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MINUTES OF THE WPCA MONTHLY MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2015

7:00PM

ANSONIA CITY HALL

253 MAIN ST.

The meeting opened at 7:02PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. The chairman asked for the roll to be called. There were six members present, therefore there was a quorum.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

A. Geruntho

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Rita St. Jacques WPCA
Brian Capozzi WPCA
Corporation Counsel John Marini
Director of Economic Development Sheila O'Malley

MOTION to accept the minutes from the previous meeting was made by C. Durante and seconded by M. D'Alessio. Member Plavnicky said that there was an error in the December 3, 2014 minutes. On pg. 6 the term shovel should be snow work. All were in favor and the motion passed with the correction.



The Chairman asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to speak and no one answered. The Chairman asked twice more if there was anyone from the public who wished to speak and upon receiving no answer, the public session was closed at 7:06P.M.

Sewer Administrator's report (copy on file in the Town and City Clerk's office)

#1. Letter from Ramon Sous. This issue has been discussed at previous meetings and is still unresolved. A letter was sent to Attorney Sous asking for a meeting and there was no response.

Member Stowe asked where the line goes and Superintendent Capozzi replied that there are both Ansonia and Seymour lines there. Sewer Administrator St. Jacques explained that before Birmingham Blvd. was built there were only Seymour lines and all properties flowed to Seymour. After Birmingham Blvd. was built there are now Ansonia lines and all new houses flow into Ansonia.

Chairman Parente has spoken to Attorney Sous and explained the situation but there has been no remedy.

Member Stowe asked if the Ansonia people who flow into Seymour want to flow to Ansonia and Sewer Administrator St. Jacques explained that all of the people who flow into Seymour pay Ansonia and would rather pay Ansonia because it's cheaper than Seymour. She added that Attorney Sous is trying to collect more money from the WPCA than was billed.

A letter is to be sent to Attorney Sous inviting him to attend a meeting and advising him that there will be no action until a meeting is held to resolve the issue.

MOTION to send a letter to Attorney Ramon Sous in Seymour to attend a meeting with the board to resolve the issue of Friars Dr. made by C. Stowe and seconded by C. Durante. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#2. Bills from Prime AE. Most of the bills had previously been discussed and there is still a question regarding the Cumberland Farms bill. In September Chairman Parente had sent a text to Sindhu Natarajan of Prime explaining that the bill being sent to us for work on the Cumberland Farms project should be sent to Cumberland Farms. The WPCA should not be billed for work that was done for Cumberland Farms, not the WPCA.

There are still reimbursable bills that were sent to the State and payments have not been received. R. Bshara will check the status of the bills and make sure that they were received by the State.

There was also discussion that some of the bills looked like duplicates and had already been paid.

MOTION to send letter to PRIME AE that the WPCA is not going to pay any bills until the WPCA compares the bills presented to bills previously paid made by C. Stowe and seconded by D. Ventre. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION to send letter to PRIME AE to not incur any further expenses without written permission of the WPCA board made by C. Durante and seconded by D. Ventre. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#3 Expenditure summary. Chairman Parente explained that the Expenditure Summary is correct as of today but Superintendent Capozzi's computer has been down and there is a stack of Purchase Orders that need to be paid. J. Tomasella will be coming to City Hall tomorrow to use a computer here and do the POs. Therefore there will be a change to the Expenditure Summary.

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

MOTION to have organizational meeting prior to the February 4, 2015 meeting made by K. Plavnicky and seconded by C. Durante. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Receive and pay all bills. The only bill is for reimbursement for office supplies purchased at Staples for the WPCA.

MOTION to reimburse the WPCA for items purchased at Staples made by C. Durante and seconded by M. D'Alessio. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Superintendent's report. (Copy on file in the Town and City Clerk's office)

Discussion was held on the purchase of an additional vehicle for the WWTP. Presently there is only one vehicle which is used when there are sewer problems. There are times when samples need to be taken to Stamford for testing and also meetings that are held and presently employees are using their own vehicles to leave the existing truck free in case of a call out.

The Board advised Brian to get prices for the truck he wishes to purchase and get back to them.

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

MOTION to deviate from the agenda to hear Attorney Marini's presentation made by C. Stowe and seconded by D. Ventre. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Attorney Marini spoke about the Ansonia Copper and Brass and explained that the City is at the end of the initial agreement with Ansonia Copper and Brass. With the demolition of the 5 to 6 acres Ansonia Copper and Brass satisfied the initial agreement and will receive a \$150K tax credit.

Attorney Marini asked how much Ansonia Copper and Brass owes the WPCA and R. St. Jacques said \$211K with both project and usage combined.

Attorney Marini explained that going forward there will be more demolition which will add to the tax credits already applied up to a cap of \$400K.

In addition the City is looking into a public/private partnership with Ansonia Copper and Brass where taxes and the WPCA will be paid and the City will have control over what is developed on the site.

Member Stowe advised that the WPCA needs to know how it is going to be paid and to know that the funds due us are protected. Attorney Marini said that since the WPCA is part of the municipality it, along with the tax department, are first in line for payment.

Attorney Marini asked the Board to be patient for a while longer and that Ansonia Copper and Brass wants to come to an agreement on how to satisfy the City and WPCA on money owed.

Attorney Marini suggested that the Board set up a three member panel to be a part of discussions between Ansonia Copper and Brass and the City. Subsequent to Attorney Marini's presentation a three member panel was set up and includes Chairman Parente, member C. Durante and Sewer Administrator R. St. Jacques.

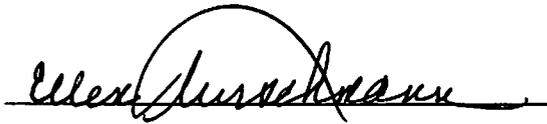
Attorney Marini went on to speak about the H.C. Cook Co. where the City is entering into a stipulated judgment where if Cook can't pay the City, the City will own the building.

There was also an open discussion on the property located at 247 N. State St. and per Attorney Marini the WPCA will receive \$285.05 from the finance department to satisfy the project bill.

MOTION to send letter to Attorney James Sheehy welcoming him as attorney for the WPCA made by C. Stowe and seconded by C. Durante. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION to adjourn made by C. Durante and seconded by M. D'Alessio. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ellen Turschmann", written over a horizontal line.

Ellen Turschmann/Secretary