

APPROVED MINUTES

Minutes of meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) held on April 28, 2014, in the Conference Room of the Water Pollution Control Facility, 1122 Universal Drive.

PRESENT: Messrs.: Freda, Johnson, Lane and Werner
ABSENT: Messrs.: Abercrombie and Pellegrino, Ms. Sheridan
ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan Bodwell, Town Engineer
Mark Barrows, Plant Manager, Veolia Water
Diane Cuomo, Public Works

Mr. Werner, Chairman of the WPCA, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr. Johnson motioned to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2014, meeting, Mr. Lane seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. Proposed Meeting Dates CY 2015 (JB)

Mr. Lane motioned to approve the following meeting dates for CY 2015 noting that the September meeting at which the sewer use rate is set will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015:

	January	26, 2015	
	February	23, 2015	
	March	23, 2015	
	April	27, 2015	
	May	18, 2015	
	June	22, 2015	
	July	27, 2015	
	August	24, 2015	
TUESDAY	September	8, 2015	(Set SU Rate)
	October	26, 2015	
	November	23, 2015	
	December	– No Meeting Scheduled	

Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. WPCF - Plant Operations - status report (MB/Veolia Water)

Mr. Barrows reported the plant is running well with no violations. He added for 2013 we were able to sell \$14,742 in nitrogen credits for which we will receive reimbursement. For 2014, if the year were to end now, we would have to buy \$62,000 in credits.

4. Summer Wind Estates/Summer Lane (JB)

Mr. Bodwell reported that in May 2005 a development was approved by the Commission for 20 units with a connection fee of \$500.00 for each unit. He added, since that time, ownership has changed and it has since gone to court. As part of the settlement, instead of 20 units only 18 units are allowed.

Mr. Lane motioned to accept the revised conditions on Summer Wind Estates and to assess each unit for a \$2,000 connection charge. Mr. Johnson seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Bodwell presented the Commission with a copy of the Procedure for Assessment of Benefits for Sewer Construction. He advised a copy has been forwarded to the Town Attorney to confirm time frame and procedures are still the same.

Mr. Bodwell suggested to the Commission, that since Summer Wind Estates will be using the same line for their 18 units as Summer Lane, the connection charges could possibly offset the cost of assessments to the residents on Summer Lane.

He advised at the next meeting they will discuss scheduling the public hearing, the timing of various aspects and proposed sewer assessments.

5. F.O.G. Hot Spots (JB)

Mr. Bodwell advised under our F.O.G. program, Veolia has been contracted to do inspections 110 inspections per year. During the first year, we do two, followed by one each year thereafter.

Of the 110 restaurants, approximately 30 (such as Dunkin Donuts) do not cook on site and, therefore, do not need to be inspected. He advised in discussion with the inspectors, they would like a chance to go back to the "hot spots" (problem establishments) for a second inspection.

Mr. Johnson motioned to have "hot spot" establishments inspected twice a year instead of once in keeping with the 110 inspections contracted per year. Mr. Lane seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

6. F.O.G. Penalty – 448 Washington Aveue/The Breakfast Nook (JB)

Mr. Bodwell presented a request on behalf of the above to waive the late fees /F.O.G. penalties. He said the owner was advised he could present his case in person by attending the April 28 meeting.

Mr. Bodwell advised notices were sent to the owner in August, again on November 1, November 18, December 3, 2013, and February 18, 2014, all of which went unanswered.

Mr. Lane motioned to deny request to waive F.O.G. penalty/late fees since the notices (as indicated above) went unanswered and owner did not take the opportunity to appear before the Commission to present his case. Mr. Freda seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

7. Sewer Use 2012-2013 – Request to Waive Sewer Use Charge – 3376 Dixwell Avenue/
Parillo, Account #1145242

Mr. Bodwell presented a request to waive the Type II sewer use for the above. He advised the Commission that the property is currently a two-family residence and the owner started alterations to change it into a one-family house without obtaining any building permits.

Mr. Bodwell advised the owner, until he makes the official changes from a two-family to a one-family dwelling, he will continue to be billed for a Type II sewer use charge.

The Building Office and Blight Committee are presently looking to bring this property into compliance since changes were made without permits and because of the condition of the exterior as blight.

Mr. Bodwell also advised the owner that Type I and Type II sewer use charges are not billed on consumption but are instead billed at a flat rate.

Mr. Johnson motioned to deny request to waive the sewer use charge for 3376 Dixwell Avenue until the property is officially changed to a one-family dwelling. Mr. Lane seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

8. Miscellaneous

- Mr. Johnson raised a question referencing advertisements for bids for the Old Broadway Pump Station which was answered by Mr. Bodwell.
- Mr. Werner referenced a property at 107 Pool Road, north of Clintonville Road, with the suggestion it be investigated for possible conversion.

9. Payment of Bills

None

10. Public Comments

None

11. Adjournment

Mr. Lane motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Johnson. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.