

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY SPECIAL
MEETING October 27, 2015

Present - Ch. Mueller, Vice Ch. Fainer, Commissioners Piscopo, Lascko & Leduc, Plant Manager Rich Tingle, WPCA Clerk Terri May, 1st Selectman Ed Mone with Alex Kovtunenکو from Green Bank, Matt Deziel of Deziel Paving and Tim Carr L.E.P. on behalf of Deziel Paving, and the Town Attorney Mike Rybak.

Ch. Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:03PM

On a motion by Comm. Piscopo, seconded by Comm. Lascko, it was voted to accept the minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2015 as presented. Motion passed.

Ch. Mueller asked for a motion to amend the agenda to hear Matt Deziel ahead of Consultant Reports. A motion was put forth by Vice Ch. Fainer, seconded by Comm. Piscopo. Motion passed. Discussion ensued between Matt, Tim Carr and the Commission. On agreement by all parties, a sewer line that Mr. Deziel installed would be dug up to allow inspecting and a permit then taken out through Manager Tingle. Presently this line is for bathrooms for one unit. Manager Tingle recommended that if the property is further developed a new sewer line from our main be considered. Ch. Mueller's questions relating to Mr. Deziel directed at his L.E.P. (Licensed Environmental Professional) were all answered to the Chairman's satisfaction.

Ch. Mueller then asked for a motion to amend the agenda to hear Alex Kovtunenکو and Selectman Mone re CPACE before Consultant Reports. A motion was put forth by Vice Ch. Fainer, seconded by Comm. Piscopo. Motion passed.

Lengthy discussion ensued between Mr. Kovtunenکو and the Commission.

Vice Ch. Fainer put forth a motion to table the CPACE topic in regards to the WPCA till the next meeting. It was seconded by Comm. Lascko. Motion passed.

Consultants Reports – On September 23rd Manager Tingle, Ch. Mueller, Assis. Plant Manager Picco had a meeting with Weston & Sampson consultant discussing preliminary options relating to the Phosphorus study.

Tighe & Bond put together a bid package which Manager Tingle and Ch. Mueller are reviewing and then will forward to Town Attorney.

Status Report by Rich Tingle -

Treatment Plant: Process is running well. On Sept. 23 & 24th Naugatuck Valley Electric (NVE) inspected all limitorque actuator valves including wiring junction boxes and conduit. It was found where water was entering which was the cause the #2SBR decant valve to fail last February. Also found was a circuit board in #1SBR influent valve about to fail, and a failed remote on/off switch at the #1SBR waste valve. Both were ordered and have been replaced. Parts were \$1,578.59. While NVE was out replacing parts, they checked #2 blower that had been tripping out on motor high temp periodically. After troubleshooting it appears the belts may have been out of adjustment and/or a 150 amp breaker that is getting weak. The #2 blower is being run to confirm if there is a breaker issue.

On October 2nd and 5th Grodsky was out for PM on heating system. They found 3 repairs needed at a cost of \$3,569.00. One item has been repaired already and the other 2 we can repair at minimal cost compared to their cost.

On October 7th CT Water tested back flow preventers. They found 3 check valves that need repair. Manager Tingle contacted Pelletier Mechanical and they came out to get serial numbers and order repair kits. The cost is approximately \$750.00 for parts/labor. The valves should be repaired this week.

SBR Mixers have been greased earlier this month.

New entrance gate has been installed at Plant.

Plant driveway has been crack sealed as of October 27th.

Pump Stations: On September 25th #1 pump at Woodbridge Lane started pumping very slow. Plant crew isolated pump and ran #2 in lead only. On September 28th pump was removed to inspect and found the pump sleeve which the impeller/cutter rotate in was spinning with impeller and needed to be tack welded. This has happened in other pumps at this location. When pump was out of wet well it was noticed the discharge pipe on pump had failed and was rotted thru in spots. There was a spare pipe at plant and was taken to NVE to cut and thread pipe. Pump was then replaced with a spare and new discharge pipe. Broken pump was brought back to shop at plant to repair but when tested it was found the impeller did not spin after being tack welded, and it was found it was welded in a different spot and was causing impeller not to spin.

Knowing that #1 pump discharge pipe was rotted on October 15th the crew was raising #2 pump to inspect and the pump was near top of wet well and suddenly the pump dropped to the bottom of the well. Manager Tingle was called in and they found that the wire clip connectors were rotted out and the wire rope disconnected from the pump causing it to crash to the bottom, no one was hurt. The crew got the pump out that day which was damaged beyond repair, and the following day another discharge pipe was cut and threaded along with Valley Welding making a new guide rail bracket to attach to the bottom of the pump. Stainless steel wire clip connectors were located at Tractor Supply in Winsted, and after one of the plant operators straightened bent pump rail and mount at bottom of wet well, he added the stainless steel clips to the #1 pump hoping the problem does not repeat itself. There are now 2 new pumps with stainless steel wire clip connectors. Pump #1 will be repaired as a spare. Next time any pump needs removing, or when time allows, we can look into new pump rail guides and see what shape brackets are in at the bottom of wet wells that support the rail system.

Collection System: Pinbro Associates have a storage facility at 59 River St. in Thomaston and are requesting to connect a bathroom. Manager Tingle advised the board that this property had a multifamily dwelling previously and they would connect to the existing lateral. On October 27th Pinbro came to Manager Tingle with a plan to connect and pick up a permit. The Commission was in agreement with this.

Correspondence: Received copy of UniMetals August and September DMR's.

Received brochure for the Fall Workshop of the CT Association of Water Pollution Control Authorities.

Received from DEEP the new General Permit for the Discharge of Wastewater Associated with Food Establishments along with a fact sheet.

Old Business

UniMetal: Covered earlier.

Hickory Hill Pump Station: Nothing new.

Kennedy Drive P/S: Nothing new.

Capital Improvements: Covered under Consultant Reports – I & I, Weston and Sampson and Tighe & Bond.

FOG Program: Covered under Correspondence.

List of Equipment Needed: Computer for reception area at Plant, Manager Tingle spoke with Tracy in Town Treasurers Office who had spoken with the new IT people, and they said lap tops are very inexpensive right now so that may be the way to proceed. Commission was in agreement with Manager Tingle deciding when the time comes.

US Automation: Nothing new.

Phosphorus: Discussed under Consultant Reports.

I/I Study: Discussed under Consultant Reports.

Ward Leonard Ground Water: Nothing new.

New Business: A motion was put forth by Vice Ch. Fainer and seconded by Comm. Lascko to approve Ch. Mueller to sign the Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement regarding the Phosphorus study. Motion passed.

Budget/User Fee – Manager Tingle passed around copy of 2015 User Fee. Budget looks okay too. On a motion by Vice Ch. Fainer, seconded by Comm. Lascko it was voted to accept the bills as presented. Motion passed.

Adjournment - On a motion by Comm. Leduc, seconded by Comm. Piscopo, it was voted to adjourn the Special Meeting of October 27, 2015. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 9:36PM.

TERRI MAY
WPCA CLERK

