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AMENDED

MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY Regular Meeting Minutes March 27, 2014

Attendees: Chairman E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson, Elizabeth Landry. Also present David R. Ignatowicz, Director, Water Pollution Control; Robert Grasis, WPCA Assistant Director and George Rostkowski, Business Manager

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2014

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority accept the minutes of the February 27, 2014 WPCA Regular Meeting as presented.

REQUEST FOR A WAIVER OF BID TO PURCHASE POWDERED ACTIVATED CARBON FOR FY 2014-2015

Mr. Ignatowicz spoke to a proposal from Cabot Norit Americas, Inc. relative to the purchase of powdered activated carbon. He said that the price of the powdered activated carbon is \$1.24/pound and there is no increase from the current price per pound. Mr. Anderson asked if an amount is needed for the motion and Mr. Ignatowicz stated no amount is needed because the cost is included the proposal. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves the purchase of powdered activated carbon from Cabot Norit Americas, Inc. of Marshall, TX, in accordance with their proposal dated March 5, 2014 in order to ensure that the carbon used by the Vernon Wastewater Treatment Facility will meet Siemen's testing and quality control parameters and will be compatible with Vernon's Wastewater Treatment. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

Mr. Grasis reported that flows were down in February but have increased during this month. He said that ammonia was high during February and natural gas usage was less than last month but still higher than February 2013. Septage was also down during February but Mr. Grasis said that he noticed more septic trucks at the treatment plant this month and expects an increase in disposal. Mr. Ignatowicz reported that Skip's Septic Service is asking for a volume discount for septage disposal. Mr. Ignatowicz explained that he told Skip's he would consider the request and if necessary bring it before the Authority at the next meeting.

Mr. Grasis presented details of the repairs to the chemical containment area and said the total cost was approximately \$6250. Mr. Anderson said that it sounds like a design flaw because the containment area didn't hold the overflow, and he questioned the design, not the construction of the area. Four or five quotes were received from contractors, and the work

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was estimated to cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000, therefore no bid waiver was needed, Mr. Ignatowicz said.

Mr. Grasis presented the details and the timeline for the replacement of the gate for the Chlorine Contact Tank. Mrs. Landry asked if a "not to exceed" should be included in the motion. Mr. Ignatowicz explained that the replacement could take one to three days and the amount of time and materials would be hard to determine. Mr. Weaver said that there is a lot involved in this type of project. Mr. Anderson said that he is comfortable with VMS Construction doing the work. Mr. Ignatowicz said that the money for this repair would come from the treatment plant budget. Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Anderson made a motion to authorize the Director to utilize the services of VMS Construction Company, 162 Lake Street, Vernon, CT on a time and material basis, to assist with the installation of an isolation gate on the chlorine contact tank based on their experience with similar projects and due to the critical need to get the job done as quickly as possible during the by-pass of the contact tank. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

Mr. Grasis explained the function and condition of the Spent Carbon Tank area. He specifically addressed the condition of the electrical components and the repairs made to them. Mr. Anderson said that he realizes the repairs are necessary and asked why the Authority wasn't notified of the repairs beforehand; perhaps a checklist of things that need to be addressed can be presented to the Authority before repairs are made.

Regarding the Year-to-Date Treatment Plant Expenditure Report, Mr. Ignatowicz said that about 70% of the budget has been used. He provided details of the expenditures for the Machinery and Equipment account. A discussion took place relative to the fund balance, depreciation and fixed assets.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Rostkowski reported that the Sewer Connection Account balance is approximately \$1,718,132.71. Of that total, \$637,727 from Tolland and \$279,569 from Vernon, is restricted to the Rockville trunk sewer which totals about \$1.1 million he said.

ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Mr. Ignatowicz said that Sharon Gamer, the WPC Accountant who works at the Business Office, submitted her resignation effective April 11, 2014. He spoke to the informational item regarding the Notice of Public Information Meeting for the replacement of Route 74 bridge over Hockanum River. He also told the Authority that Collection System Foreman Peter Dureiko is working on identifying sewer manhole frames and covers that may have to be replaced due to road replacement/paving.

ADJOURN

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Yost
Secretary, Water Pollution Control