



## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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### MINUTES OF THE WPCA MONTHLY MEETING

OCTOBER 1, 2014

7:00PM

ANSONIA CITY HALL

253 MAIN ST.

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

#### PRESENT

N. Parente  
C. Durante  
D. Ventre  
C. Stowe  
K. Plavnicky  
A. Geruntho  
M. D'Alessio

#### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Rita St. Jacques WPCA  
Brian Capozzi WPCA  
Rich Bshara

MOTION to accept the minutes from the previous meeting was made by C. Durante and seconded by A. Geruntho. All were in favor and the motion passed.



The Chairman asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to speak and there was no answer. The Chairman asked twice more if there was anyone who wished to speak and again there was no answer. The public session was closed at 7:02 P.M.

There were no bills to be paid.

Michael H Horbal of 52 Main Street, Seymour addressed the Board regarding 45 Silver Hill Road, which is owned by Mr. Iannacone of 16 Bayview Blvd. Stratford.. Lot #3 has a house which is connected to an existing pump system. The owner of the property would like to build on lots #1 and #2 and requested that the Board consider putting in a gravity feed system. Mr. Horbal presented a site development plan showing grading and erosion. As it stands now, because the lots are below the pump station, a pump will need to be used to pump up to the existing Silver Hill pump station. An easement will be needed on lot #1 to pump up to the Silver Hill pump station.

Lot #1 is the easiest to connect to the gravity system. Lot #2 would need to pump up to Silver Hill and then would connect to a gravity system.

Superintendent Capozzi will meet with Fred D'Amico to get a final plan for the gravity system.

Chairman Parente asked if it would be possible to get an easement for a small piece of land and Mr. Iannacone agreed that it would be possible. Chairman Parente said that if someone wants a building permit for the lots, there would need to be a stipulation that the lots be connected to the gravity feed system.

MOTION to approve the conceptual development plan with the stipulation that if they are ready to build before the WPCA is ready with the gravity feed system, the WPCA will be given an easement made by D. Ventre and seconded by C. Durante. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Superintendent Capozzi said that the application, impact and review fees need to be paid.

Chairman Parente requested that the labor position be eliminated from the WWTP as it is no longer needed. There is a mandate from the DEEP that all personnel who work at the Waste Water Treatment Plant must have either a class 1 or class 2 operator's license unless grandfathered. There is currently a job holder in that position and the job holder would be returned to the Department of Public Works and would be able to begin the bumping process. The current job holder would not lose his job.

Member Stowe made a recommendation that since the person involved is a union member, there should be counsel involved. Chairman Parente said that he had spoken to Chris Tymniak, Personnel Director, just before our meeting and Mr. Tymniak agreed that the position could be eliminated.

Member Ventre said that if the position holder is in the union he can bump for a position. The union has practices that it will follow and the employee will be able to exercise his rights.

Chairman Parente said that he had spoken to the Personel Director, Corporation Counsel and others and that the WPCA is within its rights to eliminate the position.

A MOTION was made by Member Plavnicky to table the discussion until the November meeting. However, there was no second and the motion was withdrawn.

There was discussion about hiring Attorney James Sheehy who was not able to attend this meeting. Member Stowe made a motion to have a special meeting to vet Attorney Sheehy. There was no second and the motion was withdrawn.

MOTION to eliminate the labor position at the WWTP to comply with DEEP regulations that everyone at the plant be licensed or certified unless grandfathered made by C. Durante and seconded by M. D'Alessio. A roll call vote was requested.

K.Plavnicky – no

D. Ventre – yes

M. D'Alessio – yes

A. Geruntho – yes

C. Stowe – no

C. Durante – yes

N. Parente – yes

After the roll was taken there were 5 yes votes and 2 no votes and the motion carried.

There is an electric audit being conducted by Fred Schiavi to see if there is a way to save money on the electric bill.

Member Stowe asked who we have as an electric provider and Chairman Parente said that we are currently with Liberty Power but our contract with them is up in October. The City has different suppliers for the different buildings and is trying to get everyone to use the same supplier, however, nothing has been done so far and the contract with Liberty is up at the end of October.

Sewer Administrator's report (filed with Town and City Clerk)

#1. The owner of Duchess and Dunkin Donuts property called and raised a concern that they are being billed for water which is going into the restaurants by is being used for soda and coffee. He requested that a meter be put on the soda machine to measure how much water is being used and deduct that amount from the bill. After discussion it was decided that if the owner should call back again, he be told that the meter was not possible.

#2. The property owner of 328 N. Main St questioned how her bill was calculated. R. St. Jacques explained the process and the owner asked why she wasn't billed on her lowest quarter. Rita explained that the bill was looked at in two different ways and the lowest amount was billed. It is not possible to look at every possible combination. The property owner is upset that the winter quarter was so high. The Board agreed that if the Water Company sends a letter that they have given her a credit/adjustment on the winter quarter, Rita will refigure the bill.

#3. Spectrum Plastics has requested that they be allowed to put a meter on their sprinkler system and have their bill recalculated. Spectrum is located in the Fountain Lake Industrial Park and waters the lawn frequently in order to have the property look beautiful. There has been a previous agreement with the Tice Co. to do this very thing. Tice also waters their property frequently in order to keep the lawn esthetically pleasing.

MOTION to allow Spectrum to put a meter on their sprinkler system made by M. D'Alessio and seconded by C. Stowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#4. A bill was calculated and presented to Cumberland Farms for groundwater that was pumped into the sewer line. The bill was \$679.50.

#5. Resolution on 19 Woodbridge Av. left from the September 3, 2014 meeting where property owner request the waiving of interest and lien fees.

MOTION to waive interest but not lien fees made by C. Durante and seconded by D. Ventre. A roll call vote was requested.

K. Plavnicky – no

D. Ventre – yes

M. D'Alessio – yes

A. Geruntho – abstain

C. Stowe - no

C. Durante – yes

N. Parente – no

After the vote was called there were 2 no votes, 3 yes votes and 1 abstention so the motion did not carry. Chairman Parente said that according to Robert's Rules of Order, an abstention vote is equal to a no vote. Rita reminded the Board that per the Connecticut State Statutes the Board does not have the authority to waive the interest.

A letter will be sent to the property owner to advise her that her request was denied.

MOTION to accept the Sewer Administrator's report made by C. Stowe and seconded by D. Ventre. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Superintendent's Report (filed with the Town and City Clerk)

Disinfection season has come to an end so the UV lights will be taken down and stored until next year. There were no violations this year.

The quotes for the WWTP cameras came in and they are very high. Brian will contact the director of Economic Development to see if there are any grants available. Brian will provide the concepts for the cameras.

MOTION to pass new regulations for residential house hook ups/repairs made by C. Stowe and seconded by C. Durante. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION to accept the Superintendent's report made by C. Durante and seconded by C. Stowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Rich Bshara update

Money will be moved between accounts to get the best interest rate. Money will be moved from the operational to the capital accounts as approved last June.

The reimbursement papers filed with the State have disappeared in Hartford and Rich will need to refile them.

Finance is setting up a new system for analysis which will be batch driven. It will analyze how deposits are made and how they are put into the system.

MOTION to accept Rich's report made by D. Ventre and seconded by M. D'Alessio. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION to take a break made by C. Durante and seconded by A. Geruntho. All were in favor and the motion passed. A break was taken at 9:55P.M.

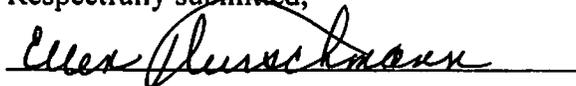
MOTION to return from break made by C. Durante and seconded by K. Plavnicky. All were in favor and the motion passed. The break ended at 10:10P.M.

MOTION to go into executive session made by C. Durante and seconded by C. Stowe. All were in favor and the motion passed. The executive session began at 10:11P.M. All of the Board attended and B. Capozzi and J. Perrault were called in at a later time.

MOTION to go out of executive session made by C. Durante and seconded by D. Ventre. All were in favor and the motion passed. Executive session ended at 11:10P.M.

MOTION to adjourn made by C. Durante and seconded by M. D'Alessio. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting ended at 11:12P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Turschmann/Secretary