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APPROVED

MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 27, 2010 Wastewater Treatment Plant 7:30 PM

Attendees: John Anderson, Gary Leavitt and Ray Weaver. Also present David R. Ignatowicz, Director, Water Pollution Control; Arnie Bevins, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Peter Dureiko, Collection System Foreman

1) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3) MINUTES OF WPCA MEETINGS

Mr. Leavitt, seconded by Mr. Anderson, moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority adopts the minutes of the WPCA regular meeting held on March 25, 2010 as presented. The motion carried (2-0-1) with Mr. Weaver abstaining.

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Leavitt, moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority adopts the minutes of the WPCA special meeting held on April 19, 2010 as presented. The motion carried (2-0-1) with Mr. Leavitt abstaining.

4) WASTE TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

Mr. Bevins reported that all diffusers in Aeration Tank #6 have been installed. A submerged tank test will take place next week and controls are scheduled to be programmed next week as well. On May 23rd, Mr. Bevins said that there was a valve failure on the sodium hypochlorite tank and the day tank did not automatically fill. The valve was repaired by the following day. Mr. Bevins explained why the solids regen figures fluctuate and said that he will research the difference between April '09 and April '10 figures. Flows are back to normal for May and overall the plant is running well he said. Mr. Bevins reported that, upon inspection, the Permanent Municipal Building Committee may be making a recommendation regarding crumbling façade on the two unused settling tanks located next to the chemical building. Mr. Weaver asked if this should be addressed soon and should the area be roped off as a cautionary measure. Mr. Anderson also expressed his concern about safety and agreed with Mr. Ignatowicz's suggestion to have a building official look at the structures. Mr. Bevins said that all plant personnel are aware of the condition of the tanks. Regarding the WWTF Plant Operations Appropriations Summary, Mr. Ignatowicz reported that 81.9% of the plant budget has been used to date. He also

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provided details of expenditures for Compensated Absences, Engineering Fees, Water, Sewer Usage, Other Repair and Maintenance and Rentals.

- 5) **SEWER USE CREDIT TO THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON WPCA FOR FY 2008-2009**
Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Leavitt, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves the reimbursement of \$24,355.49 to the Town of Ellington for Fiscal Year 2008-09 in accordance with Section 5.2 of the Vernon/Ellington Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement, as amended. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

- 6) **PROPOSAL FOR ODOR CONTROL STUDY**
Mr. Bevins explained that the area in the vicinity of the Talcottville Pump Station/Rails to Trails has been a source of ongoing odor as well as complaints for the Town. Mr. Leavitt asked if anything can be done/analyzed in-house. Mr. Bevins said that analysis has been done in house. Also, Mr. Bevins said that chemicals have been used to treat the area for the past five years and nothing has worked effectively. Mr. Anderson asked what Gerber Scientific discharges and Mr. Bevins said that he will check the list of permits. Mr. Weaver asked if the sample points would be at the discharge of the force main or the influent of the pump station and Mr. Bevins said that both had been discussed. Mr. Leavitt asked if the cost would harm the budget and Mr. Ignatowicz said that he would recommend that the study be funded by the Sewer Connection Account. Mr. Leavitt, seconded by Mr. Weaver, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves the expenditure of \$4,975 from the Sewer Connection Account and authorizes the hiring of Stantec Consulting Corporation of Hartford, CT to conduct an evaluation and make recommendations for odor treatment alternatives near the Talcottville Pump Station discharge area. The motion carried.

- 7) **TALCOTTVILLE PUMP STATION GENERATOR REPAIR**
Mr. Dureiko reported that the generator at the Talcottville Road Pump Station is back online and that approximately \$26,000 was spent instead of \$41,000 as originally anticipated. He said the inside condition of the engine is beautiful and that the cylinder heads were re-machined.

- 8) **REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS**
Mr. Ignatowicz requested that this item be deleted from the agenda. He explained that a new mower will not be needed at the treatment plant because the current mower can be repaired.

- 9) **ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS**
None.

10) ADJOURN

Mr. Leavitt, seconded by Mr. Weaver, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



**Lisa B. Yost,
Secretary, Water Pollution Control**