

The Regular Meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order by Chairman Michael DeAngelis at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 in Room 305 of Shelton City Hall, 54 Hill Street, Shelton, CT 06484.

The following Commissioners were in attendance to constitute a *quorum*:

Michael DeAngelis
Steve Morse
Richard Jager
Edwin Hellauer
Anthony Presutto

Absent were: Bronislaw Piotrowski
Regis Dognin - excused
Todd Dowty - excused

Also attending were: Thomas Sym, Sewer Administrator
Ed Comboni - Treatment Plant

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 09, 2008

<p><i>Motion:</i> A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer and seconded by Commissioner Presutto to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 09, 2008 as submitted. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.</p>

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Nitrogen Credit Value

Commissioner Morse said this a revised real number. We saved \$67K. This has to go into next years budget. Shelton buying credits is \$299,613.

B. Corporation Counsel Case of Interest

This is for informational purposes on Avalon Bay vs. Sewer Commission City of Milford.

C. Budget Worksheet

Commissioner Morse said that the Overtime is running high again.

Commissioner Presutto asked why it is running so high?

Mr. Sym said that there have been a lot of alarms going off.

Commissioner DeAngelis said he feels that this overtime needs research in the next couple of months.

Commissioner Presutto said this needs justification.

Commissioner DeAngelis said we will talk to Jeff Shortell next month during our budget review.

Commissioner Morse said that would be the appropriate time and then ask for an analysis of the overtime. The overtime should be manageable - what is causing the overtime?

Mr. Asikainen said perhaps there are union restrictions as well.

Chemicals - we are below the estimate planned for the year.

Sludge dumping - is way under the budget due to thickening.

Mr. Asikainen agreed it was due to the thickening.

The expenses of the plant - electrical power consumption for the plant and pump stations. The power jumped with four tanks.

The colors on the handout chart are:

The yellow color means we watch it.

The orange means we need to do something.

The green means it is Ok.

The expenditures are under budget, which is good news.

Mr. Sym has been doing a good job with the user fees bills being issued and collected.

E. Memo to Plant Superintendent

This was a memo to the Plant Superintendent that the WPCA requests that he please submit his 2008-2009 Budget at the March 12, 2008 meeting. A special meeting will probably be called to review the budget.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Spooner House

Mr. Sym said the Spooner House is requesting a reduction of the sanitary sewer discharge assessment fee as outlined in the January 24, 2008 memo. The assessment was for \$30,600 based upon an estimated usage of 3,060 GPD.

They indicated that if the assessment fee cannot be waived, then they request that the new assessment be based upon the historic water usage of 1,222 GPD instead of the 3,060 billed for.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Presutto and seconded by Commissioner Hellauer to reduce the connection fee and base it on the water utility billing that establishes that actual/historic water use has been 1,222 GPD (rather than the 3,060 GPD). The application is to be revised to reflect this. The amount is to be \$12,220.00. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

B. 9-11 Leavenworth Road

Alan Asikainen from Maguire Group entered their review comments as follows:

Mr. Swift said this is under construction now - a four-lot subdivision on the hillside. This is the only access to the builder's sewer. It is a matter of convenience. The builder's intention right now is to get the pipe into the ground to Rt 110 - then later when he decides what to do with the Indian Well store, the pipe is there. It is commercial property and does not need Planning and Zoning at this point.

The pump station will be on commercial property.

The pipe is a 2-inch pipe.

That Indian Well Commercial Building is the only thing to be serviced by the pipe.

Commissioner DeAngelis said you need to pick up other houses you are in front of so you need to give them a lateral.

Mr. Swift said this is not a public sewer.

Mr. Asikainen said they have to put in a grinder pump.

Mr. Swift said it is private.

Mr. Sym said you cannot co-mingle this - it won't be gravity. They will have to put in a 2-horse power grinder pump.

Commissioner Hellauer said if the houses want to hook into it they can deal with Mr. Blakeman.

Mr. Swift said Mr. Blakeman owns the maintenance of this pipe and we will need approval from DOT as well.

Mr. Asikainen said there is still availability in the sewer-shed area with this capacity.

<p>Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Presutto and seconded by Commissioner Hellauer to give a <i>conceptual approval</i> for capacity and when the concept is approved, the applicant is to give the WPCA detailed plans to approve. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
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C. Maguire Group Status Report

Mr. Farmer said he has nothing to add to the status report the commission received.

Mr. Sym said he got a call from Avalon I - which said they met your criteria - did you receive the plans?

Mr. Farmer said they are not aware of receiving anything but will call Ted Hart because they are not aware of receiving anything recently.

Mr. Sym said to Mr. Farmer that regarding Long Hill Cross Roads. Mr. Scinto sold back to the Wells the property so Maguire Group can delete that parcel on the sewer shed area map/listing.

Mr. Farmer said he will report next month on the Punch list items that are still open.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bills Rendered

- 1. DTC.....\$ 2,568.23
(Diversified Technology Consultants)

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer and seconded by Commissioner Morse to authorize payment to DTC the Pump Station Engineering Consultants for \$2,568.23 from Nov. 25, 2007 to Dec 22, 2007. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously. Monies to come from the Wastewater Collection Systems Fund/Referendum Fund. This should be the final bill.

- 2. Maguire Group.....\$ 2,000.00

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer seconded by Commissioner Presutto to approve payment to Maguire Group in the amount of \$2,000.00 dated January 25, 2008 for the Sewer Inventory work and site plan reviews. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously. Monies to come from the Revolving Sewer Fund.

- 3. Maguire Group.....\$ 24,622.14

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Presutto seconded by Commissioner Morse to approve payment to Maguire Group in the amount \$24,622.14 dated February 01, 2008 for Contract administration and inspection, etc. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously. Monies to come from the Wastewater Collection Systems Fund/Referendum Fund.

- 4. Arthur A. Horton, Inc..\$ 6,352.12

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer seconded by Commissioner Jager to approve payment to Arthur A. Horton in the amount \$6,352.12 dated January 21, 2008 for removing the fiber optic cable. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously. Monies to come from the Wastewater Collection Systems Fund/Referendum Fund.

- 5. C. H. Nickerson.....\$ 62,244.91

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Jager seconded by Commissioner Morse to approve payment to C. H. Nickerson in the amount \$62,244.91 dated January 31, 2008. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously. Monies to come from the Wastewater Collection Systems Fund/Referendum Fund.

ADD-ON

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer and seconded by Commissioner Presutto to add item 6A6 Kovacs Construction Invoice for \$59,175.30. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Kovacs Construction.....\$59,175.30

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer seconded by Commissioner Presutto to approve payment to Kovacs Construction in the amount \$59,175.30 dated February 12, 2008. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously. Monies to come from the Wastewater Collection Systems Fund/Referendum Fund.

Mr. Sym said there is nothing in the contract to hold back retainage after substantial completion. Kovacs is complete. They are bonded for the entire amount.

4 E. Memo from Plant Superintendent

Mr. Comboni entered his report into the record as follows:

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Mr. Comboni said the grease is building up in the SBR's on the top and is hard to skim off. There is more grease than we thought.

Commissioner Presutto asked Mr. Asikainen why they are having a problem with it now?

Mr. Asikainen said there are necardia problems, usually seasonally. The bacteria, the grease are an issue, sludge age - all these things can hinder the settling.

There was some discussion on Necardia. Typically, a hypo chloride is used to kill the necardia.

Tape 1 Side B 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Comboni said the three SBR's took care of today's flows - we had heavy rains today.

The grit machine ran several times today.

We got at least two inches of rain today.

B. 1 Pleasant Street

This is a letter from the homeowner requesting reimbursement for \$1200 from the sewer line being backed up to their home. The \$1200 was for a water jet machine.

Mr. Sym indicted he wants to televise the line to see where the problem is and how many houses are connected to it and probably put in a clean out in the city right of way towards the end of the line. It is possible that there are tree roots in the road and then it is our responsibility.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Presutto and seconded by Commissioner Morse to authorize Tom Sym to have the line televised and hire a contractor to clean out if required and to authorize Tom Sym to pay (reimburse) the resident of 1 Pleasant Street (Gaulino) if he deems appropriate. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Change Order #15, C.H. Nickerson Extension of Contract

Mr. Farmer said this is extending the contract duration of Nickerson's to accomplish the punch list items and what Shelton asked for. The extension is from January 31, 2008 to July 31, 2008. One of the significant activities that has to take place is stream bank rehabilitation, which by core of engineers permit and the state's permit has to happen in June.

This is a non-cost change order - just the schedule is to be extended.

There is 0 cost increase or decrease.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer and seconded by Commissioner Morse to approve the extension of the Nickerson contract from January 31, 2008 to July 31, 2008 in order to accomplish the punch list items and the additional work Shelton has asked for. This is a non-cost change order - just the schedule has been extended. And to forward to the Board of Aldermen for the February 14, 2008 meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Change Order #16, C. H. Nickerson Estimated Final Project Cost

Mr. Farmer said this is intended to reconcile anticipated changes. Some have no hard dollars and some are well known and some have hard dollar costs. This is an unusual change order in that regard and we are doing this at Mayor Lauretti's request.

The stream bank rehabilitation is an estimated cost. On page three, item P, N and O are estimated costs and are softer estimates - meaning that the final number will be different but in the ball park.

Commissioner DeAngelis why should we have to pay to replace item #L the platform?

Mr. Farmer said it needs to be replaced and we are not sure who should pay.

Mr. Asikainen said there was a slip joint there and it bowed.

Mr. DeAngelis said he feels we shouldn't have to pay for it.

Mr. Sym asked what does item O. Represent?

Mr. Farmer said it was requested by the operation staff.

Commissioner DeAngelis said we will wait for Nickerson to do in June and we will try to find the plates ourselves.

Mr. Sym said he recommends this for approval and it is a decrease of \$51,989.76 there are credits and allowances. We should come out ahead \$52K.

Commissioner Hellauer asked how many sill cocks did we get in Item K?

Mr. Farmer said five (5).

<p>Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Jager and seconded by Commissioner Presutto to approve Change Order #16. The total change order amount is a decrease of \$51,989.76 and to forward to the Board of Aldermen for the February 14, 2008 meeting. All were in favor with the exception of Commissioner DeAngelis who opposed item "L Modify the SBR 2/3 platform. FF #122 dated 1/30/08 for \$8,699.00." Motion carried.</p>

E. Amendment to Maguire Group Contract #8

This is for out-of-scope tasks and associated costs totaling \$102,000.

Maguire Group is seeking \$174K more (increase) and some is for past out-of-scope tasks (fifteen) and some is for future work (nine items) as well as inspection costs for the next couple of months.

The money will come out of the bond and some level of grant and low interest loans. Maguire Group send it in to DEP and they will add it on.

Mr. Asikainen said our contract is an incurred cost contract.

Mr. Asikainen said that for future projects for the City, the Mayor said work outside the scope- time will be tracked and identified and brought to the WPCA with the costs.

Commissioner Hellauer said this puts us in a predicament. This is on the agenda for the Board of Aldermen meeting for tomorrow night.

Both Commissioners DeAngelis and Hellauer feel this is hard to vote on tonight and would like to table it.

Mr. Sym said he is not sure if we can as we are beyond the contract with invoices.

Commissioner DeAngelis said I am not going to get fifteen minutes to review this and approve it for \$102,000.00 - I want to table it until next month.

Corporation Counsel said this is a cost incurred contract and unforeseen circumstances.

The Board of Aldermen will give the Mayor the ability to negotiate this.

Tape 2 Side A 8:30 p.m.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer and seconded by Commissioner Presutto to recommend to the Board of Aldermen the acceptance of Amendment #8 with Maguire Group for services provided beyond the scope of the contract which provides for incurred costs as stated in the contract - not to exceed \$174,000.00. All were in favor with the exception of Commissioner DeAngelis who opposed. Motion carried 4-1.

F. Amendment #1 - Maguire Group - Riverdale Avenue Relief Sewer

Mr. Farmer said the contract documents allow the contractor 120 calendar days to complete construction and this is a reasonable timeframe for sewer installation. This is also associated with 80 construction days. So, the resident inspector is to inspect for up to 80 construction days. This is an incurred cost contractor. If he takes up to this time, these are his fees.

Commissioner Hellauer said we do not need a resident inspector.

Commissioner DeAngelis said I think if we need you and request you, we will pay you. Tom Sym can handle the inspection.

Mr. Farmer asked when it comes to contract administration - who will handle that?

Mr. Sym said he will handle that.

Mr. Sym said they can be on call for utilities. We are limited with funds on this.

Maguire Group to be available on request with upset limit of \$5K and \$15K = \$20K or a percentage of the total.

Mr. Sym said funds come from the Revolving Sewer Account.

Note: Commissioner Presutto left at 8:38 p.m. - Note there is no quorum.

Mr. Farmer said we will revise this and review it for the March meeting. It starts in April anyway.

Maguire Group will review the bids at the bid opening and make recommendations to WPCA. There should be quite a few bidders.

G. Amendment #2 Maguire Group - Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvement and Huntington Area I/I and SSES Program

Mr. Farmer said this is the design and rebidding from last September. Investigation and design elements for some new areas were not in the original scope.

There is some dye testing involved and some storm drainage piping and some field investigation at 482 Howe Avenue and some items that were not in the original scope. Also involved is the dividing of the work into two bid packages.

Mr. Sym said he wants to add to this:

1. Full investigation is needed for the problems at Chromium Process. They were flooded today. I want someone to get in there and determine what is going on in there. I think it might be storm drain coming down there and it is filling the tunnel up. They had to send everyone home today. Water is flooding the floor. The storm drain needs to be slipped lined possibly - I don't know. I want to televise the storm drain. Tom Sym and George can talk. Lets televise it first.

Mr. Farmer said to hire someone to televise the storm drain and the tunnel and that person can turn the disk over to Maguire Group and that is a starting place.

Mr. Sym said we could use the same person that we are going to use for Pleasant Street. We need to solve this issue.

H. Sewer Administrator's Report

Mr. Sym said that Mark IV will hold their price for paving if we pave early spring for Spoke Drive - so we may use them instead of Cochillo paving.

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement was reviewed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct this evening,

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Hooper
Clerk 2 Tapes on file with the City/Town Clerk