

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 2011

Present: Ch. Mueller, Comms. Piscopo, Madow and Ciarlo, Plant Supt. Rich Tingle, Patricia Bidmead, Secretary WPCA, Charlie Chiu, Richard Cramer of Hayes Pump Inc, Andy Cincali and Mark Sawaryn of US Automation.

Ch. Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

On a motion by Madow, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to accept the minutes of the Oct. 18, 2011 Public Hearing as presented. Motion carries.

On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Madow, it was voted to accept the minutes of 10/18/2011 to include the following amendments:

Page 1-third motion delete the words **at this**.

Page 1-fourth and fifth motion add **on a voice vote**.

Page 1-7th paragraph add **The sinking fund will remain at the level recommended by CTDEEP.**

Page 1-reword motion. **It was voted to make an increase of 1% to the 2011 sewer usage rate resulting at a rate of \$6.30 per thousand gallons for commercial/industrial users and \$315 per residential unit.**

Page 2-correct the word **axial** with **axle**.

Page 2-Collection System-change the wording **instructed Rich to TV to based on a commitment made by Ch. Mueller to the Board of Finance decided to TV.**

On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Madow, it was voted to amend the agenda to transfer US Automation at this time from Old Business. Motion carries.

At this time Rich Cramer and Andy Cincali presented the Board with an overview of a new system that would replace the dedicated lines that are leased for alarms. A discussion ensued and questions were answered as the product was demonstrated. The unit is available to the WPCA on a temporary basis to try out before a decision is made to make a purchase. The Board decided to table this matter until next month.

Rich gave the Board a short update on where Darryl Maslak is concerning the problems at 34 Sanford Ave. Darryl is working with Joe from Target and they came up with a plan he will present to the Board at the December meeting.

REPORT BY RICH TINGLE:

MAIN PLANT: The plant is running well. All generators ran without any problems during the storm. There were several days we had around the clock coverage to maintain control of the plant and pump stations. We fueled the pump station generators at Electric and Kennedy Aves. daily and the other pump stations as needed. After the storm all generators were topped off totaling approximately 900 gallons at \$3.15 per gallon which will be submitted to FEMA.

PUMP STATIONS: No problems this month.

COLLECTION SYSTEM: Rich received 3 quotes ranging from \$.90 per foot to \$2.25 per foot for the Clay St. project with New England Pipe being the lowest bidder. Clay Street was televised from High St. Ext. to Grove St. and one small section of pipe was found cracked with gushing infiltration and 2 manholes were found with excessive infiltration. There were also several laterals found with possible infiltration. There were problems on lower Clay St. between 2 manholes. After many failed attempts to jet and clean this area New England Pipe was scheduled to determine what the problem is. The Board advised Rich to continue from Smith Rd. down Clay St. where he started originally. The cost to repair the cracked section of pipe should not be more than \$2000 and the cost to repair the 2 manholes should be approximately \$800 each.

On 11/16/11 the on call operator was called out for sewage flowing into the first floor bathroom tub at 10 Karen Drive. American Rooter responded to jet the line and it was found to be a problem in the homeowner's line caused by roots at their connection to our line. The homeowner hired Joe's Sanitation for the repair.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A check was received from Cirma in the amount of \$3,283.94 to cover the cost of the repair to the fire system related to a lightning strike at the plant. This check was deposited into the Repair and Replacement Account to cover the invoice from Chubb Fire System.

OLD BUSINESS:

QRD: No new information.

Hickory Hill PS: Nothing new.

Kennedy Drive PS: Nothing new.

Conservation & Development: Rich and Jeremy Leifert met with COG on Nov. 1st and was given the most updated sewer service map. Rich found one correction that needs to be corrected at which time it will then have to be approved by the WPCA.

Capital Improvements: No new information.

User Fee Review: No new information.

FOG Program: Black Rock School has been inspected and although Center School has installed their AGRU it has not been inspected yet. Country Grocer still needs to install their AGRU.

List of Equipment needed: Rich would like to purchase a portable ORP meter to start monitoring process regarding biological phosphorus removal. Grant Weaver from the Water plant company recommended a Hach ORP meter that has computer download

capabilities and can store data for several days. The approximate cost is \$1,425. Rich will get more information for the next meeting.

US Automation: Covered earlier.

Phorphorus: Nothing new.

On Call Engineering: The contract agreements have been received and should be reviewed before being sent to the Town Counsel for his input. Ch. Mueller received 2 messages from Selectman Mone who claims he already sent them to Atty Rybak.

Smith Rd.: We have not received the written opinion of Atty Rybak regarding the sewer connection at this location.

I/I Study: The Board of Finance has approved \$175,000 for the web area but it has to go to a Town Meeting for final approval. The Selectman would like to be prepared to start this spring. Rich will contact the State to confirm that grants are still available and if so he will start working on a RFQ.

New Business: On a motion by Madow, seconded by Ciarlo, it was voted to accept the WPCA monthly meeting dates for the 2012 year. Motion carries.

On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Madow, it was voted to approve John Fox's request to carryover 12 hours of vacation time. Motion carries.

On a motion by Madow, seconded by Ciarlo, it was voted to approve Rich Tingle's request to carryover 40 hours of vacation time.

Budget: No issues with the present budget. On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Madow, it was voted to accept the bills presented. Motion carries.

Adjournment: On a motion by Ciarlo, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to adjourn at 10:12PM. Motion carries.

PATRICIA BIDMEAD
WPCA SECRETARY