

**THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016 AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY LOCATED AT 258 OLD
WATERBURY ROAD AT 7:00PM**

Present: Ch. Mueller, Vice Ch. Fainer, Comms. Piscopo, Lascko and Leduc, Plant Manager Rich Tingle, WPCA Clerk Terri May, Fred Mueller & Lori Carriero from Tighe & Bond, Jim Murphy & Pat Hayden from UniMetal, John Welkie from J & T Technologies Inc. on behalf of UniMetal.

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

On a motion by Comm. Piscopo, and seconded by Comm. Lascko, it was voted to accept the minutes of 01/19/2016 as presented. Motion passed.

Consultant Report: Lori Carriero from Tighe & Bond spoke regarding the bid proposal for the upcoming WEB project. Discussion ensued between Lori, Fred Mueller and the commission.

On a motion put forth by Vice Ch. Fainer, seconded by Comm. Piscopo, it was voted to hear from all in attendance on behalf of UniMetal. Motion passed. Lengthy discussion ensued between with the commission.

On a motion put forth by Comm. Piscopo, seconded by Comm. Leduc, it was voted to change sampling requirements on TTO's for UniMetal to January each year. Motion passed.

Status Report by Plant Manager Tingle –

Treatment Plant: On January 29th there was a much higher NH₃ effluent reading than normal. Under the microscope it appeared there were many dead “free swimmers” in #2SBR while #1 was normal. Air was increased and NH₃ levels have dropped back down, “bugs” and nitrogen levels appear to be approaching normal levels. It appears we got hit with something that only affected #2SBR.

Pump Stations: On February 15th the on call operator was called out for low voltage at Kennedy Dr. pump station at 9am. When the operator arrived power was on and it appeared generator had failed to start. The operator called Assistant Manager Picco, who then called Manager Tingle to see if he should call Huntington Power or Naugatuck Electric (NVE). Manager Tingle joined both Picco and operator and after troubleshooting it was determined to be a failed battery which was replaced and the generator started right up.

Woodbridge Lane pump station #2 pump was removed and drained the seal oil, flushed, filled and tested and it appeared fine and alarm cleared. It has been running for almost a month without any problems.

Collection System: Nothing new.

Correspondence: Received letter from DEEP informing Brian Harnish that he passed his Class 1 Wastewater exam and after completing one year of experience, he will receive his certificate.

Received email from UniMetal regarding December 2015 Daily Monitoring Reports along with another email from them regarding discharge of a “brine solution” and their related responses.

Received a call and email from Steve Silver representing Eversource regarding replacement of their gas lines in the WEB project. Manager Tingle forwarded this info onto Tighe & Bond for further discussion with them.

Received a call and email from Kevin Bedford, sales manager at Green Harbors Energy regarding the possibility of installing solar panels at the Envirite property. It sounded like they would own/install units and sell us electricity at a much cheaper rate. Manager Tingle gave Green Harbors Ch. Mueller's contact info for further discussion.

Received copy of the new credit card policy.

Received notice of public hearing regarding the Frost Bridge to Campville electrical transmission line.

Old Business -

UniMetal: Covered earlier.

Capital Improvements: Capital requests have been submitted and Manager Tingle will be attending a Capital Improvement Committee meeting early in March.

FOG Program: Nothing new.

List of equipment needed: Manager Tingle ordered new PH Bench Top Meter for approx. \$275.00. The commission recommended purchasing a lap top.

Phosphorus: Draft report is out on "Cloud" to be reviewed and Weston & Sampson will be at the WPCA March meeting to discuss. Manager Tingle sent out a link to WPCA commissioners previously.

Manager Tingle was talking with Fred Mueller from Tighe & Bond and he suggested that George Hicks from DEEP be called to see what the status is as far as funding goes since we were on the priority list. George requested an updated CWF application and new cost estimate within 2 weeks. Weston & Sampson was contacted and we met the deadline and should be eligible for a 30% construction grant for Phosphorus upgrade.

I/I Study: The Town insurance rep and attorney reviewed the sewer replacement bid package and it does meet town requirements.

New Business – Manager Tingle passed around a letter to Selectman Mone from resident Cynthia Killian along with Attorney Rybak's response to the letter.

After some discussion regarding the Arcadis agreement, on a motion put forth by Vice Ch. Fainer, seconded by Comm. Leduc, it was voted to set the rate for Arcadis at \$3.20 per 1000 gallons. Motion passed.

Budget: Current budget looks okay to date. Manager Tingle passed around an updated copy of the 2016/2017 draft budget. Some discussion ensued amongst the commission and Manager Tingle.

On a motion put forth by Vice Ch. Fainer, and seconded by Comm. Lascko, it was voted to accept the bills as presented. Motion passed.

Adjournment: On a motion by Comm. Lascko, seconded by Comm. Piscopo, it was voted to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Ch. Mueller called the time at 9:37PM.

Terri May/WPCA Clerk