

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MAY 6, 2009

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance @ 7:00 PM. The Chairman asked the secretary to call the roll. There were six members present, he declared a quorum.

PRESENT: H. Madigosky
G. Merlone
C. LaRovera
H. Boladz
S. Epifano

ABSENT: K.Blake

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor DellaVolpe
S. Blume: Bd. of Aldermen
Attorney John Androski
Joe Maffeo
Maureen Bennett
Ashawatha Narayana: UIC
Jim Ryan: CDM

Chairman Madigosky asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and the Special Emergency Meeting.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Vito Epifano to accept the minutes from both meetings if they are found to be true and correct. All were in favor of the motion and there were no corrections to be made.

Public Session:

Chairman Madigosky opened the public session portion of the meeting. He asked three times if there was anyone from the public that wished to speak. No one was present; he declared the Public Session closed.

Communications:

Chairman Madigosky asked the secretary if there were any communications. She (Rita) went through the communications that everyone received in their packets.

- 1) Answer to Town & City Clerk's letter: Attorney Androski spoke briefly about it. The Bd. of Aldermen agreed to waive the building permit fees for the 554 Project
- 2) 78 Colony St. proof of septic cleaning and proof of being 100 Ft. from the sewer lines. There was some discussion about this issue. Gary Merlone clarified the fact that it's not 100 feet from the septic tank to the sewer line that you have to tie in but it is 100 feet from the property line to the system that makes you have to tie in. He suggested that she be made aware of that and that the WPCA send someone

out to do the actual measuring of the distance. Member Carl LaRovera agreed that it is the WPCA's job to give her the correct information and have her understand the fact that she still may have to tie in. Maureen Bennett reminded the members that the WPCA still hasn't gotten all the property owners from the first batch of "have to tie in property owners" to tie in. She suggested that we may not want to undertake that at this time.

Attorney Androski said he would send her a letter giving her the correct information about having to tie into the sewer system. Everyone was in agreement that there did not need to be a motion made for the letter to be sent.

3) There was a sewer back up report for Elm St. It was handled by the P.W. Dept.

Motion was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Henry Boladz to accept the communications and place them on file. All were in favor of the motion.

Sewer Administrator's Report:

Maureen told the members she has been working closely Attorney Androski and Chairman Madigosky to try and get some money for the 554 Project. They are going to organize a meeting with some of our federal politicians that cover our area to see if they can "beg for money" for the project. They want to invite Rosa DeLauro, Sen. Dodd and Sen. Lieberman. Maureen also mentioned the term of "earmarked money" and how some people don't like that term and she really doesn't either but, if it means being able to get money for the City Of Ansonia's Sewer Rehab Project she is all for "earmarked money"

They also talked about having some sessions for the local residents to meet so they can be "educated" about the sewer plant. They will be told the hows and the whys of the project and hopefully they will have more of an understanding of why it has to be done/rehabbed.

Maureen also mentioned that she is still working very hard to get the repayment of the bond / loan portion of money extended to 30 years instead of 20 years.

Spero asked her if it will cost more in the long run and she told him it would but in light of today's economy it will make things easier for most residents. Maureen figured it would increase the actual loan about 14 million but in the big picture right now it will help keep the payments lower for the property owners. Spero agreed that "we really have no choice" and "Maureen is right it will help".

It was also brought up about the City Of Ansonia and its endeavor to become "green". Maureen said she is confident the Mayor and Alderman Blume will help Ansonia become be the leader of the area towns in having a "green environment". They have been very active in getting Ansonia moving in that direction.

She also brought up the city's unemployment rate and how it may be a factor in asking and possibly receiving money from the federal government towards the project. Right now Ansonia's unemployment rate is @ 9.6% and that is pretty high in comparison to the national average.

Maureen asked if anyone had any other questions or concerns, she would be happy to answer questions.

Chairman Madigosky asked for a motion to accept her report as presented.

MOTION was made by Carl LaRovera and was seconded by Henry Boladz to accept the Sewer Administrator's report. All were in favor of the motion.

Chairman Madigosky brought up the item on the agenda regarding the generators at the plant that are not being used anymore. There is a party that is interested in purchasing them for \$2000.00.

Spero asked why they are getting rid of them. He was told they were used when the Public Works Complex /Sewer Dept. had the big problem last year when they lost power and someone was hired to do the repairs. The person that helped with the repairs is the one who is interested in buying them.

Spero then asked if they can be used at the plant for spares when something goes down. Joe Maffeo told him that they really can't be used for general use @ the plant. Joe suggested selling them because they are only sitting there being stored now. In his opinion they should be gotten rid of. They can have an "auction" for them but that may bring in less or the same amount as is being discussed now. He also mentioned that by having an auction it will give anyone that wants to bid a chance to bid on the generators

Gary Merlone thought that it was a good idea to have an auction so that anyone that is interested can bid and it will look better for the WPCA that no one was shown favoritism.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Spero Jordanides to do whatever is necessary to have / allow more than one person / party be involved in the buying process of the generators. All were in favor of the motion.

Update on the 554 Project:

Jim Ryan of CDM gave a brief run down on the progress. He also submitted a very detailed report for the members to review at their leisure.

- at the time the report was prepared they were @ 19% complete
- right now they are actually over 20% complete as of the meeting date (5-6-09)
- This amount of time equates to 16% of the contract time
- He told the members everything is moving along well
- The new oxidation ditches are the concentration point of the project right now
- All the contaminated sludge has been dug up
- Most all of it has been removed from the site except for a very small amount that is still there, tucked away nicely until it is moved off site
- 50% of the base slab has been set
- they are ahead of schedule as of now: "that answered Spero's question about being on schedule"

Chairman Madigosky asked how many people are employed at the plant/project site Jim Ryan gave a brief run down of the worker count on site, it appears that there are about 30 plus workers daily and that number can be different any day. He also said the number should increase as they get farther into the project.

Jim Ryan spoke about the Change Order titled(Repair Water Line at Blower Bldg) He told the members that CDM has reviewed it and feels as though it is necessary and Recommends the WPCA accept / approve it.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Henry Boladz to accept and approve the first proposed change order titled: Repair Water Line at Blower Bldg dated 4/20/2009 JOB: 500-411 Contract No. 1 All were in favor of the motion.

Jim Ryan said he would get the paperwork prepared and processed.

MOTION was made by Henry Boladz and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to accept the report / update as presented by Jim Ryan of CDM. All were in favor of the motion.

Engineer's Report:

Ashawatha Narayana of UIC told the members he didn't prepare a report because there was really no activity this past month to report on.

He knew all the members were aware of the problem on Elm & Division St. and that it was being handled. Ashawatha also mentioned that Rita St.Jacques had called to verify there was no report to run / print for the members' packet. He also told her there was no activity to report on.

MOTION was made by Henry Boladz and was seconded by Vito Epifano to accept the oral report /explanation from Ashawatha Narayana as presented. All were in favor of the motion.

Member Henry Boladz asked to have the members back the meeting up for a minute so he could comment on the emergency project that was done at the intersection of Elm, Main & Division St. He was very impressed with the way Supt. of P.W. Mike Schryver and the Supt. of Streets & Bridges Carmen Pitney Jr. handled every aspect of the project. They were there for duration from start to finish and they made sure everything was done properly. He wants to "commend" them for their efforts. Their efforts did not go unnoticed by him and he wanted to be sure the members were aware of their efforts too.

MOTION was made by Henry Boladz and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to send them letters of thanks for the time and effort they put in at the site of the emergency sewer & road repair. All were in favor of the motion.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Vito Epifano to pay all bills if they are found to be true and correct. This will also include the bill presented by Attorney Androski dated December 2008. Apparently the bill was never paid: Maureen Bennett checked the records before the meeting and it includes the bill for the Emergency Sewer Repair done by Pepe Construction. The motion also includes the payment of the Nitrogen Credits to the State DEP. All were in favor of the motion.

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| Attorney Androski: December 3, 2008 invoice | \$2,238.00 (554 Project) |
| Attorney Androski: May 6, 2009 invoice | \$948.00 (554 Project) |
| Pepe Construction: May 1, 2009 invoice Emergency repair | \$ 18,798.80 |
| Nitrogen Credits: State DEP | \$133,157.00 |

Member Spero Jordanides said that he would like to be able to review the bills before he votes on the motion to pay the bills. The secretary told him that could be difficult because those invoice / purchase orders are written at the Public Works Dept. we have no idea what they are until the "pink" copy comes to the office. He questioned the electric bill and why we pay 2 companies and why it is so high. He also questioned the sludge pick up and why it is so high and so often. He did vote in favor of paying the bills.

Maureen told the members the WPCA budget for last year allotted \$101,000.00 for Nitrogen Credits so they will have to transfer money from somewhere to pay that bill. Spero asked Ashawatha to tell the members what his estimate is that we might save when the plant is complete on the nitrogen credits. Ashawatha told him and the members it would be significant but he couldn't give an actual figure. That is one of the reasons for the rehab of the plant.

Maureen also mentioned to the members that is time to start the budget preparing process for next year. She has already begun to get things prepared for the "proposed budget to be set" whenever the WPCA is ready to get started.

Attorney Androski update: He said his office has been very aggressive with collections. He really didn't have anything else for the members.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded Spero Jordanides to go into Executive Session that was asked to be held by the Mayor and Steve Blume: Bd. of Alderman President to discuss personnel issues. All were in favor of the motion. 7:45 PM
The following people were also asked to remain for this portion of the meeting:

Maureen Bennett, Ashawatha Narayana: UIC, Attorney John Androski and Rita St. Jacques (recording Secretary)

MOTION was made by Henry Boladz and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to return to the regular portion of the meeting. All were in favor of the motion. 8:30 PM

The chairman asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION was made by Vito Epifano and was seconded by Gary Merlone to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

The meeting ended @ 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Rita St.Jacques: Recording Secretary WPCA

May 7, 2009