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Regular Meeting Minutes
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
April 28, 2016

Attendees: E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson, Elizabeth Landry, Ralph Zahner and Andrew Tedford. Also in attendance: Robert Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Darrell Lupacchino, Collection System Foreman; Steve Seigal, Tighe & Bond; Tim Webb, Ellington WPCA; Patrick O'Leary and Rod Szwelicki, VHB

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CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 24, 2016
Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the March 24, 2016 WPCA Regular Meeting as presented. There was no discussion and the motion passed (4-0-1) with Mr. Zahner abstaining.

PRESENTATION OF PLANS FOR PROPOSED MIX USED DEVELOPMENT LOCATED AT 243 AND 253 TALCOTTVILLE ROAD
Patrick O'Leary of VHB presented plans for a mixed use development at 243 and 253 Talcottville Road relative to estimated sanitary sewer flow. A discussion took place as to whether wastewater should be discharged directly to the Dart Hill pump station or through the Talcottville pump station. It was the consensus of the Authority to have the proposed commercial properties connect to the sanitary sewer on Talcottville Road. The Authority asked Mr. O'Leary to complete further research relative to the sewer connection of the residential units.

UPDATE ON TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE
Mr. Seigal's reported that it is too late for the installation of the 33 flow meters which would be used to identify possible bottlenecks in the collection system. The installation will have to be done next April, he said. Mrs. Landry expressed concern about the delay, and Mr. Seigal said that it could have an impact on the overall study. Mr. Seigal said that he would attend all WPCA meetings and suggested writing a press release as the facilities plan for the treatment plant upgrade progresses.

PLANT SUMMARY
Mr. Boske reported that the plant is running well and electricity use was higher last month due to the use of the carbon regen boilers that were repaired. Also, Mr. Boske said that chlorination will begin May 1st and Lab Analyst Michele Sonski has been doing a great job. Mr. Grasis reported that: a Financial Analyst has been selected and is undergoing a background check; candidates for the Lab Analyst position are being reviewed; payment arrangements have been made with Mr. Stan Socha; FOG Coordinator Gary Leavitt is working on

Regulation 1 changes and fee structures; and the inspection by the Permanent Municipal Building Committee went well. RFP's were sent out for new Sewer Billing Software, HVAC Services at the Treatment Facility as well as Security Services for the Treatment Facility Mr. Grasis reported. The Authority agreed with Mr. Grasis' request to ask Administration for approximately $70,000 that was spent to reset/replace sewer manhole covers and frames during the repaving of roads in town during the current Road Bond Project. He explained that the Road Bond Project is below budget and would like to request that some of those funds be available to reimburse the Water Pollution Control Department.

REVIEW OF INVOICES FROM INDUSTRIAL STEEL & BOILER SERVICES, INC. AND REQUEST FOR BID WAIVER FOR THE REPAIR OF TWO BOILERS IN THE CARBON REGEN BUILDING

Mr. Grasis explained that the boilers have been running well since the repairs have been made. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Zahner made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves the invoices from Industrial Steel & Boiler Services, Inc. of Chicopee, MA, for the repairs of the two boilers located in the carbon regen building, for a total amount of $13,185.23. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

REQUEST FOR BID WAIVER TO PURCHASE POWDERED ACTIVATED CARBON FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

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 Activated Carbon of Alpharetta, GA, in accordance with their proposal dated March 18, 2016 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 (5-0-0).

REQUEST TO PURCHASE A SURGE RELIEF VALVE FROM BLAKE EQUIPMENT FOR THE TALCOTTVILLE PUMP STATION

Mr. Lupacchino provided background on this item. He explained that Blake Equipment is the recommended vendor for this type of relief valve and the surge far exceeds what the pump station can handle. The cast iron seat on the old valve has deteriorated over the past 20 years, Mr. Lupacchino said, and during the past two years, the valve has been leaking. Mr. Anderson said that he would like to see the station and suggested the Authority meet there during warmer weather; the Authority agreed. Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves the purchase of a surge relief valve from Blake Equipment, East Windsor, CT in accordance with their proposal #26859 dated March 18, 2016 in the amount of $7,475.00 and funds for said purpose will come from the Sewer Connection Account. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

ADJOURN

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Zahner made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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