

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

July 21, 2016

PRESENT:

Director, Guy Russo

Deputy Director, Robert Young

Chief Engineer, Joseph Fazzino

Vice Chairman, Scott Bishel

Councilmatic Representative, Eugene Nocera

Commissioner, Jack Pieper

Commissioner, John Giuliano

I. Open Meeting (started at 7:09pm)

Chairman Aldieri opened the meeting to the public. Since no one was present from the public, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

II. Reports, Minutes and Correspondence

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 2, 2016

A motion was made by Commissioner Giuliano and seconded by Vice Chairman Bishel to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 2, 2016. Motion was approved unanimously.

2. Letter from Romani's Clothiers

The letter was for informational purposes only.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Bishel and seconded by Commissioner Pieper to table this matter until additional information is obtained and placed under the "Old Business" Section of the Agenda for the next scheduled WPCA meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

III. Transfers/Fund Updates

1. Monthly Fund Balance Report-June

The monthly fund balance report was for informational purposes only.

IV. Old Business

1. Durham Water - Update

Director Russo indicated that he and Deputy Director Young have been on a few conference calls and Chief Engineer Fazzino has reviewed the design and that everything is with AECOM right now. They are looking to go out for bid on this project come fall, which will not include the tank in the first round of bidding. Director Russo indicated that the State has frozen 471 monies that would have allowed Durham to start expanding onto Brick Lane, Maple Lane, and going further so all this money we were counting on is all out of the budget. Director Russo stated that the only thing AECOM has done is the main spine down Main Street. EPA and DEP did agree to add Korn Middle School, the Strong Elementary School and the Coginchaug Middle School all of these are getting served and fire service plus the athletic fields to improve some consumption according to Director Russo. In the early stages the whole system will be run on a separate tank.

There were some further discussions on this matter.

2. Mattabassett - Update

Director Russo stated that construction is completed on the force main and waiting for the contractor to sign final Change Order 24. Director Russo indicated that we missed the closing on the Clean Water Fund for the end of this month but have not received the Change Order from NE Remsco yet because Director Russo thinks they are being bothered by some standard language that says by signing the Change Order that they waive their legal right to possibly be able to bring action for the damage pipe that they had on the job and for flooding conditions that kept them from working. Director Russo further stated that there will be a meeting in the Mayor's Office on Monday and Bond Council has put together an extension of the IFO and that it may take 2 to 3 months so we will just be paying additional interest on this.

Director Russo indicated that the bid opening date was pushed back for the pump station from July 28th to August 11th. Director Russo further stated Mattabassett was shutting down for incinerator inspection and maintenance and will be down for two weeks. They spoke further about where our waste will be dumped. There were some further discussions on this matter.

3. Kleen Energy

Director Russo stated that he is still speaking with Kleen and also looking at arbiters and only two were found nationally, one in Denver and the other in San Francisco and they both have a big energy background and a municipal finance background, as well, but Director Russo will leave this issue in the General Counsel's hands. Director Russo further indicated that our department is doing very little maintenance due to the lack of payment from Kleen.

4. Middle Street Extension with the Town of Berlin – Update

Chief Engineer Fazzino indicated that a final walk thru was done and the project is complete, there is a punch list of items, and Cardinal Engineering is working on the final Change Order, which are the add and the deduct of quantities. Chief Engineer Fazzino also stated that we are within our budget. Director Russo then indicated that the department has to take a look at the next phase, which is the meter and pump station portion. Director Russo further stated as a companion to all of this, we are in the middle of the State Water Supply Plan and the meeting of the Water Utility Coordinating Committee. The areas that need to be served and some disagreement on one of the areas that we have an agreement is the interconnection with Middletown and Berlin. There were some further discussions on this matter.

5. Land Swap-Eversource – Update

Director Russo stated that the department has not heard back from Eversource. Director Russo indicated that the department is getting close with the Animal Shelter and some designs next to the DiMauro's house. With the permission of the WPCA, Director Russo would like to call them and say to them that they are proceeding with other City projects and that land is soon to be encumbered if you have anything you want to talk to us about let us know right away. There were some further discussions on this matter.

V. **New Business**

1. Sub-Committee to Revise Ordinances

Director Russo was under the impression that our department had some fees in the ordinances but are not there. The Mayor has asked the department to look at how the department can tightened our operations to save money. Director Russo stated that it was the Deputy Director Young's idea to take a look at where are fees would be coming from.

Director Russo stated that he would like to have Deputy Director Young and Chief Engineer Fazzino look at the connection fee side and two members of the WPCA to help with revising the ordinances some afternoon. Chief Engineer Fazzino then indicated

maybe we can look at fees for fire service connections, as well. There were some further discussions on this matter.

Commissioner Giuliano and Vice Chairman Bishel volunteered to be the two sub-committee members.

VI. Staff Reports

Deputy Director Young's staff reports for May and June on the WPCA Agenda were for informational purposes only. He explained some of the items from his staff reports in greater details.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Giuliano and seconded by Vice Chairman Bishel to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Guy P. Russo
Director of Water and Sewer Department/
Acting Secretary for the W.P.C.A.