

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

October 2, 2014

PRESENT:

Director, Guy Russo

Assistant Director, Robert Young

Chief Engineer, Joseph Fazzino

Chairman, Dale Aldieri

Vice Chairman, Scott Bishel

Councilmatic Representative, David Bauer

Councilmatic Representative, Hope Kasper

Commissioner Jack Pieper

I. Open Meeting (started at 7:00pm)

1. Public Hearing

Chairman Aldieri opened the public portion of the meeting and asked if there were anyone from the public present to be heard.

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

II. Reports, Minutes and Correspondence

1. Minutes of Special Meeting of September 4, 2014

A motion as made by Vice Chairman Bishel and seconded by Councilmatic Representative Kasper to approve the minutes of Regular meeting of September 4, 2014. Motion was approved unanimously.

Director Russo then asked Chairman Aldieri if he can add two items to the WPCA Agenda under Reports, Minutes and Correspondence, one being a letter from Michael Giantonio of 114 Forest Street, asking if we can bring water to this area since there is no City water on his Street.

Director Russo indicated that he would like to prepare a letter telling him that his letter was received and if we are planning for water in his neighborhood we would certainly

consider service for him. Second, Director Russo would like to add under the “Old Business” section labeled as Number 4 South Main Street Pump Station.

A motion was made by Councilmatic Representative Kasper and seconded by Vice Chairman Bishel to amend the agenda and add these two items as referenced above, and recommended by Director Russo. Motion was approved unanimously.

2. Letter from Michael Giantonio, 114 Forest Street, Mdtwn-Connection of City Water

As stated earlier in the minutes, Director Russo will follow-up with a letter to Mr. Giantonio per the Water Pollution Control Authority.

III. Transfers/Fund Updates

1. Monthly Fund Balance Report-September

This report was for informational purposes only.

IV. Old Business

1. Durham Water Update

Director Russo indicated that there was nothing new to report at this time.

2. Mattabassett Update

Director Russo indicated that the first piece of pipe was put in over on Bridge and Miller Street. Director Russo further indicated that you can see more action taking place under the bridge you will see two 40-foot long 42-inch steel casing and a big piece of equipment and a hammer. The round casings are going to get set to the correct angle and vibrate into the ground. Director Russo stated that they will install two more casings down behind the courthouse and these will get hammered into the ground and this will begin the first directional drills. Director Russo further stated that Remsco did a water main relocation North of Alfredo’s that will be inter-connected next week to the Mattabassett line out of the way of juncture vault number 3 and casing will be put in. Director Russo further indicated that they had reached an agreement with the Rail Co. and CL&P but there is a small legal dispute between CL&P & DOT on how to legally place the poles.

Director Russo indicated that the bid-date for the pump station was moved back two weeks so that would be October 22nd. Director Russo received some final pricing on the bids but the department will probably choose to go with the 19 ½ to 20 million dollars for the pump station, which will consume the monies in the GSIF Fund, previously set aside for this purpose.

Director Russo then spoke about how at the last Mattabassett Building Committee meeting that he asked the commissioners to consider pre-purchasing of the pumps after Director Russo and Chief Engineer Fazzino met with all three manufacturers and asked them to give us a pre-purchase price but both the Director and Chief Engineer think that it is in the best interest to competitively bid them. This was the recommendation to the Mattabassett Building Committee so the pumps will not be pre-purchased and just bid out right.

3. Kleen Energy-Update

Director Russo stated that he received a letter yesterday that Kleen Energy came in and paid the balance of their bill including the month of August and then requested that we sit down with them to go over the rates in the agreement just in case they decide to go to arbitration.

4. South Main Street Pump Station

Chief Engineer Fazzino indicated that we went out for bid on the South Main Street pump station and had two bidders and exceeded that department's budget price. Chief Engineer Fazzino further indicated that the department may have to get additional funding to go back out to bid or pre-purchase the pump station like we did for Russett Park. Chief Engineer Fazzino gave all commissioners copies of the quotes he received from both Oldcastle Concrete and United Concrete. The department has used both companies and we are happy with both of them for the quality of their work. Chief Engineer Fazzino just wanted to state that the existing pump station on South Main Street right now is 30+ years old. The pump station is not energy efficient and the pumps are starting to rust and there are major issues with the operation of the pumps themselves as Chief Engineer Fazzino stated. Deputy Director Young went into further details about the pump station not operating properly. There were some further discussions about why it is imperative to install a new pump station on South Main Street. Director Russo stated what was needed to get the new South Main Street Pump Station replaced and is indicated below.

A motion was made by Councilmatic Representative Kasper and seconded by Vice Chairman Bishel to authorize or approve the waiving of the bid for United Concrete Products for \$129,464 as the low quote to the Chief Engineer for purchase. Motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmatic Representative Bauer and seconded by Vice Chairman Bishel to create a new line item in the General Sewer Improvement Fund transferring \$100,000 from the General Sewer Fund Balance into the newly created line at \$100,000 and the new line item would be entitled "South Main Street Pump Station Replacements". Motion was approved unanimously.

V. New Business

1. Tradewinds Laundry, 749 Saybrook Road, Middletown

Chairman Aldieri does not want to approve the letter of request from Tradewinds Landry requesting a water evaporation allowance from the WPCA and all the other commissioners are in agreement. Director Russo indicated that he will send Tradewinds Landry a letter stating that the WPCA looked over the letter but chose not to approve their request since we have a policy in place.

VI. Staff Reports

Deputy Director Young went into further details about his staff report for August to the WPCA. There were some further discussions about the projects that were listed on Deputy Director Young's report. This report was for informational purposes only.

Director Russo did bring up the issue about how everyone in the City needs to fill out a Job Study Report for Human Resources, which hasn't been done in years. There were some further discussions about this issue.

Then Chief Engineer Fazzino went into further discussions about his July staff report, which lists the projects that are currently on-going. This report was for informational purposes only.

Lastly, Director Russo indicated about CSO Project #20, Old Mill Road, which there will be a referendum question that will be presented to the citizens in town for their vote in November. Director Russo stated that this is the last CSO project that the department has. Director Russo indicated that if any of the commissioners can pass along the importance of the approval of this referendum to anyone they know in town would be greatly appreciated.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilmatic Representative Kasper and seconded by Councilmatic Representative Bauer to adjourn the meeting. Motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:04p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____

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