

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MEETING JUNE 21, 2011

Present: Ch. Mueller, Vice-Ch. Fainer, Comms. Piscopo, Ciarlo, and Madow, Plant Supt. Rich Tingle, Charles Chiu, Jennifer O'Neill to take minutes and Bob McQuarrie.

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

On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Madow, it was voted to accept the minutes of 05/17/2011 as presented. Motion carries.

At this time Bob McQuarrie approached the Board on behalf of the Light Up the Town Committee. They need to find a new place to park the trailer that they use for storage. Therefore, Bob asked the Board if it would be possible to store this trailer at the plant. On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Fainer, it was voted to allow this trailer to be stored at the Plant. Motion carries. Bob has a key to the front gate and thanked the Board.

QRD: No one present from there. Rich advised the Board that he gave them a copy of the WPCA Rules & Regulations. Although QRD is merging with a company in Naugatuck they will be staying in Town.

MAGUIRE: Charles Chiu advised the Board that they are now in their new office at 2080 Silas Deane Highway, Rocky Hill.

REPORT BY RICH TINGLE:

MAIN PLANT: Although the plant is running well we are still experiencing some settling problems. On Thursday, 06/16/11, the on call operator and Rich were called for three pump stations that were out until 3:00AM due to the high winds and rain. Rich had to order a new DO meter and probe for the lab at a cost of \$1,614. Due to the age of the probe no parts are available. We had three more SBR airline failures. Two of them were caused from pipe failures which were repaired by Joe's Sanitation and one by a failed gasket which was replaced by WPCA staff.

A discussion ensued on the bid quotes for both fiberglass reinforced pipe, stainless steel and ductile iron. The bids range from \$16,365 to \$26,995 for the fiberglass pipe, glass lined ductile iron pipe was \$29,360 and \$12,400 for the stainless steel unwrapped and without couplings. If we go with the fiberglass we could use stainless steel couplings which costs about \$330 each with a delivery of 4-6 weeks.

Ch. Mueller commended Rich on the fine job he did and getting the bids in a short amount of time. Rich will get a quote for exactly what he needs as well as bids for installation. On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Madow, it was voted 3-1 not to exceed \$50,000 from the repair and replacement account for this repair and award Fiber Systems Inc. to supply the fiber glass reinforced pipe for this project.

Rich reported trouble with the main server on the computer. It has been tripping out. Andy Sincali responded to troubleshoot. He tried changing hard drives but the old one would not boot up. Due to the age of the computer (11 years old) Andy feels it is time to upgrade the computers and intellution. For now he recommends keeping the air conditioner on to help keep the components cooler. The process is not affected if the

computer dies. Rich will check with Thomaston Home & Office for a quote on repairing the computers.

PUMP STATIONS: No problems this month.

COLLECTIONS SYSTEM: No problems this month.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. An invoice from CTDEP in the amount of \$2,367.50 for the annual renewal of the WPCA NPDES permit. This will be paid from the 11-12 budget.
2. Received 2 invoices and a credit from Target totaling \$360.91 which was paid from the Repair & Replacement account.
3. An invoice from Target Enterprises for \$454.30 which was paid from the Repair & Replacement account. This invoice is related to the SBR airline.
4. An invoice from Target Enterprises for \$51.81 which was paid from the Repair & Replacement account. This invoice is related to the SBR airline.
5. An invoice from Joe's Sanitation for \$1,260.00 that will be paid from the Repair & Replacement account.
6. Received an email from Sue Smith stating that the Grant did not cover 100% of the capacitors therefore the WPCA needs to contribute \$1,604.00 Minutes were attached as well as a summary of KWs used over the last few years that shows our savings.
7. Received a payment from Constellation New Energy for \$196.56 for the month of April.

OLD BUSINESS:

QRD: Covered earlier

Hickory Hill PS: Rich checked the amps readings with the new impeller which look good when compared with the motor name tag.

Kennedy Drive PS: Rich will schedule MacVac when the flows drop.

Conservation & Development: Mary will have the maps ready before she leaves.

Capital Improvements: Ed Mone requested a time table for the new manholes installed in the WEB area. The WPCA has no time table at this time since they are looking at \$80,000 in unforeseen projects at the Plant due to the SBR airline failure and a possible computer upgrade.

User Fee Review: No new information.

FOG Program: Rich made contact with most of the food establishments that are not presently in compliance. Rich will contact Mona Lisa Restaurant in regards to their compliance. Sue Leone will follow up with Black Rock and Center Schools.

List of Equipment Needed: Nothing at this time.

US Automation: Covered earlier.

Phosphorus: Rich attended an Aqua Aerobic seminar on phosphorus in Cromwell. It seems like the adjustment he made to lower both Nitrogen and phosphorus levels were confirmed by the information he obtained at this seminar and the latest analytical reports.

On call engineering: On Friday, June 17th we opened and reviewed bids. We decided to interview 5 engineering companies. Weston & Sampson, Milone & MacBroom, Tighe & Bond, Maguire Group and BL Companies. Paul will notify the firms ASAP and schedule interviews for June 28th starting at 3:00PM. It has been requested that Ch. Mueller be on the interview committee.

The 2008 Ford Escape was purchased and the emergency lights have been installed. The radio is scheduled to be set up this week.

New Business: On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to go into executive session at 9:44PM to discuss employee wages. Motion carries. Jen O'Neill was excused from this session. A short time later both Rich and Comm. Piscopo left the session as well. On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Madow, it was voted to end the executive session at 10:21PM. On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Ciarlo, it was voted to grant Rich Tingle a weekly stipend of \$57.75 for on call services during the 2011-2012FY and to grant John Fox a weekly stipend of \$46.20 for on call services during the 2011-2012FY. Comm. Piscopo abstained from this motion. Ch. Mueller will send an email regarding these changes to Vinnie Carey.

Budget: A short discussion ensued on the airline expenses. On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to accept the bills presented.

Adjournment: On a motion by Ciarlo, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to adjourn at 10:35PM.

PATRICIA BIDMEAD
WPCA SECRETARY