

APPROVED MINUTES

Minutes of meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) held on August 26, 2019 in the Conference Room of the Water Pollution Control Facility, 1122 Universal Drive.

PRESENT: Freda, Lane, Pellegrino, Sheridan and Werner
ABSENT: Stamp, Thomas
ALSO PRESENT: Andy Bevilacqua, Town Engineer
Mark Barrows, Plant Manager, Veolia Water
Cheryl Maratea, 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. Werner asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2019 meeting. Ms. Sheridan pointed out an error. Mr. Pellegrino motioned to approve with the correction, seconded by Mr. Lane. Mr. Freda and Ms. Sheridan abstained. The vote was unanimous in favor.
2. **Sewer System Study Update** – Due to scheduling conflicts Mr. Bevilacqua has not met with the consultant yet. He is scheduled to meet on Thursday August 29. At this meeting details of the scope will be discussed and a plan will be developed to move forward with the study. He will have an update for the commission at the next meeting.
3. **WPCF Plant Operations – status report (MB- Veolia)** - Mr. Barrows reported the plant is running well and there were NO violations to report. Nitrogen continues to stabilize. Currently the plant would owe \$92,000. Another mixer failed and needs to be replaced. This is the 2nd mixer to fail in 2 months. Cost of replacement is \$14,800. Mr. Barrows asked the commission for approval to order. Ms. Sheridan motioned to approve the purchase, seconded by Mr. Pellegrino. The vote was unanimous in favor.
4. **Sewer Use Charge FY 2018-2019 – (AB)** - After much discussion among the commission members agreed a **\$10.00** increase will be presented at the Public Hearing. This will increase the rate to:
 - **\$305.00 for Single Family Residential**
 - **\$610.00 for Two Family Residential**
 - **Industrial/Commercial to \$4.27 per 1,000 gallons.**

There is money in a WPCA fund that will be used for some of the repairs/upgrades needed at the plant. If the cost goes above the amount the fund has Mr. Freda said the Town will bond the rest of the money if needed.

5. Date and Time of Public Hearing – Mr. Bevilacqua asked the commission to change the Public Hearing scheduled for Monday September 9, 2019 from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The commission agreed as long as the stenographer is available at the earlier time.

6. Payment of Bills - None

7. Miscellaneous –

- Mr. Freda presented Mr. Bernard Pellegrino with a citation from the Town for his service on the WPCA commission. He has served on the commission for 26 years. Mr. Pellegrino will no longer serve on this commission due to the fact he has moved to another town. Mr. Freda and the entire commission thanked him for his dedication and his service. He will be greatly missed and hard to replace. Mr. Freda asked the commission if they had any requests for replacement for Mr. Pellegrino. The commission unanimously agreed that a lawyer would be preferred.
- Mr. Werner asked if Annie's Kitchen has paid their F.O.G fee yet, Mr. Bevilacqua informed the commission the fee has not been paid yet and the Town Attorney is still handling this matter.
- Mr. Freda informed the commission that more solar panels have been installed on the landfill. The current panels supply 320 kilowatts of energy. This will increase to 820 kilowatts metered directly to the plant. This will be all up and running by November. This will double the power to the plant.

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 6:40