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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
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Attendees: Chairman E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson, Elizabeth (Yang) Landry, and Gary Leavitt. Also present: David R. Ignatowicz, Director, Water Pollution Control; George Rostkowski, Business Manager; Town Attorney Hal Cummings; Marshal Gaston, P.E., Fuss & O'Neill; Marc Campbell, Estate Executor of 49 Lawrence Street

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

MINUTES OF WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2012
Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Leavitt, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accept the minutes of the September 27, 2012 WPCA Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed 3-0-1 with Mrs. Landry abstaining.

AGREEMENT REGARDING ASSIGNMENT OF TAX LIENS FOR 161 & 200 WEST MAIN STREET FROM WEST MAIN STREET DEVELOPMENT LLC, TO KENNETH A. KAPLAN
Attorney Cummings provided background on this item and referenced the draft and promissory agreements relative to the sewer user fees due for 161 and 200 West Main Street. Attorney Cummings said that Mr. Kaplan is willing to pay 100% of the principal of the sewer user fees within a year, and the interest would be waived unless payment was not received within that time. The payment would be a lump sum, Attorney Cummings said. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry made a motion to authorize settlement of sewer fees due Vernon WPCA with regards to 200 West Main St (which also includes 161 West Main St) in the name of Shepard Realty Co. Inc., and/or West Main Development LLC upon the terms as set forth in accord with agreement regarding assignment of tax and sewer liens 161 & 200 West Main Street between Kenneth A. Kaplan and the Town of Vernon. Mr. Leavitt asked to amend the motion to include the date of October 25, 2012. The motion, as amended, passed unanimously (4-0-0).

PROPOSED DESIGN FOR A LOW PRESSURE SEWER SYSTEM FOR 49 LAWRENCE STREET
Mr. Ignatowicz said that if approved, the proposed low pressure sewer could be extended up Lawrence Street and would allow each homeowner to install their own grinder pump and lateral. Mr. Gaston provided additional details about the sewer and utilities available on Lawrence Street. To isolate the lateral for 49 Lawrence Street, Mr. Gaston said that a "T" connection and curb stop would be installed at the sewer connection for 47 Lawrence Street. The lateral would run across the front yards of both #47 and #49 Lawrence Street he said. According to contractors that Mr. Campbell has spoken with, Mr. Gaston said that the grinder pump can either be located in the front or back yard. Mr. Gaston proposed that eventually two clean outs be installed: one near #53 Lawrence Street and the second near the intersection of Snipsic Street. He said that air release and vacuum breakers would need to be installed on both of the chambers of the grinder pump to insure that the pump works

properly. Mr. Anderson asked about flow rates and expressed concern about odor problems if the flow is low. Mr. Gaston said that according to his calculations, there should be enough flow and not be stagnant. Mr. Leavitt asked about a municipal grinder pump and the failure rate of the proposed grinder pump. Mr. Gaston said that the proposed pump has a low failure rate and the two inch size of the lateral pipe will help with the flow rate. Mr. Anderson expressed concern about those property owners that want to connect to the sewer, and others who do not. A discussion took place about administering the assessment costs relative to extending the sewer line on Lawrence Street, sewer curb stops, responsibility for the clean outs, and electrical requirements. Mr. Ignatowicz expressed concern with regard to whether the town will know the type of pipe being installed, the provision of an as-built survey and who will oversee the project. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Leavitt made a motion to authorize the Director of Water Pollution Control enter into a Developers Agreement with the current owner/executor of 49 Lawrence Street for the purpose of installing a grinder pump and a force main in accordance with the plans and specifications presented by Fuss & O'Neill dated October 15, 2012, 49 Lawrence Street and further, that upon completion of the project as built drawings are provided to the Town. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

WASTE TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

Mr. Ignatowicz reported that the plant is running fine and chlorine season has ended. The upper bearing assembly for the broken influent pump should be arriving within the next two or three weeks, he said. He will be speaking with Siemens with regard to the installation of the bearing. Mr. Ignatowicz said that Kraftpower will be at the treatment facility tomorrow to check the generator in preparation for the hurricane.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Rostkowski explained that the backup system would not be connected to the internet and would be used as a backup server as well as an extra computer for the business office. Mr. Leavitt, seconded by Mrs. Landry, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority to authorize the purchase of computer hardware and the proposal from L.I.S.A. to provide a back-up to the WPC billing system at a cost not to exceed $1,150.00. Mr. Anderson expressed concern that the Water Pollution Control Department has to independently back up its computer system. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

UPDATE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH ELLINGTON CONCERNING REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FLOW ALLOCATION

Mr. Ignatowicz said that he and Mr. Rostkowski met with Peter Williams from the Town of Ellington WPCA to discuss the intertown agreement. Mr. Ignatowicz said that they identified what is included in collection system costs and the treatment plant costs. Mr. Ignatowicz said that the Vernon WPCA is looking to obtain an increase in Ellington's debt service payment on the existing plan based on percent of flow for the remainder of the current agreement. Additionally, Ellington would have to pay the entire cost as outlined if/when the treatment plant is upgraded. Mr. Ignatowicz said they also discussed the possibility of giving Ellington 80,000 gallons of flow and once the facilities plan is completed for the treatment plant upgrade, consider increasing that allocation. A discussion took place regarding the intertown agreement, possible modifications and the treatment plant upgrade.

ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS
The Authority requested that the December 13th Agenda be sent early via electronic mail.

ADJOURN
Mr. Leavitt, seconded by Mr. Anderson made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Yost
Secretary, Water Pollution Control