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MINUTES
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, January 27, 2011

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Attendees: Melissa Shannon, E. Ray Weaver, and Adam Weissberger. Also present David R. Ignatowicz, Director, Water Pollution Control; Arnie Bevins, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; George Rostkowski, Business Manager

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

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

MINUTES OF WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 28, 2010
Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Shannon, made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 28, 2010 regular WPCA meeting as presented. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Mr. Weissberger abstaining.

MINUTES OF WPCA SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 30, 2010
Mr. Weissberger, seconded by Mr. Weaver, made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 30, 2010 special meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

REQUEST TO PURCHASE (3) THREE REPLACEMENT LOWER MIXER BLADES FOR THE PHILADELPHIA EQUALIZATION TANK MIXIERS
Mr. Ignatowicz explained that this past summer, when repairs were made to the 50,000 gallon equalization tank (EQ), it was discovered that the three lower mixer blades on the extended shafts are all but gone and need to be replaced. The cost for the hardware and the blades will be $3283 each, Mr. Ignatowicz said. Mr. Weissberger asked if it has been confirmed that the price has remained the same since quoted on September 2, 2010 and if there is any reason to believe that the price has changed. Mr. Weaver said that generally, price quotes to municipalities, are extended for six months. Mr. Ignatowicz said that if the price is significantly higher, then the blades will not be purchased without coming back to the WPCA with a new quote. Mr. Weissberger asked for the number of quotes obtained and Mr. Bevins explained that Philadelphia Mixing Solutions, Ltd. is a sole supplier of the hardware. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Weissberger, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority authorizes the purchase of three (3) sets of lower impeller blades and hardware from Philadelphia Mixing Solutions, Ltd, as shown as Option #3 on a proposal dated September 2, 2010 and that said purchase be made from the FY 2010-2011 wastewater treatment plant operating budget. After discussion, a friendly amendment "at a cost not to exceed $9849 plus freight" was made by Mr. Weaver. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

Mr. Bevins presented the 2010 New England Water Environmental Association, Inc. (NEWEA) Wastewater Utility Award for the Town of Vernon's Wastewater Treatment Facility. The

Authority offered its congratulations. Mr. Bevins reported that 53 of the diffusers in Tank #6 and approximately 12 diffusers in Tank #5 were mismounted. The contractor, Kovacs Construction, made the repairs at no additional cost, and the diffuser upgrade project is completed mechanically Mr. Bevins said. Mr. Bevins reported that he is still waiting for the O&M manual. Regarding aeration requirements for denitrification, Mr. Weaver asked that a cost comparison be considered regarding the price of retooling [a blower] to getting a new style blower.

Mr. Ignatowicz presented 2011- 2015 capital improvement requests for the Water Pollution Control Department which he will present to the Capital Improvements Committee on January 29th. Mr. Ignatowicz specifically noted the roof replacement on the Carbon Regeneration Building at the treatment facility for FY 2011-2012 and rehabilitation of a portion of the Rockville Trunk Sewer for FY 2012-2013. Mr. Ignatowicz said that no quotes have yet been solicited for the roof repair. Mr. Weaver said he would provide information regarding a contractor who has a state contract for roof repair. Regarding the cost of relining of the Rockville trunk sewer, Mr. Ignatowicz said that the cost has been estimated by in-house staff and Insituform, and includes a 5% contingency. The towns of Tolland and Ellington need to be notified of Vernon's intent so they may plan for cost sharing, he said. Other Capital Improvement requests included replacing the emergency generators at the Dart Hill, Phoenix Street and Talcottville pump stations.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Rostkowski reported that the Sewer Connection Account balance is approximately $1.4 million with approximately $571,173 restricted to the Tolland Restricted Sewer Connection and $229,389 is dedicated to the Rockville Trunk Sewer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Weissberger made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing three pending claims related to delinquent Sewer User accounts and to invite WPC Director David Ignatowicz, WPC Assistant Director Arnie Bevins, WPC Business Manager George Rostkowski to attend the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (3-0) and the Authority entered into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. Mr. Weissberger, seconded by Mr. Weaver, made a motion to end the Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Rostkowski recommended a motion to hire Attorney Adam Cohen from the law firm of Cohen and Connelly to pursue further collection enforcement activity against account 1620, 6488 and account 7596 to include doing a tax sale. The motion as recommended by Mr. Rostkowski, was moved by Mr. Weissberger and seconded by Mr. Weaver. Mr. Weaver asked if the account numbers are correct; Mr. Rostkowski restated the account numbers. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS
Mr. Weaver congratulated the Wastewater Treatment Facility staff for being the recipient of NEWEA plant utility of the year.

ADJOURN
Mr. Weissberger, seconded by Mr. Weaver, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Yost
Secretary, Water Pollution Control