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APPROVED

MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING Thursday, February 24, 2011

Attendees: Gary Leavitt, E. Ray Weaver, and Adam Weissberger. Also present David R. Ignatowicz, Director, Water Pollution Control; Arnie Bevins, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Peter Dureiko, Collection System Foreman; George Rostkowski, Business Manager; Peter Williams, Ellington WPCA

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ELECTION OF WPCA CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Mr. Weaver nominated Mr. Weissberger to serve as Chairman. Mr. Leavitt seconded the nomination and Mr. Weissberger accepted. Mr. Leavitt nominated Mr. Weaver to serve as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Weissberger seconded the nomination and Mr. Weaver accepted.

MINUTES OF WPCA SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2011

The heading of the minutes was corrected by changing "REGULAR" to "SPECIAL". "Cohen and Connelly" was corrected on page 2, paragraph 6, line 2 by changing it to "Pullman & Comley". Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Weissberger, made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 27, 2011 Special WPCA meeting as amended. The motion passed (2-0-1) with Mr. Leavitt abstaining.

REQUEST TO ADJUST WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATIONS BUDGET #41345700 FOR FY 2011

Mr. Ignatowicz explained that additional information has been provided by the Finance Department since the WPCA adopted its budget at the Authority's December 30, 2010 special meeting. The new information is for projected medical insurance that will allow for a further reduction of the proposed budget to \$5,543,768, a decrease of \$58,755 from the current 2010-2011 budget. Mr. Weissberger asked when would the budget be presented to the Mayor and Town Council and Mr. Ignatowicz said that a schedule has not yet been established. Mr. Ignatowicz explained that the budget decrease was .23% and with this further reduction, the overall adjustment would be a decrease of 1.05% from the current 2010-2011 budget. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Leavitt, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority adopts the proposed budget for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations #41345700 for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$5,543,768 and that this recommendation supersede the motion made on December 30, 2010 with regard to the budget based on additional information. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

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REPORT OF EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIRS OF FRANKLIN STREET – FEBRUARY 8 & 9, 2011

Mr. Ignatowicz said that the WPC department investigated the cause of a developing sink hole in the vicinity of #18 and #19 Franklin Street on February 8th. Upon investigation, Mr. Ignatowicz said that a major obstruction was causing the 32 inch sewer pipe to surcharge and appeared to be about three quarters full. At this time, a bypass operation was set up so that flow could be reduced in that area and the blockage situation could be assessed. The following day, the obstruction was removed from the sewer and it was realized that this situation was not related to the sinkhole. Mr. Ignatowicz explained that the obstruction was a 30 inch diameter plug consisting of two pieces of ¾ inch plywood with a tire tube sandwiched in between and it is not known how it may have gotten into the sewer. Additionally, upon excavation of the sinkhole area, it was discovered that a sewer chimney had broken about 12 feet deep. The cost for these two situations is \$36,030.85 and Mr. Ignatowicz suggested that \$16,751.35 be paid from the Sewer Connection Account and \$19,279.50 be paid from the WTP Operations and Maintenance budget. Mr. Ignatowicz said that he would like to get approval from the Town Council at its March 1st meeting to waive the bid procedure for this emergency repair. Mr. Dureiko said that it was indeed an emergency situation and the response by the vendors was excellent. Mr. Weaver recognized that a very nice job was done in handling the emergency. Mr. Ignatowicz noted that he had contacted the town's insurance carrier, USI, and was informed that the loss was not covered by the Town's insurance. He also reported that there was no third party damage as a result of the sewer blockage. Mr. Leavitt, seconded by Mr. Weaver, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority hereby waives the bid procedure for the emergency maintenance work on the Vernon Sanitary Sewer on Franklin Street occurring on February 8-9, 2011, and authorizes the Director, Water Pollution Control, to execute the repair of the sewer by the firms: N.E. Pipe Cleaning, Inc., 99 Callender Road, Watertown, CT; Baker Corp, 102 Worcester Road, Oxford, MA; Delray Contracting, Inc., 10 Nutmeg Drive, Ellington, CT and BAHK Sales, Inc., 1185 South Broad Street, Wallingford, CT, for an amount not to exceed \$19,279.50. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

Mr. Bevins reported that it has been relatively quiet at the treatment plant. He noted that when the weather was extremely cold, the diffuser blowers shut down. In order for the blowers to function properly, the air distribution philosophy had to be changed to the system, Mr. Bevins explained. Mr. Weaver asked if the flows are still low and Mr. Bevins said flows have been low. Regarding the general permit from DEP to regulate nitrogen output, Mr. Bevins reported that for 2011, the discharge limits for total nitrogen is 202 pounds per day. Last year the discharge limit was 210 he said. Until the treatment facility is upgraded to include nitrogen removal, Mr. Bevins said that the purchase of nitrogen credits will continue. A discussion took place regarding the upgrade of the treatment facility with regard to both nitrogen and phosphorus removal.

REQUEST TO REPLACE 1999 CHEVROLET SILVERADO PICK-UP TRUCK

Mr. Ignatowicz said that he had anticipated the replacement of this vehicle and had included it in the Capital Improvements request for FY 2010-11. He provided a vehicle inspection report which noted that the twelve year old truck, with almost 140,000 miles, is no longer road worthy. Mr. Weissberger asked about the number of other vehicles the department has and what would the new truck be used for. Mr. Ignatowicz said he would provide Mr. Weissberger

the total number of department vehicles and at present there are five pick-up trucks, including the one that needs to be replaced. He explained that the new truck is a basic work truck, to be used by Mr. Dureiko for emergencies, daily operations, and Call Before You Dig requests. The other four trucks are equipped with lift gates and plow frames for use at pump stations as well as to clear snow from easements and at the treatment facility. Mr. Weaver asked Mr. Dureiko if the new truck has everything that is needed and Mr. Dureiko said yes. Mr. Ignatowicz said that the plant mechanic will transfer the tool box and any other necessary equipment to the new truck. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Leavitt, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority hereby authorizes the Director, Water Pollution Control to purchase a new 2011 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 2WD work truck as specified in a quotation dated 2/23/11 from Northwest Hills of Waterbury, CT to replace a 1999 Chevrolet Silverado that has been determined to be no longer safe for road use. The total cost of the truck as quoted under State Bid #10-PSX-0239, shall not exceed \$17,361. The motion passed (2-0-1) with Mr. Weissberger abstaining.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING CLAIMS RELATED TO DELINQUENT SEWER USER ACCOUNTS

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Leavitt, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority enter into Executive Session to discuss pending claims related to three 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 and the Authority entered into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. Mr. Leavitt, seconded by Mr. Weaver, made a motion to end Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

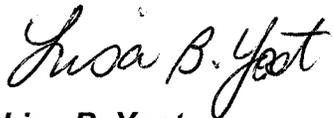
ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The Authority recognized and congratulated Mr. Rostkowski for obtaining and achieving his certification as a Connecticut Municipal Collector.

ADJOURN

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Levitt, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost
Secretary, Water Pollution Control