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MINUTES
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting

June 24, 2010 Wastewater Treatment Plant 7:30 PM

Attendees: ***John Anderson, Melissa Shannon, Gary Leavitt, 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 and Peter Williams, Ellington WPCA Administrator***

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

PUBLIC COMMENT
Mr. Anderson thanked Mr. Bevins for the informative tour of the treatment plant and Mr. Weaver for also providing information regarding treatment facility operations. Mr. Anderson said that the treatment facility is impressive and it is important to share such information. He said a great job has been done by all.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 27, 2010
Mr. Weaver seconded by Mr. Leavitt, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority moves to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of the WPCA held on May 27, 2010 as presented. The motion passed (3-0-1) with Mr. Weissberger abstaining.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT
Regarding the air diffuser project, Mr. Bevins said that Tank #6 is online and a temporary control panel is up and running. Mr. Bevins said that Tank #5 is expected to be emptied next week. An estimated cost savings with the upgraded air diffusers might be about $180,000 annually, he said. Mr. Bevins reported that he and Mr. Ignatowicz attended the Connecticut Association of Connecticut Water Pollution Control Authorities conference. A topic of discussion was whether or not water companies would need to get permits regarding the discharge of metals.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT
Mr. Rostkowski reported that property at 44 Village Street has been sold and the Water Pollution Control Authority has received a check in the amount of $5,000. The payment is for the assignment of liens regarding the property which was owned by the Vernon Housing Authority. At present, three of the eight properties owned by the Housing Authority have been sold and a sale of a fourth property is scheduled to take place next week.

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REQUEST FOR BID WAIVER TO PURCHASE POWDERED ACTIVATED CARBON FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 FROM SIEMENS WATER TECHNOLOGIES

Mr. Ignatowicz said the he would like to continue to use Siemens as a provider of powdered activated carbon for the treatment facility. Mr. Bevins explained that based on bench tests and the facility's applications and operations, the plant runs well utilizing this specified carbon. Mr. Ignatowicz said that the purchase price delivered in bulk of $1.04 per pound is the same as last year. Mr. Anderson asked if such carbon can be purchased or is available elsewhere and both Mr. Bevins and Mr. Ignatowicz said it is not. Mr. Weissberger, seconded by Mr. Weaver made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority waive the bidding of, and recommends the purchase of powdered activated carbon from Siemens Water Technologies of Rothschild, WI, in accordance with the proposal dated June 8, 2010 in order to insure that the carbon used by Vernon will be in accordance with Siemen's testing and quality control parameters. The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED SEWER USER CHARGES FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010 AND THE FIRST AND THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2011

Mr. Ignatowicz said that a rate increase is not being recommended this year. Based on the drop in water consumption a 3% rate increase could be requested, he said. Mr. Rostkowski, presented details and history including the following: History of the Waste Treatment Budget, Use of Funds, Actual Compared to Projected Flows FY 09-10, Flows Over Three Years, Rate Comparisons, Sewer Rate Increases, History of Sewer Use Rates, History of Sewer Well Rates, Sewer Use Rates-Actual & Projected, and Impact of a Rate Increase. Mr. Anderson asked if flows can be shown to be either residential or industrial and Mr. Rostkowski said that it can and will provide that information at the next meeting. Mr. Weissberger asked if a continued decrease in flow is projected for FY 10-11 and Mr. Rostkowski said that he will be watching those numbers. Mr. Anderson asked about Amerbelle usage and Mr. Rostkowski reported that flow is up 10%. Mr. Weaver asked if any commercial or industrial businesses have been lost and Mr. Ignatowicz said no such businesses have been lost. Mr. Anderson asked if an update can be provided within the next three months regarding any continuation of trends and Mr. Rostkowski said that he will provide that information. Mr. Leavitt asked how Vernon's $5.69/1000 gallons charge compares with other rates in the state and Mr. Ignatowicz said that it varies. Mr. Weaver asked if septage rates can be anticipated once the Bolton Lake Sewer Project goes online; would the amount be significant. Mr. Rostkowski reported that last month there was 27,250 gallons of septage from Bolton. Mr. Bevins said that the amount of septage from Bolton cannot be anticipated. Mr. Weaver asked if the Authority would consider reducing the rate. Regarding the projected Investment Income for FY 2010-2011, Mr. Anderson asked about the reduction of approximately

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$2000. Mr. Rostkowski explained that the fund balance is lower than it used to be and interest rates are low. A discussion took place as to whether or not the Authority has the power to invest funds. The Authority asked Mr. Ignatowicz to set up a meeting with the Finance Director to take place before the next Water Pollution Control Authority meeting regarding the rights of the Authority and investments.

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Weissberger, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority schedule a Public Hearing on July 22nd [2010] at the Water Pollution Control Facility located at 100 Windsorville Road at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of establishing sewer user rates for the last three months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 and for the first nine months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. Those said rates will be $5.69 per 1000 gallons for regular sewer usage, $75.00 per 1000 gallons for septage with a $26.00 minimum charge. The motion passed unanimously.

Any Additional Matters
None.

Adjourn
Mr. Weissberger, seconded by Mr. Leavitt, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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