

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING JULY 12, 2011

Present: Ch. Mueller, Vice-Ch. Fainer, Comms. Piscopo, Ciarlo, Keutzer and Madow, Plant Supt. Rich Tingle, Charles Chiu and Patricia Bidmead, Secretary WPCA.

Ch. Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to accept the minutes of June 21, 2011 to include the following amendments:

Main Plant 2nd paragraph-change the figure of \$29,360 to \$54,351.

Main Plant last sentence-change the wording **it was voted 3-1 not to exceed \$50,000 from the repair and replacement acct to it was voted 3-1 to pay all old, pending and future invoices relating to the SBR air line repair from the repair and replacement account and then replenish that account from the sewer assessment account.**

Capitol Improvements: change **airline** to **air line**.

REPORT BY RICH TINGLE:

MAIN PLANT: The plant is running well and the settling problem is getting better. We experienced three more leaks in the SBR air line. We removed one section of pipe and replaced it with schedule 80 PVC and replaced the new elbow along with a coupling from an old stainless steel pipe. We also had a leak at the mechanical joint. We cut out that section and glued schedule 80 PVC into the glued coupling and then placed the mechanical joint over the coupling which doubled the thickness of pipe. The new pipe is ordered and is scheduled for the end of July delivery. Nickerson quoted a price of \$2,000 for one day of labor to install the new pipe and Joe's Sanitation gave a quote for the insurance company of \$3,800 for excavation and pea stone. Rich will put in a claim with the insurance company for all excavation, paving and side walk repair.

After troubleshooting the computer it appears that the problem was due to a bad UPS which was changed and we have not had any more problems.

US Automation is breaking down the upgrade to allow us the option of buying computers independently. We could upgrade to Ifix and save 15%.

Energy companies have been evaluating Town buildings and should have a proposal by the end of the month.

PUMP STATION: We lost communication with the dialer for a couple of days at three pump stations but the Sonitrol alarm line was working. AT&T found the problem and all alarms are now working. Andy Sincoli is researching replacing the designated lines. Ch. Mueller suggested that Andy attend a future meeting when he has the information.

COLLECTION SYSTEM: No problems this month.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following paperwork was passed around to the Board.

1. An email from Tracy Decker regarding the capacitor grant and the transfers from the Sewer Assessment account to the Repair and Replacement account. On a motion by Fainer, seconded by Madow, it was voted to approve taking \$1604 from capitol expenditures to cover the balance of the capacitors not paid by the Grant. Motion carries.

2. An email from Dave Colavecchio requesting that someone from the WPCA attend the Board of Finance meeting on Tuesday, August 9th. Rich will get prices for Televising and replacing 2 manholes for that meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

QRD: Nothing new.

Hickory Hill PS: Nothing new.

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

Conservation & Development: Nothing new.

Capitol Improvements: Covered under correspondence.

User fee review: No new information.

FOG Program: Mona Lisa, Patties Place, Country Grocer and Prime Time have ordered their new grease traps and should have them in place within a few weeks. Goose & Gander had one installed but need to apply for a building permit and provide the WPCA with a drawing of the kitchen layout.

List of Equipment needed: Nothing at this time.

US Automation: Rich passed around paperwork on the computer specifications that is being recommended by US Automation. He also passed around the annual service agreement that is up for renewal. On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Fainer, it was voted to accept the annual service agreement proposal at a cost of \$4950. Motion carries.

Phosphorus: Nothing new.

On Call Engineering: Five consulting firms were interviewed on Tuesday, July 28th. Recommendations will be made to the Board of Selectmen and then back to the Town's individual Boards for ratification.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Budget: A short discussion ensued on the old budget. Bills are still being paid from that budget. 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 to adjourn at 8:57PM.

PATRICIA BIDMEAD
WPCA SECRETARY