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MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING

February 9, 2012

Wastewater Treatment Plant

7:30 PM

Attendees: Chairman Everett R. Weaver, Vice Chairman Gary Leavitt, Elizabeth Yang and John Anderson. Also David Ignatowicz, Director of Water Pollution Control; Arnie Bevins, Assistant Director of Water Pollution Control and George Rostkowski, Water Pollution Control Business Manager.

Chairman Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

1.) REVIEW OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BUDGET #41345700 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013.

David Ignatowicz commented on the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations budget #41345700 in the amount of \$5,764,740 for FY2012-13. This budget is for the operation and maintenance of the treatment plant and sewer collection system. He indicated that the budget as proposed represents a 3.99% increase over the current year's appropriation, but noted that budget increases over the last four years averaged 0.63%.

Mr. Ignatowicz commented on each line item in the budget request and he, Mr. Bevins and Mr. Rostkowski responded to questions from Authority members. After staff summarized the budget proposal and answered questions the following motions were made:

Mr. Anderson moved to reduce budget line item 53110-Town Attorney Fees, from \$500 to \$250. There was no second to the motion. The motion failed.

Mr. Anderson moved to reduce budget line item 53140-Other Legal Fees and Services, from \$1,000 to \$500. Elizabeth Yang seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Anderson voted yes, Yang and Leavitt voted no. The motion failed.

Mr. Anderson moved to reduce budget item 56142-Electrical Supplies, from \$25,000 to \$20,000. There was no second to the motion. The motion failed.

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Mr. Anderson moved to reduce budget item 56520-Machinery & Equipment Parts, from \$85,850 to \$80,850. Elizabeth Yang seconded the motion. The Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Anderson voted yes, Yang and Leavitt voted no. The motion failed.

Mr. Anderson moved to reduce budget item 57810-Office Furniture, from \$2,500 to \$1,500. Gary Leavitt seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Anderson and Leavitt voted yes. Yang voted no. The motion passed.

Chairman Weaver asked if there were any other recommended changes to the proposed budget. Hearing none he called for a vote on the total budget.

Gary Leavitt moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority recommend to the Mayor and the Vernon Town Council, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Budget #41345700 for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 in the amount of \$5,763,740. Elizabeth Yang seconded the motion. Discussion followed. John Anderson expressed that over the years he has always supported the WPCA recommended budget but found it difficult to do so this year. He expressed disappointment that the WPCA could not find any meaningful reductions beyond \$1,000 and because of that, as a general principal, he could not support the budget. The Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Yang and Leavitt voted yes. Anderson voted no. The motion passed.

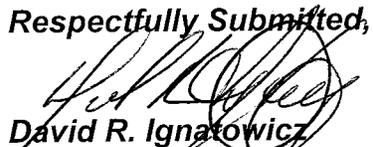
Mr. Ignatowicz spoke to a memorandum dated February 6, 2012 outlining the department's capital needs through fiscal year 2016. He also spoke to the WPCA request to the Town Capital Improvements Committee that will be reviewed on February 18, 2012. The request for 2012-13 is to replace the roof on the Carbon Regeneration Building.

Mr. Rostkowski spoke to a spreadsheet he prepared outlining estimates of revenues and expenditures through fiscal year 2016-2017 and answered questions from the members of the Authority.

2.) ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 P.M. upon a motion by John Anderson, and seconded by Elizabeth Yang. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


**David R. Ignatowicz
Director, Water Pollution Control**