atty. Androski send a letter to personnel advising them that Brain has passed his probation made by S. Blume and seconded by H. Boladz. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Brian and Rita also mentioned that Rita has been signing any old purchase orders left from former superintendent Mark Thomas. Brian said at this point there shouldn't be any more old PO's coming through.

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

Rich Bshara update:

Rich will work with Brian on the budget for the next fiscal year.

Rita has started getting the data for the 2012 sewer usage bills and once that data is received he and Rita will begin loading it and using it to determine the usage bills.

Rich is going to speak with Robert Rose of Naugatuck Savings Bank about the technical problems he's having and try to determine a solution.

Within the next 12 months Rich would like Atty. Androski and Atty. Fasi do an actuarial to be sure that we are on the right path as far as money is concerned.

Old business:

MOTION to vacate the liens on 241 Main St. made by Steve Blume and seconded by H. Madigosky. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Androski update:

Atty Androski had no updates and asked to go into executive session.

MOTION to go into executive session to discuss sewer claims made by S. Blume and seconded by H. Madigosky. All were in favor and the motion passed.

In addition to the Board members Atty. Androski and B. Capozzi were asked to attend the executive session. The session began at 8:53PM.

MOTION to go out of executive session made by S. Blume and seconded by H. Boladz. All were in favor and the motion passed. The session ended at 9:30PM.

MOTION to have Atty. Androwski call Ms. Wild of 40 Beechwood Dr. this week and begin negotiations on her claims made by H. Boladz and seconded by H. Madigosky. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION to adjourn made by S. Blume and seconded by H. Boladz. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting ended at 9:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ellen Turschmann  
WPCA Secretary