

The Regular Meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order by Chairman Michael DeAngelis at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 in Room 305 of Shelton City Hall, 54 Hill Street, Shelton, CT 06484.

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

Commissioner Steve Morse
Commissioner Edwin Hellauer
Commissioner Anthony Presutto
Commissioner Michael DeAngelis
Commissioner Todd Dowty
Commissioner Bronislaw Piotrowski
Commissioner Regis Dognin

Absent was: Commissioner Richard Jager

Also attending were: Thomas Sym, Sewer Administrator
Ed Comboni - Treatment Plant
Jeffrey Shortell - Treatment Plant
Alan Asikainen - Maguire Group
George Pendleton - Maguire Group

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 DECEMBER 10, 2008

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Dognin and seconded by Commissioner Hellauer to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2008 as submitted. All were in favor with the exception of Commissioner Dowty who abstained, as he was not at the meeting. Motion carried.

ADD-ON

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer and seconded by Commissioner Dognin to add item 6 A 9 to the agenda - Louis Gherlone Excavating Invoice dated December 31, 2008 for \$45,809.00. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Communications

A. Inflow Removal Report

This is for informational purposes. There has been no response, per George Pendleton from Maguire Group. He said he would address it in his Status Report for this evening.

B. History of Sewer Backups (5 years)

George Pendleton said he would address this in his Status Report for this evening.

C. Economic Stimulus Funding

George Pendleton from Maguire Group said in preparation for the excepted stimulus package, that is supposed to be passed in March, the various State and Federal agencies are putting together their lists of potential "shovel ready" infrastructure projects. They received \$300 million for infrastructure projects; roads, water; sewers, almost anything. \$80 million will allow DEP go further down their priority list and Shelton is on this list. Shelton is somewhere on this list. The response will come from WPCA. They are looking for lists where permits are in place - DEP is soliciting lists and does not include Shelton's Consent Decree but it could include other pipe line that need to be lined or replaced - some other wish list projects.

Mr. Sym said the problem with that is that you have to have money in place - we have to fund it first. It is not grant money but a 2% loan.

The sewer lining would fit under the requirements.

Mr. Sym said he was not sure how the stimulus package worked but he understands that the money has to be in place for the project.

D. Budget Worksheet - not available at this time

Commissioner Morse handed out his budget worksheet. The electrical power for November for the plant, it dropped considerably. We do not have December's information yet.

The nitrogen for next year we will buy credits for \$102,594. The difference between 2007 and 2008 is \$197,000.

Mr. Asikainen said I told you last month they were looking at a dollar extra and they were meeting again - they only raised it twenty cents. 456 is what I was told the week after our meeting. I would guess as more of the treatment plants come on-line, that number will go up. Stratford was not fully operational and I guess it will hit next year so there may be a bigger bump next year.

Commissioner Morse said we have to do our best to get to that 125 number and the better off we will be (125 is the limit of pounds per day for 2009).

The water usage is a three-month quote from Aquarian.

Commissioner Morse asked Jeff Shortell to bring a log sheet for each pump and the readings for each pump for January and the input pressure as well.

Mr. Comboni said we keep a log of this and we will make a copy of each logbook.

Commissar Morse is looking for the differential. We are headed in the right direction - I just want us to stay there.

Commissioner Morse said we were overly aggressive in the budget with the User Fees, we are not seeing them come in. The red line is the actual expenditure and the green line is the actual revenue and the black line is the anticipated revenue on my graph. Everything seems to be tracking OK.

E. Accept for Review - Huntington Street Sewer Petition

Kazimer Zimnod
Remy Zimnod
470 Huntington Street
Shelton, CT

Mr. Zimnod said he is on Huntington Street/Trap Falls Road. He bought the property two years ago and wants to put a house on it. We did some test with NOK Engineering and there is a lot of ledge.

Mike O’Bymachow
Land Surveyor
NOK Engineering
Shelton

Mr. O’Bymachow said this is across from the reservoir. He did soil testing and there is ledge and you cannot get septic. I did the town topo.

We are here to entertain extending the sewers from Trap Falls Extension up to Huntington Street.

Mr. Zimnod said they are already in the road, and one of the houses has sewers - #60 has sewers already and it stops there.

Mr. Sym said that is approximately 700 feet extension, do you think?

Mr. Zimnod said others have signed the petition.

Commissioner DeAngelis said to sign a sheet of paper that we will pass around with your name and address and phone and if you are for or against the sewer.

(Several people here this evening do not want the sewers).

Barry Purciello
45 Trap Falls Road
Shelton

Mr. Purciello asked Mr. O’Bymachow if they tried for a mound system?

Mr. O’Bymachow said you need a minimum of four feet and we do not have it due to the depth of the ledge.

Commissioner DeAngelis said tonight is for informational purposes only and we will accept your information only and we may not discuss it for a few months. We will not make a decision tonight and we will not tell you how much further we will go. We are accepting this tonight as informational. Please do not come next month and ask us what is our decision. We will need a special meeting.

Mr. Sym said we will also need a Public Hearing and we won’t know until we have that.

Mr. Purciello asked what is the next step? A Public Hearing?

Commissioner DeAngelis said we will let you know the steps you need to take after tonight. I will write you a letter and give you the steps you need to take.

Mr. Purciello asked if you have enough people who do not want the sewer system - will it avoid going to a public hearing?

Mr. Sym said “yes. You need a majority to even consider it”.

Commissioner DeAngelis said you need to get a petition first. I will send you a list of things to do.

Commissioner Morse asked how many houses are we talking about?

Mr. Sym and Mr. O’Bymachow said ten (10).

Bob Homkovics
460 Huntington Street
Shelton

Mr. Homkovics asked if he qualifies?

Robert Hollern	28 Trap Falls Road	NO
Frank B?	23 Trap Falls Road	NO
Barry Purciello	45 Trap Falls Road	NO
Bob Homkovics	460 Huntington Street	YES
Kazimer Zimnod	470 Huntington Street	YES
Kathy Fox	478 Huntington Street	YES
John Musante	41 Trap Falls Road	YES

Commissioner Morse asked who is the lead guy?

Mr. Zimnod at 470 Huntington Street.

Mr. Bob Homkovics at 460 Huntington Street wants a sewer and wants to expand the house. I am 300 feet from Trap Falls Road. I have two (2) acres and it is all ledge.

Mr. Barry Purciello asked will we know the actual cost of the sewer?

Commissioner DeAngelis said not actually - we will give you the formula.

Mr. Purciello asked will we receive the same information that you send to Mr. Zimnod?

Commissioner DeAngelis said "yes".

Mr. Sym said we cannot know the prices until we go out to bid. Majority must want the line, then there is a public hearing and then go out to bid.

Mr. Purciello said can I say no after I hear the price?

Mr. Sym said no - once we hire a contractor it is a go. It is about \$150/foot.

Mr. Purciello said what if you don't want to hook up?

Commissioner DeAngelis said you will still have to pay the assessment.

Commissioner DeAngelis said you will have to hire a contractor to hook up.

The Sewer Usage fee is \$187 a year.

Mr. Zimnod asked when will the stuff be sent out?

Commissioner DeAngelis said before next month's meeting.

Mr. Homkovics asked what is a homeowner to do if you need a bigger septic and you cannot put in a mound system?

Commissioner Presutto said to Commissioner DeAngelis "I thought you were going to give them all the information?".

Mr. Purciello asked then we will get the information from you then? And you will tell us when the next meeting is?

Commissioner DeAngelis said yes.

Commissioner DeAngelis said he would like a work session on January 23rd at noon to discuss the petition format. Anyone that can make it is welcome to attend.

The Clerk is to advise the Commissioners.

F. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Shortell read his report as follows:

Mr. Shortell said the guys take 8-9 bags of grease a day.

Commissioner Presutto asked where does the grease go?

Mr. Shortell said it is incinerated.

Commissioner Piotrowski asked what pump station gets the most grease?

Mr. Shortell said the one on Rt. where 8 acres used to be. There are a lot of new restaurants there and they have no grease traps. Several on River Road.

Commissioner Dognin asked how do we have new restaurants and no grease traps? I thought it was a requirement for a new restaurant.

Mr. Shortell said he doesn't know - but they don't have any,

Mr. Sym said yes all the new ones have them.

Mr. Shortell said well, he is getting a lot of grease if they have them. Perhaps they are not cleaning them out.

Commissioner Dognin asked if we are checking on them to verify they are cleaning them out?

Commissioner DeAngelis said no - you know we are not checking on them - who do you think we have to check on them? That is part of our consent decree - to find someone to check on them.

Commissioner DeAngelis said FOG is a requirement and one of our goals for this year.

Commissioner Piotrowski said I have been mentioning it for years to get help for Tom.

Commissioner Piotrowski said that last month Jeff Shortell said that for years they have let out-of-towners dump septic. For years I have asked him if he let out-of-towners dump into our plant and he always said "no". Now, I wonder if he lied about other things concerning the plant.

Mr. Shortell said he did not lie about that.

Commissioner Piotrowski said he was surprised when the Chairman never said anything about the above. I feel Jeff owes all of us an apology for lying to use.

Jeff Shortell said I never said I allowed people from out of town to dump - I meant trucks from out of town were allowed to dump - like trucks from Monroe. But I never said we were taking stuff from Monroe.

Commissioner DeAngelis said he also thought Jeff meant the septic business trucks from out of town.

Mr. Comboni said every ticket that came in we never knowingly accepted sewage from out of town. We have Shelton addresses on all the tickets we checked.

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Commissioner Piotrowski said once I checked the tickets and the address and there were no houses at that address in Shelton.

Commissioner Hellauer asked "what is the solution?"

Commissioner Piotrowski said telephone them. For years we have been doing the wrong thing.

Jeff Shortell said when you call, all you get is an answering machine. You have to trust them. Anyway, we are not accepting sewage now anyway.

Commissioner Morse said he would like the Superintendent's Report typed. Several commissioners agreed they would like it typed.

Jeff should ask the Clerk to type it.

Commissioner Morse said he's got an "atta boy" for the plant. On August 22nd, ISO New England declared an emergency and the plant was asked to fire up the generator and they did and we got a check for \$16,620 for the demand response system. The money is in the general fund and it will get credit to us.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Maguire Group Status Report

George Pendleton distributed his status report. The Consent Decree was finalized on November 24, 2008. The penalty of \$142,000 was paid on December 05, 2008.

The phase I construction including sewer replacement on West Canal Street is complete and manhole repairs and CIP lining is underway.

Note: 8:00 p.m. Commissioner DeAngelis left the meeting.

Commissioner Dognin asked when someone reconnects the roof leader after disconnecting a pipe, is there a fine?

George Pendleton said you cannot verify what might have been missed. They may have had more than one roof leader and one may have been missed.

Commissioner Dognin said regarding known building backups for the past five years, do we charge people for the work we did, i.e., grease trap maintenance and repairs?

Mr. Sym said some are from sewer separation projects twenty years later. As it is twenty years later, it is the Cities responsibility.

George Pendleton said the grease falls under your FOG.

The Quarterly Status Report was sent today to EPA, DEP for the fourth quarter 2008.

Mr. Pendleton said for next month the lining project is complete.

Mr. Sym asked will Gherlone cause any issues with delays? His equipment is parked there.

Mr. Sym said they will need a contract extension.

Mr. Pendleton said the work will begin on the Emergency Response Plan.

The WPCA needs to send a new letter to the property owners that did not address their inflow issues after the 2006 letter.

Work will begin on the WWTP and WCTS staffing assignment.

Work will continue on the CMOM program Self Assessment.

Phase I construction is critical and behind schedule.

Commissioner Presutto questioned a lateral the city fixed.

Mr. Sym said it was the city's responsibility as they broke the laterals.

Commissioner Dognin re **Communications Task**:

Commissioner Morse prepared the following:

insert communications task here

Commissioner Morse said DEP will probably mandate it - it means software. Right now we cannot communicate with Jeff Shortell and Ed Comboni electronically as they have no e-mail. We need a tie in between City Hall and the Plant.

The upgrade of fiber optic from here to there is needed. We need to complete that connection. There was a large roll of fiber optic on the pole, and it has since been stolen.

This must be a never fail connection.

Commissioner Morse said he is not sure where we go with all of this and how to proceed.

Mr. Sym said the line was already down there and we had to move the line with the construction.

Commissioner Morse said we will work on the fiber optic cable first for the PC's and he will manage this.

All the Commissioners agreed this is needed.

Jeff Shortell and Ed Comboni left the meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bills Rendered

1. Maguire Group Inc.....\$ 5,056.73

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Piotrowski seconded by Commissioner Dowty to approve payment to Maguire Group in the amount \$5,056.73 dated December 31, 2008 for work done re Consent Decree Compliance. All were in favor. Motion carried. Monies to come from the Sinking Fund.

2. Maguire Group Inc.....\$35,638.21

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Dowty seconded by Commissioner Presutto to approve payment to Maguire Group in the amount \$35,638.21 dated December 31, 2008 for I/I Analysis and SSES. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously. Monies to come from the Bond Referendum Account.

3. Maguire Group Inc.....\$19,857.03

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Piotrowski seconded by Commissioner Dowty to approve payment to Maguire Group in the amount \$19,857.03 dated December 09, 2008 for I/I Analysis and SSES. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously. Monies to come from the Bond Referendum Account.

4. Shelton Police Department.....\$ 4,872.30

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Presutto seconded by Commissioner Hellauer to approve payment to the Shelton Police Department in the amount \$4,872.30 dated December 29, 2008 for Center/Howe Green Mountain Project. All were in favor with the exception of Commissioner Piotrowski who abstained. Motion carried. Monies to come from the Bond Referendum Account.

5. Shelton Police Department.....\$ 3,279.16

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer seconded by Commissioner Dowty to approve payment to the Shelton Police Department in the amount \$3,279.16 dated December 17, 2008 for Maltby/John/Bridgeport Green Mountain Project. All were in favor with the exception of Commissioner Piotrowski who abstained. Motion carried. Monies to come from the Bond Referendum Account.

6. Shelton Police Department.....\$ 366.31

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Presutto seconded by Commissioner Hellauer to approve payment to the Shelton Police Department in the amount \$ 366.31 dated December 17, 2008 for Canal/Farmers’ Market Gherlone Project. All were in favor with the exception of Commissioner Piotrowski who abstained. Motion carried. Monies to come from the Bond Referendum Account

7. Shelton Police Department.....\$ 137.13

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Dowty seconded by Commissioner Hellauer to approve payment to the Shelton Police Department in the amount \$ 137.13 dated December 29, 2008 for Canal/Farmers’ Market Gherlone Project. All were in favor with the exception of Commissioner Piotrowski who abstained. Motion carried. Monies to come from the Bond Referendum Account

8. Green Mountain Pipeline.....\$196,846.65

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Piotrowski seconded by Commissioner Presutto to approve payment to the Green Mountain Pipeline in the amount \$196,846.65 dated January 09, 2009 for Sanitary Sewer Lining Project. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously. Monies to come from the Bond Referendum Account.

ADD-ON

9. Louis Gherlone Excavating.....\$ 45,809.00

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer seconded by Commissioner Presutto to approve payment to Louis Gherlone Excavating in the amount \$45,809.00 dated December 31, 2008 for Sewer Systems, West Canal/Howe Avenue Project. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously. Monies to come from the Bond Referendum Account.

Tape 2 Side A 8:30 p.m.

C. Sewer Administrator’s Report

Mr. Sym said today we had a blockage on New Street and it was a line full of grease for a couple of years now. I was there all day putting in a grease de-foamer. It is all going to the Plant.

This City has a lot of grease. I never saw so much grease or anything like it in a residential neighborhood. Definitely FOG and high BOD.

Mr. Sym continued that what I saw today was from ten homes and fifty (50) pounds of grease and all in a residential neighborhood.

Commissioner Morse said we should send out notices and we need a FOG program put together.

Commissioner Dognin asked if there is any way to identify FOG in the line?

Mr. Sym said “you can.”

Commissioner Presutto said you have to flush the lines.

George Pendleton said it still goes to the plant.

Mr. Sym said there are 168 restaurants in town on the sanitary sewer line. He has something to send to them which tells them what to do but he has no time to monitor it now; we need another person to do that.

In 2011 we can close them down if the restaurants do not comply.

WPCA needs to adopt it as policy.

Commissioner Dognin said nothing says what we need to do, funding, etc.

Mr. Sym said the ability to fine people if too much grease if they don't clean out the grease traps.

Mr. Sym said we need to put it into effect but he has not time to be a “grease police”.

We need an inspector. The Ordinance might need to be updated.

Commissioner Morse suggested writing a program.

Mr. Sym said we need a job description first.

Maguire Group is perspiring staffing assessments.

There are the restaurants, food stores and the Culinary Institute. They need grease traps that are cleaned on a regular basis.

For example, Amici's does not have a grease trap.

There was discussion. A procedure needs to be put in place.

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement was reviewed.

Mr. Sym noted the released sewer assessments.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct this evening,

<p>Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Hellauer and seconded by Commissioner Presutto to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.</p>

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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