

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OCTOBER 7, 2009

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance @ 7:10 PM . The chairman asked the secretary to call the roll. There were 5 members present , he declared a quorum.

PRESENT: H. Madigosky  
G. Merlone  
C. LaRovera  
S. Jordanides  
V. Epifano

ABSENT: H. Boladz  
K. Blake

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Attorney John Androski  
Jim Ryan: CDM  
Jay Jayanthan: UIC  
Warren Bathaeg: UIC  
Jason St. Jacques: WWTP Staff  
John Tomasella: WWTP Staff  
Maureen Bennett

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Vito Epifano to accept the minutes from the previous meeting if they are found to be true and correct.

There were 4 YES votes: H. Madigosky, C. LaRovera, G. Merlone & V. Epifano

There was 1 ABSTENTION: S. Jordanides

The motion passed with 4 YES Votes.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Attorney Marquette : property owner of 17-19 Sixth St. : Mr. Marquette explained that he purchased this property in May. He then received a Sewer Use bill for over \$3,000.00

He doesn't think it is fair to have to pay that amount of money when there were problems with the water at the house. Either the faucets were left on and / or there was a pipe break causing an astronomic amount of water to run through the lines. Therefore he received the very large Sewer Use Bill. He doesn't have a problem paying a Sewer Use Bill but the amount needs to be addressed.

Member Spero Jordanides doesn't think he should have to pay that amount or any amount at all.

Mr. Marquette then said again he has "no problem with paying something to the city because he understands that someone has to pay something for the property".

Maureen Bennett gave the members information about the property and how the Sewer Use Bill apparently was not paid at the closing. The searchers don't seem to be doing very complete searches, therefore many details are being missed and we end up in situations like this.

Mr. Marquette brought up his other property at 33 Pleasant St. There is also an unsettled issue regarding that property. Attorney Androski is supposed to be working something out about that old sewer use bill too.

Maureen suggested that the authority charge Mr. Marquette the FLAT RATE FEE of \$325.00 for the 17-19 Sixth St. property as a way to settle the bill problem. Mr. Marquette said he has no problem with that at all.

Maureen told the members there is a State Statute that says the owner of the property at the time of the billing: "September 1 in the WPCA's case is the owner and responsible for the bill". Member Spero Jordanides disagreed with her and the members when it was discussed. He asked Maureen to show him a copy of that "State Statute".

Attorney Marquette asked if he could submit a copy of the plumbers bill that fixed the water leak at the Sixth St. property. He told the members that the plumber would have attended but his mother passed away.

All the members except Spero were in agreement that the Flat Rate Fee is a very reasonable agreement to settle the bill for the Sixth St. property.

Mr. Marquette mentioned that he is purchasing property @ 241 N. State St. and he hopes he doesn't have problems like this again.

Chairman Madigosky asked three times if there was anyone else from the public to speak, there was no else present: He declared the Public Session Closed.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

The chairman asked the secretary to go through the communications that were received.

The secretary went through each one that was in the members packets. Most of the items were informational. There was discussions about the sewer back-ups that were reported.

Member Spero Jordanides asked the secretary to read the communication from Murtha Cullina regarding a Connecticut Conference of Municipalities: Annual Convention & Exposition being held on Oct. 8, 2009 . Spero was very upset that he wasn't notified in a timely manner about this event.

The secretary told him she included it in the members packets as general information because no one has ever attended before.

Spero was angry and made it known to the chairman and those in attendance that he feels he is not ever notified of anything that is going on with the authority.

Spero also asked about the dollar figure that the WPCA is expected to pay for the sewer back up at 12 Berkshire Rd. The contractors invoice was about \$3,700.00 and there was a list of personal items the family made a list of that wasn't tallied up. He asked what the insurance deductible was for the WPCA and if it was better for us to pay or to have the insurance company pay.

Attorney Androski said at this time it is better to just go ahead and pay out of pocket from the WPCA account rather than to go to court.

Spero was surprised to find out that the WPCA has a \$10,000.00 deductible for every claim they have.

There was a communication from Mary Glazier regarding property @ 64 Pulaski Hwy.

She said in the letter the property has been vacant for many years and has since been demolished.

Therefore she doesn't think she should have to pay the FLAT RATE FEE of \$325.00. the members all agreed that she certainly shouldn't have to pay anything and to go ahead and adjust the bill out to zero.

MOTION was made by Carl LaRovera and was seconded by Gary Merlone to accept the communications and place them on file. There were four members in favor "4YES" votes and 1 Abstention ( S. Jordanides) the motion passed.

#### SEWER ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Maureen started her report by telling the members “there was good news” Linda Gentile has worked tirelessly and finally got the “news that the loan period for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Rehab has been extended from a 20 year pay back to a 30 year pay back.”

Member Gary Merlone said that is “EXCELLENT NEWS”!

Spero Jordanides said it’s “NOT EXCELLENT”. The payback period being extended just makes the property owners have to pay more money in the long run. Maureen told Spero “in her opinion it was good news” and she thought the members would agree. Maureen also said she wished the Mayor was present because he would probably tell the members how pleased he was that this happened. He knows how hard Linda Gentile worked and how this is going to help everyone in the long run. The economy today has changed things dramatically and everyone is having a hard time making ends meet. Therefore the extension of time gives the normal everyday person some relief in the amount they will have to pay when the payments begin for the 554 Project.(Waste Waster Treatment Plant Rehab).

Maureen told the members there will be a meeting within the next few weeks with Rosa DiLauro to hopefully get her on board to help the City Of Ansonia / WPCA get some federal money for the project. If that happens that would also bring down the amount of the payments for the property owners in Ansonia .

Spero again asked if anyone figured what the increase in the amount of the loan will be with the increase of time for the pay off.

Chairman Madigosky asked if Attorney Androski spoke to Joe Fasi about a Pre-payment penalty for the loan. Attorney Androski said that he has looked at the paperwork and he has not seen any pre payment penalty clause.

There was discussion about the amount of money the WPCA needs for a “down payment” when the time comes. Attorney Androski said the amount that was discussed originally will probably change because of the time extension the City Of Ansonia / WPCA has received for the loan.

Maureen also mentioned the “unemployment rate” in Ansonia is 9.4 % we are still higher than the surrounding towns.

Spero brought up the fact that the City Of Ansonia has about 70 miles of sewer lines running throughout the city and soon they will need to be repaired because of their age. He mentioned this because he feels the WPCA doesn’t have enough money put aside in case there are repairs that need to be made. Maureen said she “agreed with Spero that there needs to be money put aside for problems such as this”. He thanked her for agreeing with him.

Member Gary Merlone asked Maureen “how the collections went”?

Maureen told him that she and Rita worked very hard getting the property owners addresses fixed for mailing / billing purposes. This has helped get the bills to their rightful owners to pay their current and get the past due bills paid.

As of September 30, 2009 which wasn’t the last day of collections we were at 67 % which is about \$1,384,000.00 and the amount for the full collection is \$2.3 million dollars.

The members were very pleased with that news.

Spero Jordanides asked why the bill/ payment for Synagro (sludge removal) was \$147,000.00 this past month. John Tomasella told him it was because it was actually 2 months of bills (July & August) and they were there more than normal because of the project going on. Spero also asked if there is another company besides Synagro that we could look at for sludge removal. He was told that the WPCA has just signed a 5 year contract and they were the best company to go with. The

members were told by Former Supt. of P.W. that the contract with Synagro was the way to go. The public works Dept. has used them for many years and they are very reliable.

Maureen asked the members if they had any other questions and everyone was satisfied with her report.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to accept the Administrators report as given: There were 4 YES votes and 1 Abstention (Spero Jordanides) The motion passed with 4 YES Votes.

Jim Ryan: CDM update on the 554 Project.

- to date they are 1/3 complete for contact time
- they are 45% complete in regard to dollars spent for the project
- they are on track / time for completion
- currently 60 workers on site daily plus other manufacturers & delivery people

Spero Jordanides asked him if there are any big problems happening: Jim responded by telling him other than every day problems at a work site /project as big as this there is nothing big happening as far as problems go.

- they are working on a MAJOR part of the project “underground electrical work” it is progressing right on schedule ; this is major
- the work on the “stand- by generator” was completed
- Spero was concerned about this and asked what happened with the “fuel cell” that we were supposed to be installing at Public Works.
- Jim told him the that this was a “standby generator” and ran by diesel and it was part of “mandated equipment”: it is only used during a power outage emergency
- Chairman Madigosky tried to explain the reason why the generator was being installed and Spero told everyone he “disagreed” with the installation of it
- Spero told Howard “he could stop talking” and told him again “he disagreed with the generator they are installing”
- The other members asked Howard to continue because they wanted to hear what he had to say as to why they installed that particular model / item
- Spero said he knows that there are changes made all the time on projects like this: why couldn’t they make the change and install the fuel cell
- Jim Ryan told Spero there were change orders made to date but they were very minor changes for a project of this magnitude
- Gary Merlone asked about the Fire Marshall comments: Jim Ryan told the members they were very minor and they were all addressed

Gary said that in his opinion they are doing an excellent job and would like them to continue on as they are.

Howard asked Jim where they were with current change orders. Jim told him and the members they were at .04% which is about \$15,000.00 in change orders, which he is very happy with. “that is nothing and hopefully we can continue like that”. Jim told the members there was 2 million dollars allotted for change orders: that doesn’t mean it all has to be used.

Jim asked the members if they had any other questions for him to address. The members were happy with his presentation and didn’t have any other questions.

Before Jim finished he did tell the members he had received just before he left another change order it was small in size as far as money (\$1,839.00) but large in size as far as the project goes. There is a

“crack in a large sludge pipe and it needs to be repaired”. He would like to have that included in the change orders he has for presentation to night for the members to approve.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Vito Epifano to approve the PCO's (proposed change orders) numbers 20, 24, 25, 28, 29 and 30 the new one he mentioned tonight that is not included in his report because he received it so late in the day (today Wed. 10-7-09). All members were in favor of the motion: 5 YES votes the motion passed.

The members were all in agreement that they want to keep the project moving in the positive direction it has since it has started.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to accept Jim Ryans report as presented to the members. All were in favor of the motion, there were 5 YES votes: the motion passed.

UIC / Engineers report:

Warren Bathaeg told the members he was working for UIC under its new owners.

Prime Engineering and Prime Engineering & Architecture by having the other companies on board with UIC it enables them to have more man power and expertise that they might not have had before. There are a number of people on board that have other specialty areas that somewhere down the road the City Of Ansonia may be able to use. Both Ash & Neil are still on the board and have contact with everyone if they need their areas of expertise or just in general help from them regarding Ansonia since they have worked with Ansonia for so many years.

Warren said he finally has some things to report to the members.

Spero said to everyone present that the UIC company has been nothing but an asset to the City Of Ansonia . They are wonderful and knows they will continue to be.

1) Applications: none presented

2) Sewer back ups: he had information on the two we had discussed previously but he had a third one that happened on Sept.8, 2009 (N. Main St & Liberty St.)

It was handled by Carmen Pitney

3) Telephone Conversation with Ms. Alison Surato of Langan Engineering of New Haven , CT regarding design modifications on the sewage discharge line for Stop-n-Shop 100 Division St : A copy of the telephone conversation is attached to the Engineers report. The submission of the plans are down the road but they just wanted to touch base with the engineering firm.

4) Information concerning the I & I Study /work: the project has paid off because there has been a significant reduction in sewage flow. This was reported to Joe Maffeo from Chuck Corsan of UIC.

5) Introduction of new UIC Ownership: Warren introduced Jay K. Jayanthan, CPA Principal of UIC.

Jay reintroduced himself to everyone again. He gave everyone a brief run down of how the company will remain the same as far as the work ethic it has always maintained with the City Of Ansonia .

Although he did stress that with the combinations of the companies involved they will have more to offer that they did before. There will be more people with different specialties of expertise to tap in to. He also said he will attend the regular meetings as Ashwatha used to as well as Warren . Jay referred to Maureen talking about today's economic tough times. He then said that Ashawatha never charged for his time when he attended the meetings and only charged for Warren (attending engineer). He told the members he would not be charging for his or Warren's time to attend the regular meetings.

Spero repeated to Jay how wonderful Ashawatha /UIC has been to the City Of Ansonia in the past and he is positive that the new owners will continue in the same tradition.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Spero Jordanides to accept the Engineers Report as presented. All were in favor of the motion. There were 5 YES votes.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Vito Epifano to pay all bills if they are found to be true & correct and there is enough money in the WPCA funds to pay them. All were in favor of the motion . There were 5 Yes votes.

The only bill presented was:

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| 1) Attorney John Androski : Sewer Back ups/Flooding & Connections: | \$25.50  |
| 554 Project  | \$937.50 |

Member Carl LaRovera had a couple issues he wanted to address:

1) He asked what happened with the PO 's that weren't being taken care of by PW any longer. John Tomasella WWTP employee spoke up and introduced himself and explained that he has been taking care of the PO's because they needed to be done and the bills needed to be paid. He said he realizes that there are money issues so right now he is just doing them but down the road he will be asking for some kind of compensation to do it on a regular basis. The members thanked John and said they appreciated the fact that he stepped up to the plate.

2) Carl asked about the sewer back up on 12 Berkshire Rd and If the WPCA is really responsible to pay for the damage, since it was determined to be caused by a brick and grease. He asked how the WPCA was responsible for the "brick" being in the pipe not to mention the grease.

Attorney Androski said in light of things he is of the opinion that the WPCA would be better off paying the repairs as they have been presented because if they pursue legal action it can be tied up for ever and the insurance deductible is far more than they are asking for.

Member Gary Merlone & Carl LaRovera did mention that they both feel there is language on the Sewer Back-Up Form that Public Works uses after the back-up is handled. Everyone was in agreement that the form needs to be revisited.

Maureen mentioned that she had an issue that needed to be addressed. The WPCA has the money in the bank to make the transfer of the \$265,000.00 annual loan payment for the 311 project. She suggested that they make the transfer for last years payment and this coming years payment since the money is there now.

Spero was a little apprehensive about it.

MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to allow Maureen and the chairman to make the transfer of the money for the loan payments.

There were 4 YES votes and 1 NO vote (S. Jordanides) The motion passed.

Spero Jordanides said that he wanted to have two letters of commendation sent.

He wanted the first one sent to Ashawatha Narayana thanking him for his many years of wonderful service, all the help he has given and all the money he has saved for the WPCA and the City Of Ansonia .

The second letter he wanted to send is to Gary Hale thanking him for his time & effort he has expended to the City Of Ansonia and the WPCA for the expertise he has given us regarding the latest technology of going Green & fuel Cell information.

MOTION was made by Spero Jordanides and was seconded by Gary Merlone

To have the letters prepared by Attorney Androski and sent. All were in favor of the motion.

Attorney Androski also mentioned that he would like to send thank you letters to Linda Gentile for all he help to the WPCA in securing the “30 years” to repay the loan for the 554 Project. Attorney Androski will also send letters to Senator Joe Crisco & Theresa Conroy thanking them too. MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to allow Attorney Androski to send the letters he mentioned to Linda Gentile, Joe Crisco & Theresa Conroy. All were in favor of the motion. MOTION was made by Gary Merlone and was seconded by Carl LaRovera to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor of the motion. The meeting ended at 9:00 PM .

Respectfully submitted:

Rita St.Jacques: Recording Secretary WPCA  
October 8, 2009