

APPROVED MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) held on October 26, 2009 in the conference room of the Water Pollution Control Facility, 1122 Universal Drive.

PRESENT: Ms. McCarty, Ms. Sheridan, Messrs.: Abercrombie, Lane, Pellegrino and Werner
ALSO PRESENT: Alan Asikainen, Maguire Group, Inc.
Mark Barrows, Plant Manager, Veolia Water
Jonathan Bodwell, Town Engineer
Diane Cuomo, Public Works

Mr. Werner, Chairman of the WPCA, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr. Lane made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2009, meeting, seconded by Mr. Abercrombie.

The Commission voted as follows: Mr. Abercrombie – Yes; Mr. Lane – Yes; Ms. McCarty – Yes; Mr. Pellegrino – Yes; Mr. Werner – Yes; Ms. Sheridan – abstained.

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

Mr. Barrows reported there were no violations for the month of September and we were below our nitrogen limit again for the month.

Mr. Barrows gave a status report of work completed on the secondary digester and advised it is expected to be back on line within three to four weeks. He added that expenses to date are in line with estimates.

3. (STAG) State Tribal Assistant Grant (JB)

Mr. Bodwell reported we have an earmark grant from Federal government for \$485,000 toward the extension of sewers from Industrial Park / Dodge Avenue to Todd Drive. The estimated cost of that project would be approximately \$5.7 million, of which we would need to raise \$5.3 million.

Mr. Bodwell advised, in lieu of the above, we have decided to apply for a technical correction with the EPA for an appropriation change to apply that grant toward capital projects at the sewer treatment plant. We propose to apply the funding toward an inflow/infiltration study, repairs to the Old Broadway pump station, the #2 and #3 primary clarifiers; replacement of the existing SCADA (computer) system, the Sackett Point Road pump station variable frequency drive and upgrades to the Leonardo Drive pump station. These proposed projects are estimated at approximately \$883,500 of which \$485,000 would be paid for by the grant.

He added due to a change in regulations, this funding would not be available until October 2010. We would not be required to spend it all in one year and could therefore prioritize our projects according to the funds we have available.

Mr. Barrows then reported that the every three years the plant must replace the ultra-violet bulbs for the disinfection system at an estimated cost of between \$8,500.00 to \$10,000 and they are presently in need of replacement.

Ms. Sheridan made a motion to approve the above purchase at a cost between \$8,500.00 to \$10,000, seconded by Mr. Pellegrino. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Mr. Barrows advised that in August the plant was inspected by the CT DEP and they advised us that one of the primary clarifiers has been down for several years. The DEP then advised that we must schedule repairs in order to avoid a violation and penalties. He added this repair could range from \$90,000 to \$100,000.

A brief discussion followed on the materials required and process necessary to get the project underway.

Mr. Barrows stated that he and the Town Engineer will put some information together for the Commission to discuss at their next meeting scheduled for November 23, 2009.

4. Quinnipiac University Connection (JB)

Mr. Bodwell presented a request on behalf of Quinnipiac University, Bassett Road, to discharge approximately three (3) gallons per day of minor photographic silver processing wastewater into our sanitary sewer system.

Mr. Abercrombie made a motion to approve the discharge of minor photographic wastewater to our sanitary sewer system. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sheridan.

The Commission voted as follows: Mr. Abercrombie – Yes; Mr. Lane – Yes; Ms. McCarty – Yes; Mr. Werner – Yes; Ms. Sheridan – Yes; Mr. Pellegrino – Abstained

5. Section I – 343 Skiff Street (Account #1141087/Chillemi) Request to Void Sewer Use Charge for 2008-2009 (JB)

Mr. Bodwell presented a request on behalf of the above to adjust the above sewer use charge from a multi-family rate to a residential rate. He presented documentation from the Regional Water Authority for the period June 25, 2006 to June 23, 2009 showing a flow of one (1) ccf in the third quarter and six (6) ccf in the fourth quarter of the 2008-2009 billing cycle.

Mr. Pellegrino made a motion to reduce the above account from a multi-family rate to a single family rate for the 2008-2009 billing period only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lane. The vote was unanimous in favor.

6. Section 5 – Request for Release of Deferred Assessment Agreement – 123 Middletown Avenue (Assessment #500568 / PHILIP FELICELLO / Paid in Full) (JB)

Mr. Bodwell presented documentation showing the above deferred assessment has been paid in full.

Mr. Abercrombie made a motion to release the above deferred assessment, seconded by Mr. Pellegrino. The vote was unanimous in favor.

7. Miscellaneous

- a) Sewer Use Account # 1145135, 39-41 McDermott Road

Mr. Bodwell presented a request for adjustment on the above account due to an unidentified leak which was identified and repaired in May 2009. He presented a three-year history report from the Regional Water Authority showing an exceptional high usage for the period in question.

Mr. Lane made a motion to adjust the above account as presented by the Town Engineer, seconded by Mr. Pellegrino. The vote was unanimous in favor.

8. Payment of Bills

None

9. Public Comments

None

10. Adjournment

Mr. Abercrombie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. McCarty. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.