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# TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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Regular Meeting Minutes  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
August 25, 2016

Attendees: Chairman E. Ray Weaver, John Anderson, Andrew Tedford and Ralph Zahner. Also present Robert I. Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control, and Matt Daskal, Financial Analyst, Water Pollution Control

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 July 28, 2016

Mr. Zahner, seconded by Mr. Anderson made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the July 28, 2016 WPCA Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed (3-0-1) with Chairman Weaver abstaining.

UPDATE ON TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

Mr. Grasis reported that the Terms and Conditions, as well as the Scope of Services for the Facilities Plan pertaining to the Treatment Facility, have been ironed out and has met DEEP approval. Vernon Town Administrator, John Ward, is scheduled to sign the plan next Tuesday. Mr. Grasis noted that the I/I study will be presented as a separate amendment that still needs approval from the DEEP.

ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER USER RATES

Mr. Grasis told the Authority that he spoke to some of the septic haulers that currently use the treatment facility. The haulers said that they like the Vernon treatment facility because we allow partial loads; septage is accepted from any place and not just the towns that participate in the Inter-Municipal agreement; the facility is in close proximity to their place of business; and the disposal rate is lower than other local facilities. Mr. Grasis said that he was unsure if dropping the septage rates will generate additional business. Mr. Daskal presented information on septage flow and revenue analysis to the Authority. A discussion took place regarding septage revenue and septage rates. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Tedford, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority adopts a schedule of sewer user charges as heard at a Public Hearing held on August 25, 2016 for the last three months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 and for the first nine months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 and payable on October 15, 2016, January 15, 2017, April 15, 2017 and July 15, 2017.

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PLANT SUMMARY

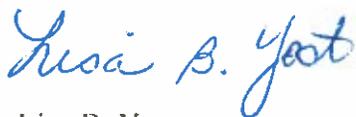
Mr. Boske reported that the plant is running well. The phosphorus number is down and he said that the source of the elevated phosphorus discharge was found. Mr. Boske said that he will see if a change in their process can be made. Regarding current activities, Mr. Grasis said that new billing system software should be purchased within the next month or two; one of the Operator's In Training is eligible to get his Class I license; National Water Main Cleaning was awarded the bid for sewer line cleaning services; Environmental Services was awarded the bid for the Transportation and Disposal of Material from the sewer line cleaning service; the OSHA citation was corrected and the treatment facility is now OSHA compliant; the treatment facility participated in a peak capacity event with an energy consultant hired by the town; one of the Phoenix Street pumps has been sent out for rehabilitation; and the White Street sewer line repair will be completed in the next few weeks.

Regarding the Grove Street Sewer Line Support Project, Mr. Grasis said that the Town will pay \$26,000 towards the project. Mr. Zahner said that the project should be reviewed by a structural engineer and he feels that it would be worth the cost to secure a second opinion from such an engineer. Mr. Anderson agreed. Mr. Zahner said that he is concerned that in 10-30 years, if the line needs work, the WPCA will have to pay. It was the consensus of the Authority that the town should be responsible for all costs associated with this project. Mr. Zahner said that the easement at the property, which is currently deeded to the Town, should be released/dissolved in the land records. Chairman Weaver made note to be reflected in this meeting's minutes, that the concerns of the Authority regarding this project has been brought to the Town Administrator and the Town Engineer, by Mr. Grasis, as directed by the Authority at the last month's meeting.

ADJOURN

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Zahner made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost  
Secretary, Water Pollution Control