

APPROVED MINUTES

Minutes of meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) held on June 24, 2019 in the Conference Room of the Water Pollution Control Facility, 1122 Universal Drive.

PRESENT: Lane, Pellegrino, Sheridan, Thomas and Werner
ABSENT: Freda, Stamp
ALSO PRESENT: Andy Bevilacqua, Town Engineer
Mark Barrows, Plant Manager, Veolia Water
Cheryl Maratea, Public Works
Michael Ciacciarella – Intern Quinnipiac University
Matthew Johnson – Veolia

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

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

Mr. Werner asked for a motion to table the minutes from the April 22, 2019 meeting until the next meeting scheduled for July 22, 2019. Mr. Pellegrino motioned to table, seconded by Mr. Lane. The vote was unanimous in favor.

- 2. WPCF Plant Operations – status report (MB - Veolia)** - Mr. Barrows reported that the plant is running well and there were no violations to report. Nitrogen is still up. At this time, we would owe \$115,000. The plant is finally under 4 MGD'S. All the electrical issues at the inlet building have been resolved. Cost to repair was approximately \$15,000 - \$16,000. One of the pumps at the McDermott lift station failed. It was installed in 1996, had over 25,000 hours of operation and 500,000 starts. A new pump was ordered. The new pump should arrive in two (2) weeks. A back-up pump is currently being used until the new one arrives. Approximate cost \$9,000-\$10,000 for replacement.
- 3. Recent DEEP Communications – NOV (MB)** – Mr. Barrows informed the commission the plant should be receiving a NOV (Notice of Violation) from the DEP concerning the 18-inch bypass line that has no valve that was installed when the plant was built. This line is located near the Transfer Station. If flows reach their maximum level, it will empty into the Muddy River. The DEP is not requiring the line to be blocked, but the flows must be monitored and a flow meter installed. An alarm should be installed as well as a communication link back to the Scada system. Once the Engineers are selected for the I&I study they will begin to collaborate to come up with the best and most efficient solution to remedy the overflow issue should it arise again in the future.
- 4. Sewer System Study RFQ & Interviews (AB)** - Mr. Bevilacqua gave the commission a handout with info on the RFQ chosen committee and the upcoming interviews for consultants for the I&I study.
- 5. Headworks Improvement Options (Matt Johnson – Veolia)** - Mr. Johnson presented to the commission 3 different options for the Sackett Point Pumping Station Influent Screen Replacement.

- Option 1 - New Influent Screen

- Option 2 - New Influent Screen with installation and manufactures freeze protection.
- Option 3 - New Influent Screen with installation manufactures freeze protection and new building enclosure.

6. Payment of Bills –None

7. Miscellaneous –

- Owner of 40 Giles Avenue, John Acampora, Locust Realty Associates LLC, requested a refund in Sewer Use Fees claiming the sewer lateral was disconnected in 2016 and the building demolished. There was a demolition permit taken out, but there is not a record of a sewer disconnect permit taken. The commission denied the owners request for a credit at this time. Mr. Bevilacqua will contact the owner requesting proof the sewer lateral was disconnected and capped correctly. If no proof can be provided, the owner will be responsible for digging up the area of the lateral, contacting Veolia for inspection / approval of disconnection and obtaining a sewer payment. The owner has 60 days to provide proof of sewer disconnect / inspection and approval by Veolia. If this is completed and approved a refund for the Sewer Use charges will be refunded.
- Mr. Werner asked if Annie’s Kitchen paid their outstanding F.O.G. fee. Mr. Bevilacqua told the commission they did not and he would follow up with the Town Attorney He will update commission at the next meeting.
- Popeye’s Restaurant on Washington Avenue said they never received their Sewer Use bill, but they did receive their intent to lien. A payment was received in 2018 for \$1772.00, but did not clear. They are asking for penalties and lien to be waived. Ms. Sheridan motioned to deny, seconded by Mr. Lane. Mr. Pellegrino abstained. The vote was unanimous in favor to deny.
- Mr. Bevilacqua updated the commission on the status of the Summer Lane Assessments. All, but one resident affected has paid in full or has set up a payment plan.

8. Public Comments - None

- 9. Adjournment** –Mr. Pellegrino motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Lane. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.