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MINUTES OF THE WPCA MONTHLY MEETING

APRIL 1, 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
M. D'Alessio
D. Ventre

ABSENT

C. Durante

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Rita St. Jacques WPCA

Brian Capozzi WPCA

Rich Bshara

Attorney Ramon Sous

James Galligan, P.E, Nafis and Young

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 M. D'Alessio and seconded by D. Ventre. All were in favor and the motion passed.



Member Plavnicky said that someone had told him that the Rt. 8 project is ready to start and should take about 14 months. B. Capozzi said that the markouts are done for construction.

N. Parente asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to speak and Mr. Daniel King of 15 Williams St questioned the change in regulations for new construction and the requirement for a 6" pipe. Mr. King stated that it is not fair that new buildings have to put in a 6" pipe while a new business of the same kind can move into an existing building and not have to change to a 6" pipe. Chairman Parente explained that the regulations apply for new construction and in the case of existing buildings, if there is a problem in the future and the pipe has to be replaced, the new pipe must be 6". Chairman Parente stated that Cumberland Farms had to put in a 6" pipe for their new building on Pershing Drive.

The Chairman asked twice more if there was anyone from the public who wished to speak and when no one answered he closed the public session at 7:12PM.

MOTION to adopt the rate of \$270/unit with multipliers for the 554 Sewer Use Capital Fee made by A. Geruntho and seconded by D. Ventre. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Sewer Administrators report – copy on file with the Town and City Clerk

1. Mr. Smarelli, owner of 360 Main St., asked for an adjustment to his bill because of a fire in his building. His meter was removed after the fire and there has been no water in the building. Rita had advised him to go to the RWA, which he did, and was given a credit on his bill. Rita explained that there were old bills which had to be paid and these were taken care of. Rita requested the Commission consider giving Mr. Smarelli an adjustment to his bill since it was calculated on incorrect data from the RWA.

MOTION to adjust the bill for 360 Main St. made by D. Ventre and seconded by M. D'Alessio. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. C. Stowe stated that W. Nimons had spoken with an attorney from Berchem, Moses and Devlin who agreed that the WPCA was within its rights to collect money from HUD for delinquent accounts. According to the Ansonia Housing Authority if there are liens on a property and there are section 8 renters, those renters need to be moved to another location. W. Nimons will continue to work on the problems with the HUD properties.

3. The money from the State for reimbursement on the Rt 8 project has been received in the Finance Department and will be transferred to our account.

4. Rita requested that the final payment to Prime be made in the amount of \$6,422.84.

MOTION to pay Prime \$6,422.84 for the Rt. 8 project made by C. Stowe and seconded by D. Ventre. All were in favor and the motion passed.

5. There is a question on the status of the retiree from the WPCA plant. R. Bshara asked if he is on COBRA or if he should be paying? Rich said that he had asked Personnel for the status and was told that the retirement papers had not been filed with the Personnel office and it is being checked on.

The Chairman asked Rita to send a letter to Attorney Marini requesting the parameters of the retirement papers so that we know how to budget for next year. Copies should also be sent to Ms. Edith Morales and Mr. Chris Tymniak, both of the personnel Department.

7. Lien notices have been mailed for the 554 Project fee and delinquent accounts will be liened about May 8th.

MOTION to accept the Sewer Administrators report made by A. Geruntho and seconded by D. Ventre. All were in favor and the motion passed.

K. Plavnicky asked Rita if anything had been heard from Attorney Androski and she said no.

Attorney Ramon Sous and Mr. James Galligan spoke concerning the three houses on Friers Dr. in Ansonia which flow into Seymour. Attorney Sous would like the WPCA to pay for those houses retroactively. There are houses in Seymour which flow into Ansonia and Ansonia has never asked to be reimbursed for those houses. Attorney Sous said that the engineers had checked and could not find any houses that flow from Seymour into Ansonia. He would like the WPCA to provide that information to Seymour.

Chairman Parente said that the WPCA would be agreeable to pay for the three houses on a going forward basis but not retroactively. He also said that we would bill at our rates, not figure out the bills at Seymour rates. Attorney Sous said that towns charge what they charge and if homes flow into an adjacent town, the WPCA should pay the host town's rates. Rita explained that is not the case with Derby. Ansonia bills its rates and the Derby patrons pay that rate. Rita also said that the Ansonia residents who flow into Seymour can be forced to tie into Ansonia at their own expense since there is a pipe there which flows into Ansonia.

Attorney Sous asked if copies can be obtained for the Derby Agreement and Rita said that a copy of the Agreements with both Derby and Woodbridge are on file in the Town and City Clerk's office.

The Chairman reiterated that the Commission would be willing to agree to send the money collected from Ansonia residents who flow into Seymour on a going forward basis but would not agree to sending money retroactively. Rita said that she would figure the bills at our rate, not Seymour's rate.

Attorney Sous and Mr. Galligan will speak with the Seymour WPCA board and get back to the Ansonia WPCA.

Dan King of 15 Williams St. requested a waiver of the 6" pipe regulation for Mr. Massimo Andretta of 70 Main St. who is going to build a new restaurant across the street from his existing business. B. Capozzi said that the existing pipe is very old and he has no idea what the condition of the pipe is. The existing pipe would need to be observed by camera at the owner's expense in order to judge the integrity of the pipe. Brian said that he would support the new building regulation. Fred D'Amico has been to the site but has not contacted Brian as yet.

Rita said that Mr. Andretta's daughter had requested that Mr. Andretta be dropped from the agenda so there was some question as to whether Mr. King was there as Mr. Andretta's representative.

Receive and pay all bills. There were no bills to be paid. B. Capozzi had a bill from McVac for root removal but the Commission said that per the Ansonia Charter Public Works was responsible for the cutting of the roots. In addition, Public Works, not the WPCA, had called McVac for the root removal. Therefore, the bill should have been sent to Public Works. Brian was instructed to forward the bill to Public Works for payment.

Superintendent's report – copy on file in Town and City Clerk's office

The vac truck is still out for repair. It has been two weeks and there is no date yet as to when it will be ready. Derby has been helping out with their vac truck.

The problem on Mountain View Rd is that there is not enough pitch and back-ups occur frequently. The homeowner is going to contact a plumber.

The new parts for the algae sweep repair is about \$2,500. In addition, if someone from the company in Kentucky has to come out, it will add several more thousand dollars. Brian said that he thinks the plant mechanic will be able to make the repairs. He has been practicing on welding on stainless steel.

The stairs to the sludge holding building which houses the polymer are crumbling and the door won't open at the garage. Water is leaking into the mechanic building. Brian got one quote to fix the problems and it was \$18,000.

Nunzio wanted to know if the slab is 4" in depth. The building is only 5 years old and should not be encountering these problems. He feels the problem is with the installers. Brian is to call Nickerson and have them look at the concrete. He is also to find out where the concrete is purchased.

Brian will be on vacation from July 25th to Aug. 4th. and will be unreachable. He will be fishing for Northern Pike up near the Antarctic with the wolves and arctic foxes.

Nunzio told Brian to establish a book and repair log for each pump station and he will show Brian the format he desires.

Nunzio asked the status on the cameras for the plant and Brian said that someone had done a walk through and he was waiting on a quote.

Rich was asked if the purchase orders are on-line yet and Rich said that he needs to shut the entire system down to do the necessary work. He is trying to set up a date with his tech guy.

Brian is to get prices from Madison supply and Little River for a chop saw. C. Stowe recommended one size down from the largest. He also needs to pick up an Aspen locking mail box.

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

MOTION to take a five minute break made by D. Ventre and seconded by M. D'Alessio. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION to return to regular session made by D. Ventre and seconded by M. D'Alessio. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION to go in to executive session made by D. Ventre and seconded by A. Geruntho. All were in favor and the motion passed.

MOTION to return to regular session made by C. Stowe and seconded by A. Geruntho. All were in favor and the motion passed

R. Bshara update.

Rich is working on balancing the WPCA office batches with the bank. All in all everything is good. There was a little money deposited in the sewer use account which should have been deposited into the sewer project account so it will be transferred into the correct account. Right now he is tying out the Tax Department to the penny.

Rich said that he is going to add additional accounts so that he is able to apportion collections into the correct buckets, i.e.an account for liens, principal, delinquent, etc.

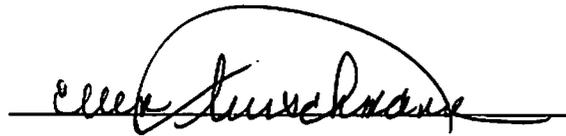
It is time to get usage info from the RWA.

Brian needs to get quotes for contracts for the upcoming year so that the budget can be completed for next year's budget.

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

MOTION to adjourn made by C. Stowe and seconded by A. Geruntho. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ellen Turschmann", written over a horizontal line.

Ellen Turschmann/Secretary