

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

January 25, 2016

The Stratford Water Pollution Control Authority conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 25, 2016 in Council Chambers of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615 pursuant to notice duly posted.

1. CALL TO ORDER — 7:00 P.M.

PRESIDING: Chairman Marianne Antezzo

WPCA MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Mark Dumas, Mr. Wali Kadeem, Mr. Joseph Gresko, Mr. Philip Young, Ms. Marianne Antezzo, Mr. J. Vincent Chase, Mr. Alan Llewelyn, Ms. Tina Manus.

WPCA MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Beth Daponte, Mr. David Harden

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Water Pollution Plant Superintendent Peter Stallings, Town Engineer John Casey

2. Approval of minutes of: Public hearing and special meeting of April 6, 2015, ~~special meeting of April 9, 2015~~, Public Hearing and special meeting of June 25, 2015, special meetings of October 5 and December 7, 2015.

Chairman Antezzo removed the minutes of special meeting of April 9 from the list above because of an error re: the sale of the Plant to GHWPCA. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. GRESKO, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES WITH THE MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2015 REMOVED FROM THE LIST. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Poly Aluminum Chloride Project (PAC). Bid returned, and needs an award recommendation.

As authorized at previous meeting, this project was put out to bid and bids have been received as follows:

<u>Contractor Base Bid</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Kovacs Construction Corp.	\$337,789.00
L. Holzner Electric	\$357,689.00
C.H. Nickerson & Co., Inc.	\$393,236.00

Questions were posed to Mr. Casey. Recommended that the WPCA award the project to Kovacs Construction Corp in the total amount of the bid and increase the funding from \$350,000 to \$445,000.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MS. MANUS TO AWARD THE BID TO KOVACS CONSTRUCTION CORP. AS RECOMMENDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Inflow & Infiltration Capacity Study (I&I). Request for qualifications from engineering firms, bid sent and returned.

Engineers were solicited to submit qualifications for the work to evaluate the capacity of the town's collection system, including a study of Inflow and Infiltration impacting the sewage flows. This work, intended to get a more specific view of the limitations of our sewer system, including recommendations for improvements to overcome the limitations, especially in light of the proposed TOD and POCD goals, would also be undertaken in compliance with our commitment to conduct this work in accordance with the Order from the EPA. There may be state funding available in the form of a 50% DEEP Clean Water Fund planning grant. The WPCA has already authorized \$175,000 toward this project. Questions were posed to Mr. Casey.

Submittals were received from firms as follows: AECOM, Weston & Sampson, Wright Pierce, Tighe & Bond. It is recommend to proceed to interview all four firms in order to expedite the selection process and that a selection committee of staff and two WPCA members make the selection and a recommendation of scope and fee to the WPCA at its next meeting. This will allow the engineer to be contracted so that work can begin in the spring wet-weather season. Interviews will be scheduled as early as next week.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CHASE, SECONDED BY MR. DUMAS TO PROCEED TO INTERVIEW ALL FOUR FIRMS. Discussion took place re: availability of WPCA members during daytime hours. MR. DUMAS OFFERED A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO ALLOW CHAIRMAN ANTEZZO TO SELECT THE TWO WPCA MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERVIEW. THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT WAS ACCEPTED. THE MOTION TO PROCEED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Barnum Ave. Slip lining between Sage St. and Noble St. \$800,000 authorized at last Council meeting (December 7, 2015). Bid status. INFORMATIONAL ITEM.

Mr. Casey reported that the project has not moved forward. The intention was to move the project with the streetscape project. Questions were posed re: streetscape and funding through bonding. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. GRESKO, SECONDED BY MR. KADEEM TO PLACE THE FOREGOING ITEM ON THE TABLE. THE MOTION AND THE SECOND WERE WITHDRAWN. ACTION NOT REQUIRED.

6. Request for sewer extension/hook up for 100 River Valley Road. A letter was received from Triple R LLC. Mr. Casey presented information re: a previous request from this neighborhood. There was no public support for an area-wide gravity extension in 2007. There is no sewer line in front of 100 River Valley. The sewage would have to be pumped uphill. Additional questions were posed to Mr. Casey.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MANUS, SECONDED BY MR. YOUNG TO PROCEED WITH THE PROCESS AND CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 4 PROPERTIES NEAR THE TERMINUS OF THE EXISTING SEWER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Pump Station Study: \$400,000 authorized at last Council meeting, December 7, 2015, authorizing administration to design and send project out to bid. Status.

Tighe and Bond engineering has completed the draft study and recommendations for improvements to 6 sanitary sewer pump stations. The stations studied were ones that were not previously upgraded by the town in the recent past and include:

Ryders Lane, Pecks Mill, Ryans Lane, Benton Street, Oak Bluff, Short Beach

It is possible that funding of the project could be accomplished through the DEEP's Clean Water Fund program typically in the form of a 20% grant, 80% low interest loan on a first come first serve basis. Overall the renovation program is estimated to cost up to \$10 million over a period of several years. While the engineers recommended a first phase of safety improvements that the WPCA recently authorized a total \$400,000 to conduct, it may be prudent to look at performing work on all stations with one CWF authorization that can be implemented in phases in a more cost efficient manner.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. MANUS, SECONDED BY MR. CHASE TO PROCEED WITH THE PUMP STATION PROJECT AND LOOK AT RENOVATING/ UPGRADING ALL PUMP STATIONS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Sewer Extension Projects: Oronoque Lane and Prayer Spring Rd. — The project was canceled.

9. Review of Rules Governing Expenditures of WPCA funds regarding proper authorization of any such expenditures

Chairperson Antezzo expressed concern over past expenditures that were not authorized by the WPCA such as legal services and engineering evaluations conducted for the planned sale of the facility. In the future the costs for all such goods or services shall be presented to the WPCA for authorization prior to making the expenditure. Mr. Casey stated that it would be impractical for all routine expenses to receive prior approval. It was clarified that services not originally intended or stated in the approved budget would be the ones required to receive authorization.

10. Adjournment — Hearing no further discussion in connection with the above agenda items or further business, Ms. Antezzo called for a motion to adjourn. ON A MOTION MADE BY MR. GRESKO, SECONDED BY MR. YOUNG, IT WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Cabral