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MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY Regular Meeting Minutes February 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; George Rostkowski, Business Manager; Peter Dureiko, Collection System Foreman

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2014 AND SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2014

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry, moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority accept the minutes of the January 23, 2014 WPCA Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Anderson, moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority accept the minutes of the February 6, 2014 Special Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

Mr. Ignatowicz reported that the plant had a good month overall. As a result of a broken polymer mixer, and the cold temperatures last month, the maximum daily permit allowance for effluent suspended solids was higher for one day he said. As required, Mr. Ignatowicz notified the DEEP. He reported that it will cost approximately \$13,000 to rent by pass pumps for a week when a new gate is installed in the chlorine contact chamber. He explained the process to replace the gate and said that the installation is planned for the first week of April. He said that he is considering hiring VMS Construction to assist with this project due in part to having it completed quickly and that three operator positions are still vacant and the plant is short of personnel. Mr. Ignatowicz reported that only one out of three boilers is operable in the preliminary treatment building. He said that he will meet with Public Works Director Bob Kleinhans regarding a bid for boilers. Mr. Kleinhans has a staff member who could assist the WPC department in writing specifications for a new boiler, Mr. Ignatowicz said. Mr. Grasis agreed with Mr. Ignatowicz that no additional money should be spent to fix the broken boiler. Mr. Ignatowicz also reported that extensive repairs to the roof of the Process Control Building will need to be done in the spring.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Rostkowski provided information and answered questions regarding a proposed amendment to the Town of Vernon Ordinance #289 concerning the Vernon Code on Buildings and Building Regulations. He said that this amendment would help reduce delinquencies and increase the collection rate for the sewer department. He explained that he would give a list of delinquent customers to the building official on a quarterly basis and the list could be referenced before any applications are approved; and permits or certificates of occupancies are issued. Mr. Weaver asked what the impetus was for the proposed amendment to be presented to the Authority at this time. Mr. Rostkowski said that there have been situations where people complete their buildings and don't want to pay the sewer connection fees. Mr. Anderson asked if a condominium association would be able to apply for a building permit if individuals who live in the complex, are delinquent with their own sewer use fees. Mr. Rostkowski said the association would be able to apply for a permit. This amendment would have to go the Mayor and then to the Town Council for approval. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry, moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority, pursuant to CSG, Section 7-148(2)(B), recommends amending Town Ordinance 289 to include the withholding of approval of building applications due to delinquent sewer user fees and assessments that exist on properties for which an application is made. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

REQUEST TO CONDUCT A SEWER CAPACITY FLOW ANALYSIS – CENTER ROAD, MAIN STREET AND HYDE AVENUE

Mr. Ignatowicz reported that he called NEPCCO who said that the proposal dated August 27, 2013 in the amount of \$4890.00 is still valid and the six week flow monitoring can begin in April. Mr. Ignatowicz also referenced a proposal dated August 26, 2013 from Fuss & O'Neill of Manchester, CT to analyze the Center Road sewer (only) and provide a report to the WPCA regarding capacity in the amount of \$3,300. Mr. Anderson questioned the wording of the proposal from NEPCCO, specifically "unknown field conditions and the unique nature of the task" which might prevent total completion of the project. A discussion took place regarding standard language in a contract and unknown field conditions. Mr. Dureiko said that there is nothing unusual about this task as it involves a standard manhole in the middle of the road. It was the consensus of the Authority to conduct a separate vote on the proposals. Mr. Ignatowicz explained that this analysis will be funded out of the sewer connection account and he needs the Authority's concurrence to spend that money. Mrs. Landry seconded by Mr. Anderson, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority authorizes a sewer capacity flow analysis for portions of Center Road, Hyde Avenue and Main Street (Rockville section) in order to verify future flow capacity and further, that said work is done in accordance with a proposal dated August 27, 2013 from NEPCCO of Watertown, CT in the amount of \$4,890. The motion passed (2-1-0) with Mr. Anderson voting against. Mr. Anderson said it is not a reflection on the company, it is only the language of the proposal, and that is why he voted no.

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Chairman Weaver, that the Water Pollution Control Authority authorizes a proposal dated August 26, 2013 from Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. of Manchester, CT in the amount of \$3,300, to be funded by the Sewer Connection Account. The motion passed (2-0-1) with Mrs. Landry abstaining.

A friendly amendment was made to be added to the end of the first motion "to be funded by the Sewer Connection Account".

REQUEST FOR A BID WAIVER AND AUTHORIZE NEW ENGLAND PIPE CLEANING COMPANY TO REMOVE DEBRIS FROM THE WEST STREET SEWER AND WINDSOR AVENUE SEWER SIPHON

Mr. Ignatowicz and Mr. Dureiko provided background information on this item and spoke to maps outlining the sewer area to be cleaned. Mr. Dureiko and Mr. Ignatowicz explained the process for cleaning the sewer siphon. The \$35,000 estimate is based on cleaning all 735 linear feet of the sewer pipes, Mr. Dureiko said, but the cost could be less if it is found that all of the piping does not need to be cleaned. Mr. Ignatowicz said that based on the estimate, he would like to request a bid waiver from the Authority. Chairman Weaver said that the \$250 hourly rate is not bad. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Landry, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority finds it to be in the best interest of the Town of Vernon to waive the bidding procedure and to authorize New England Pipe Cleaning Company, 99 Callender Road, Waterbury, CT 06795 to perform heavy pipeline cleaning in accordance with their proposal to the Town of Vernon dated October 22, 2013. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0). Mr. Ignatowicz said that he would like to have the work done before July of this year.

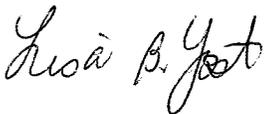
ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

None.

ADJOURN

Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Anderson, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost
Secretary, Water Pollution Control