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MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY 100 WINDSORVILLE ROAD

May 26, 2022

7:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Andrew Tedford, Gordon Gibson and Ray Weaver. Also present: Robert Grasis, Director Water Pollution Control; Heatheryn Leduke, Financial Analyst; Lori Carriero and Mike Becker, Tighe & Bond

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tedford at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Authority member Ray Weaver said that former WPCA member/chairman John Anderson was recognized at the May 17th Town Council meeting for his many years of volunteer service to Vernon. Mr. Anderson was posthumously inducted to the Volunteer Wall of Honor.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 28, 2022

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Gibson, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the April 28, 2022 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed (2-0-1) with Mr. Gibson abstaining.

Agenda Item #5 was moved to Agenda Item #4.

DISCUSSION OF EXITS 66 & 67 SEWER AREA

Ms. Carriero reviewed a proposal for design and bid phase engineering services for the Exit 67 Sanitary Sewer Extension and answered questions. Mr. Grasis reported that the Town of Tolland is researching flow information; he forwarded the facilities plan and the feasibility study for Exit 67 to Tolland. Mr. Grasis said that the WPCA needs to think about whether or not connection to the sewer will be mandatory once the project is completed. Discussion took place relative to soil test borings pump station site, DOT records, and PFAS contamination. Mr. Grasis said that via email, Authority member Ken Boynton asked if additional proposals could be obtained. Mr. Grasis explained that Tighe & Bond is the most qualified for this project; the Authority agreed. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion to approve the proposal for Design and Bid Phase Engineering Services from Tighe & Bond as presented to the Authority. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously (3-0-0). Mr. Grasis reported that Tighe & Bond has begun the survey work for Exit 66.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EXITS 66 & 67 SEWER AREA

The Authority did not enter into Executive Session.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

UPDATE ON TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE

Mr. Becker updated the Authority on progress of the upgrade since the last meeting. The project included work on Primary Clarifier #2, Aeration Tanks #3 & #4; the blower building, solids building, secondary sludge building and filter building. He reviewed planned work for next month and discussion took place relative to the removal of the screw pumps. Mr. Becker said that Methuen's schedule indicates a substantial completion date of April 27, 2023 with a final completion date of July 2023, approximately 7 ½ months behind the original project schedule. He answered questions from the Authority.

PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Grasis reviewed plant operations and processes for the month of April. Specifically, he noted flows, BOD removal, solids regen, septage, phosphorous removal and the polymer system. Discussion took place regarding a phosphorous tap water testing report that was distributed to committee members. Mr. Grasis answered questions from the Authority. Regarding current activities, Mr. Grasis reported that Operator-In-Training interviews were conducted and one trainee will begin in July; preventative maintenance was performed on the new plant generator; collection personnel attended a CTWEA conference; a letter will be mailed to residents on Grant Street because wipes were found after maintenance flushing was performed; and personnel assisted DPW with a drainage pipe investigation on Orchard Street.

FLOW METER REPLACEMENT FOR TALCOTTVILLE PUMP STATION

Mr. Grasis reviewed three quotes for the flow meter replacement for the Talcottville Pump Station. He answered questions from the Authority and discussion took place. It was the consensus of the Authority to obtain additional quotes.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Ms. Leduke provided details regarding a request for a refund for Account #1584 in the amount of \$95.56. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Gibson made a motion to apply a refund to Account #1584 in the amount of \$95.56 due to overpayments on autopay. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0). Ms. Leduke reported that the Town has been accepted as a vendor for the Water Assistance Program and can now accept payments through Access; this week a permit payment was processed through the software system for the first time; approximately 1,850 delinquent notices were mailed on May 9th and another \$100,000 was collected in the past two weeks. She updated the Authority regarding the Tyler conference that she attended last week and answered questions. Mr. Weaver encouraged Mr. Grasis to budget for programs/conferences that staff would be utilizing. Discussion took place.

ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Mr. Grasis provided details regarding a request to install a new septic system at 40 Gottier Drive. Discussion took place. Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion to approve the installation of a new septic system at 40 Gottier Drive. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

ADJOURN

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Gibson made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost, Secretary, Water Pollution Control