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MINUTES

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
100 WINDSORVILLE ROAD

September 23, 2021

7:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Ken Boynton (arrived 7:35 p.m.), Gordon Gibson, Ray Weaver and Andrew Tedford. Also present: Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Heathersyn Leduke, Financial Analyst; Dj Lupacchino, Collection System Foreman; Mike Becker, Tighe & Bond and Tim Webb, Ellington WPCA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON AUGUST 19, 2021 AND MINUTES OF THE WPCA SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 19, 2021

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Gibson made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the August 19, 2021 Public Hearing as presented. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0). Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Gibson made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the August 19, 2021 Special Meeting as presented.

UPDATE ON TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE

Mr. Becker updated the Authority regarding the progress of the upgrade during the past month and answered questions. The progress included work: on aeration tank #6; the filter and blower buildings; secondary clarifier #1, secondary sludge building, intermediate pump station VFD's, As well as drainage pumps and piping installation. Mr. Becker reported that the fiber optic network loop is completed and reviewed planned work for next month. He said the project schedule is approximately 65% complete to final completion; the current and final substantial completion date is approximately 145 days behind the contract deadline.

DISCUSSION OF 315 SOUTH STREET WAIVER TO CONNECT TO THE SANITARY SEWER

Mr. Lupacchino provided background information. It was the consensus of the Authority to table this item until the next meeting.

DISCUSSION REGARDING REFUND TO ACCOUNT #7304

Mr. Lupacchino provided background information on this item and answered questions. Mr. Boynton made a motion to refund the connection charge. Discussion took place regarding single family homes, house additions and policies for fees for additions. Mr. Boynton withdrew his motion. Further discussion took place. It was the consensus of the Authority to add an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss fees, policies, and protocols for house additions. Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Gibson, made a motion to refund the connection charge for Account #7301, amended to Account #7304. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

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DISCUSSION OF EXITS 66 & 67 SEWER AREA

There was no new information for this item. Discussion took place relative to benefit assessments.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PRICING OPTIONS FOR REPLACEMENT OF ODOR CONTROL TANK/SYSTEM TALCOTTVILLE PUMP STATION

Mr. Boske provided background information regarding to the replacement of the bioxide system at the Talcottville Pump Station. He reviewed three options from Evoqua and Mr. Lupacchino answered questions. Discussion took place. It was the consensus of the Authority to obtain additional quotes and no action was taken on this item.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF DESIGN PROPOSAL FROM TIGHE & BOND FOR THE TALCOTTVILLE/BROOKVIEW PUMP STATIONS

Discussion took place regarding the proposal and about obtaining additional quotes for the project. No action was taken on this item.

PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske referenced a Plant Operations Summary that was distributed to the Authority. He reported that: flows were up from 2.45 MGD last August to 5.32 MGD this August; effluent suspended solids were also up from last year at this time due to the elevated flows; electricity usage was lower due to more efficient equipment that has been installed; natural gas costs were up due to running the REGEN unit and the UV disinfection system is working excellently. Discussion to place regarding the disc filter VFD tripping.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Ms. Leduke reported that the October bills are at the printer and the total billing was approximately \$2.7 million. She said that with the rate increase, the billing represents 49.5% of the fiscal year 2022 projections and an 8% monetary increase over this billing period last year. There was a 9% increase in consumption over this time last year she said.

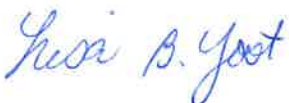
ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

None.

ADJOURN

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Gibson made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost
Secretary, Water Pollution Control