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MINUTES OF THE WPCA MONTHLY MEETING

MARCH 4, 2015

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 six members present, therefore there was a quorum.

PRESENT

N. Parente
C. Stowe
K. Plavnicky
A. Geruntho
C. Durante (L)
D. Ventre

ABSENT

M. D'Alessio

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Rita St. Jacques WPCA
Brian Capozzi WPCA
Rich Bshara
Attorney John Marini

DISCLAIMER: The minutes of the WPCA provided by the Secretary are not verbatim and are the best effort of the Secretary to capture all of the conversations taking place during the meeting.

MOTION to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by A. Geruntho and seconded by C. Stowe. All were in favor and the motion passed with corrections. At the February 4, 2015



meeting member K. Plavnicky said that there was a motion missing from the January 7, 2015 minutes. The secretary said that she had no record of this motion, nor of a second or a vote. The Secretary thought that she had missed a motion and that is why she said she had no record of a motion. However, according to K. Plavnicky he said he has listened to his recording of the meeting and he said the motion was part of the January minutes. The secretary has no recall or notes to that affect, so there was no error in those minutes.

So, in order to have the record accurate, according to member K. Plavnicky he said he did make a motion during the January 7, 2015 meeting to have the organizational meeting prior to the February 4, 2015 meeting and he asked to invite Mayor Cassetti to do the Organizational Meeting. The motion was seconded by C. Durante. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Chairman asked three times if there was anyone from the public who wished to speak and no one answered. The public session was closed at 7:05 P.M.

Sewer Administrator's report: copy on file with the Town and City Clerk

1). Attorney Sheehy has helped with bankruptcies which have been discharged by the Court. Since the property is liened the sewer charges remain with the property. Attorney Sheehy contacted Attorney Cohen in Hartford and he said there is a recent ruling which states that the current bill can be collected as part of the bankruptcy, even though it was not liened due to statutory compliance.

6). The public hearing needs to be scheduled 15 minutes prior to the April 2, 2015 meeting. Public notice will be put in the newspaper and filed with the Town and City Clerk. It looks as though the amount for the 2014 List Year Sewer Project bill will remain the same as the 2013 List Year bill at \$270 per unit with the Multipliers kept in place.

The Chairman questioned how payments are made on bills that are with the Marshal for collection. Rita explained the process.

C. Durante questioned payment for 4 Adam St. and Rita explained that Marshal Krueger had collected the full amount.

7). If Attorney Sous would like any information he needs to attend a commission meeting as was mentioned at last month's meeting.

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

There was an issue that happened at the bi-weekly dept. head meeting that is held by the mayor. Rita explained that in July and August of last year a rent execution had been rendered by the State Marshal to the Ansonia Housing Authority on a property which was in collections with the Marshal. At the staff meeting held by the Mayor and attended by Department heads, Rita asked Troy White of the AHA what the status of the rent execution is since it has been 9 months and the WPCA has not received the money. Mr. White would not answer the question and became very rude. He advised Rita to contact Attorney Marini since they have had numerous conversations regarding this issue. According to Mr. White he and Attorney Marini knew the disposition. Attorney Marini attended this meeting and said that he had spoken with Mr. White

and did not believe there was a disposition. Mr. White had also been working with the Labor Attorney. Member Stowe asked Atty. Marini if the money has been frozen and he said he did not know. The City is in the middle because there are two city offices involved. He said that the Housing Authority Commission has to research the conclusion. According to member K. Plavnicky the next meeting for the Ansonia Housing Authority is scheduled for 6:00 PM Wed. March 25, 2015 at 36 Main St. Chairman Parente asked the secretary to please get him the contact information for Carissa Riddle at the H U D Office in Boston. Chairman Parente is planning on attending the next Housing Authority Meeting. According to Mr. White the issue was sent to Boston for their attorney to review and give an opinion. He (Atty. Marini) concluded the conversation by telling the members that he is not aware of any conclusion for this issue.

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

Moving to the next item on the agenda: Receive and pay all bills, there were none to be presented for payment.

Chairman Parente asked if anyone had a contact number for him to use to get in touch with whoever is in charge of the Route 8 Ramp Project in Hartford. Brian Capozzi has a contact number that should be able to send him in the right direction. Rich Bashara commented that he has gotten confirmation that the State of CT has received the package he sent for them to reimburse the WPCA. He has contacted them and was told the reimbursement should be paid out within 90 days. There was discussion about the time it's taking for this project and that they are looking at approximately 20 years before the project is near completion.

Superintendent's Report:

There was discussion regarding the issue that there may be vandals that might be lifting the manhole covers and throwing stuff down them that could be causing some of the backups. C. Stowe asked about tacking down the manhole covers. Chairman Parente asked Brian to call Campbell Foundry and get prices for new covers with locks. There might only be a need for a few of them. They should be put in the "hot spots" that seem to be targeted and in 6 months or so go back and take a look to see what's going on down the manholes with the locked covers.

K. Plavnicky asked if someone from WPCA stayed at the site when the McVac truck was sent out. Both Brian and Doug Novak think it is better to use a private contractor to go in and handle the root situation because they know what they are doing and there is less of a chance that something may go wrong. They also have all the equipment they need to do the job quickly and efficiently. A. Gurenthro asked if Brian thought it would be better to get a root cutter or a camera.

Brian truly believes it would be better for the WPCA to have it's own camera than get a root cutter. They can also use chemicals to dissolve the roots rather purchase a root cutter.

Brian told the members the cost of the D. O Probe is about \$1,800.00

Bill Jarvis (electrician) had been called in to do some electrical work at the pump station.

There is an OSHA 30 class being presented and Brian wants to send one of the guys. It is a 6 day course. C. Parente thought it might be a good idea if all the guys had an OSHA 10 Card.

The backup on Edgewood Ave was caused by grease. Rita St Jacques mentioned that in the past Birmingham Health had been visited by the engineers because of similar problems. She suggested that Brian make a field visit there as has been done in the past. Brian said that he would be able to ask Lindsey (Derby WPCA) to go with him.

K. Plavnicky asked Brian if the pump stations are being taken care as far as snow removal. Brian told him yes, with the exception of one that is under quite a few feet of snow and normally there aren't any issues with that pump station.

There was a motion made by C. Durante and was seconded by C. Stowe to accept Brian's report as presented. All were in favor of the motion.

C. Stowe asked about Prime's bills and if they had been paid yet. He was told they never responded when they were told that we needed a more complete explanation of the charges. C. Stowe and the members were all asking the same the same thing "why are we continuing to pay when there is nothing being done on the Route 8 Project". They also asked when they are going to actually start the project: "shovel in the ground".

Rich Bshara Update:

The money is ready for John Tomasella to write a P O for the \$100.00 to keep it in petty cash for the WWTP. He explained they need to keep receipts, and when they get to about \$85.00 or so they need to put in another P O to replenish the money and they need to hand in their receipts to account for the money that was spent. Brian said he is aware of the process.

He told the members that he and Rita will be requesting the data from the RWA for the next billing. He also told the members we could ask for a reduction in the cost but he doubted it would happen. We asked the last time and were told that is what they charge.

C. Parente asked about the report he has been waiting for. Rich was under the impression he wanted something different then he wants. Nunzio explained he only wants an income report so he can compare it with the expenditure report monthly.

Nunzio asked him about the status of the computer repairs. Rich explained that it is complex and the entire system needs to be shut down. It will probably have to be done on a Saturday or a Sunday. He is trying to get everything prepared to do the fix.

Rich was asked about his prediction of the loss of water consumption and the affect it will have on the WPCA billing. Nunzio asked what happens to any money that is left over at the end of the year. Rich explained that it goes in to the Surplus Line. He was asked if the commission needs to make a decision what to do with the money. Rich said he was pretty sure the board voted to keep it in capital funding. Nunzio also asked how much money the city actually fronts the WPCA when we are in the transition months and are not in collections. Rich said he will get that information for him.

There was a motion made by D. Ventre and was seconded C. Stowe to accept Rich Bsahara's report as presented. All were in favor of the motion.

Motion was made by C. Durante and was seconded by D. Ventre to deviate from the agenda to allow Attorney Marini to speak to the members. All were in favor of the motion.

Attorney Marini told the members he has prepared a letter to Attorney Androski requesting that he return all the files he has that belong to the WPCA. He presented the letter to the members for their approval before he sends it.

Motion to allow Attorney Marini to mail the letter to Attorney Androski was made by C. Stowe and was seconded by K. Plavnicky. All members were in favor of the motion.

He said he knew that Attorney J. Coppola wrote a letter requesting the same thing and they were never returned so we just have to wait and see what happens.

Attorney Marini gave the members a brief explanation of the status on the former American Brass Company. He basically repeated what was said the last time he attended the meeting. They are starting the second phase of the deconstruction of the buildings. They have not used up the entire amount of the \$400,000.00 credit given to them yet. The city knows they will have to make some accommodations with the company to get everything completed but they do not expect the WPCA to not get what is owed to them. Attorney Marini said the WPCA would be included in any discussions that would involve us and the former American Brass Company. Chairman Parente asked that Attorney Marini request the owners of the company to write a letter to us stating that it will in fact be responsible for the money owed to the WPCA. Attorney Marini said he didn't see a problem with that. Attorney Marini told the members that the city certainly wants a say as to what will be put on the property when everything is demolished. It has to be good for everyone. There may need to be a Public Hearing on the use of the property when all is said and done. There is nothing concrete yet.

Motion was made by A. Guerunthro and was seconded by D. Ventre to return to the regular portion of the meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Motion was made by C. Durante and was seconded by K. Plavnicky to go in to Executive Session. The Executive Session began @ 8:30 PM with all members, Brian Capozzi, Rita St Jacques, Rich Bshara and myself included.

Motion was made by C. Durante and was seconded by C. Stowe to come out of Executive session @ 8:45 PM. All were in favor of the motion.

As a result of the Executive Session member Charlie Stowe will be mailed a copy of the January 2014 minutes.

Motion to adjourn was made by A. Geruntho and seconded by C. Stowe. All were in favor of the motion.

The meeting ended @ 8:50 PM

The information requested by Chairman Parente concerning Carissa Riddle of H U D in Boston has been provided.

Respectfully submitted:


Ellen Turschmann

WPCA Secretary