



TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

February 27, 2020

7:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Gordon Gibson, Carina Hart, Kevin Kearney, and Andrew Tedford. Also present: Robert I. Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Matthew Daskal, Financial Analyst; Timothy Webb, Ellington WPCA;

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CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2020

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Gibson, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the January 23, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

UPDATE ON TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE

Mr. Grasis updated the Authority relative to the progress of the upgrade and answered questions from the Authority. He referenced a Construction Progress Meeting No. 15 Summary, Summary & Milestone Report, CPM Schedule Narrative as well as a four week schedule. Currently, he said that temporary electrical conduits are being installed and many of the buildings will have to be provided with a temporary electrical supply. Once the electrical work is complete, the temporary conduits will be used for other purposes he said.

Discussion took place concerning generators. A meeting relative to by-pass pumping at the treatment facility is scheduled for next week Mr. Grasis said.

REVIEW OF INDUSTRIAL STEEL & BOILER INVOICE FOR CARBON REGEN BOILER REPAIRS

Mr. Grasis provided background on this item. He said that repairs were done to the coils in 2016 by Industrial Steel and the coils have again failed. Mr. Grasis explained that the coils should have lasted longer and he was able to get a 10% reduction in the repair cost. It was the consensus of the Authority to have Mr. Grasis or Mr. Daskal ask for additional concessions from the contractor. Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Tedford, made a motion to approve the emergency repair costs for the Industrial Steel & Boiler invoice for carbon regen boiler repairs. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske reported that the plant is running well and answered questions from the Authority. He reported that BOD and suspended solids removal are better than last year at this time. Nitrogen was down substantially from last year at this times resulting in a reduction in the purchase of nitrogen credits he said. Mr. Grasis updated

the Authority on current activities that included: the Lake Street sewer assessment was determined to have been paid; electrical equipment at Tankerhoosen and Campbell Avenue pump stations have been ordered and should be installed next month; the flow monitoring contract was signed by the Mayor; a Foreman position is still open and the current Foreman will be on a three week medical leave; a rodder jet and a 1980 lawn mower were sold at public auction; a safety committee has been established for the treatment facility and consists of plant personnel; he and Mr. Boske attended the NEWEA Conference in Boston; two tours at the plant have been conducted; the regen unit is up and running; generator maintenance was conducted at the pump stations; new connections are expected from Tolland; the camera truck will go in for service next week; the SSE study is still awaiting DEEP approval; and inspection for the Shoprite grease traps should take place next week. Mr. Grasis informed the Authority that at the next meeting, he will have a price for the repair of sewer pipes for their review. Mr. Grasis said that another expenditure is expected after the sewer manholes from Tunnel Road to the Bolton town line are cut out after paving is complete on Lake Street.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT Mr. Daskal reported that he is preparing for the April billing. Also, he informed the Authority that it was requested that the fund balance policy be amended to reflect a three month operating cost. Mr. Tedford, seconded by Ms. Hart, moved the Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority revises the reserve enterprise fund balance policy adopted for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 to reflect three months operating expenses to previous motion 20%. Discussion took place. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

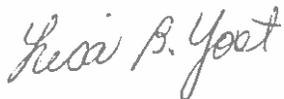
ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Mr. Grasis reported that Assistant Collector of Revenue, Kathleen Minor, began attending tax collector classes this month.

ADJOURN

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Kearney made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost
Secretary, Water Pollution Control