

TOWN OF VERNON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY



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APPROVED

June 23, 2022

7:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Andrew Tedford, Gordon Gibson, Ken Boynton and Ray Weaver. Also present: Robert Grasis, Director Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director Water Pollution Control; Heatheryn Leduke, Financial Analyst; Mike Becker, Tighe & Bond; Tim Webb and Ken Radziwon (arrived 7:33 p.m.), Ellington WPCA

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 26, 2022

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Gibson made a motion that that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the May 26, 2022 Regular Meeting as presented. There was no discussion and the motion passed (3-0-1) with Mr. Boynton abstaining.

UPDATE ON TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE

Mr. Becker updated the Authority regarding progress of work since the last meeting. Tasks included work on the aeration tanks; blower, RAS, filter, secondary sludge and solids buildings; and UV disinfection. He answered questions from the Authority and discussion took place relative to the supply chain, disc filter issues and shipping costs for the IFAS media. Mr. Becker reported that the project schedule is 72% complete by time, to the current expected final completion date. The substantial completion date is projected to be May 4, 2023 and the final completion date is projected to be August 1, 2023. A Schedule Narrative, Change Order Summary, Three Week Look Ahead and Milestone Report were distributed to Authority members.

Agenda Items #5, #6, and #7 were moved to Agenda Items #9, #10 and #11. Mr. Webb introduced Mr. Radziwon to the Authority and Water Pollution Control staff.

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Mr. Boske reviewed a Plant Operation Summary, specifically nitrogen removal, UV disinfection percentage, kilowatt hours and septage gallons. He answered questions regarding UV transmittance percentage and reported that phosphorous removal has improved since last May. Regarding Current Activities, Mr. Grasis reported that an internal Operating-In-Training candidate is starting July 1st and Adam Lung is retiring after 33 years with the Town on July 8th. Also, Mr. Grasis said that he updated the Town Council on the status of the upgrade; he attended both the Ellington and Tolland WPCA June meetings; preventative maintenance was performed on the new generator; a representative from Trojan came to check the issues with the UV system; and the battery packs were replaced on the smart covers at the Eckert's pond easement. Dj Lupacchino, Collection and Plant Foreman, surpassed 12 years of perfect attendance. Mr. Grasis reported that he had a meeting with the economic coordinator and Delorean power regarding the installation of batteries to store energy. Additional research on this project will be conducted he said and the energy could be used if the grid needs it during peak hours as well as at the plant in emergencies.

FLOW METER REPLACEMENT FOR TALCOTTVILLE PUMP STATION

The Authority reviewed three quotes for equipment replacement and fabrication. They reviewed three additional quotes for the installation of the flowmeter. Discussion took place. Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Tedford made a motion to use Control Systems of Connecticut, Inc. to purchase the 12-inch magnetic flowmeter, Rosemount brand, at their quoted price. The motion was amended by Mr. Boynton to include the price of \$11,782.00 and seconded by Mr. Tedford. The amended motion passed unanimously (4-0-0). Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Weaver made a motion to hire VMS Construction Company based on their June 23, 2022 proposal to install the flowmeter as proposed for \$5,500.00. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Ms. Leduke reported that over \$3000 was received from the Water Assistance Program; delinquent notices were mailed in May and approximately \$262,000 was collected; system updates have been installed; and she is preparing for the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Grasis said that the rate discussion will be on next month's agenda. Mr. Weaver reported that Senate Bill #128 never reached a vote.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CRUMBLING FOUNDATIONS AND RELATED WPCA FEES

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Boynton made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority authorizes the Director of Water Pollution Control, or their designee, for a period of one year, expiring July 1, 2023, to waive sewer connection fees for all properties other than governmental buildings, where foundations require replacement as a result of a crumbling concrete condition evidenced by engineering or other unbiased, non-visual, criteria, and that said waiver does not include any inspection or disconnect fees. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

DISCUSSION OF EXITS 66 & 67 SEWER AREA

Mr. Grasis said that field survey work is complete for Exit 66. Exit 67 field work should begin over the next three or four weeks. Mr. Grasis updated the Authority regarding the progress of the sewer rehabilitation contract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EXITS 66 & 67 SEWER AREA

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Boynton made a motion that the Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority, pursuant to the authority given in Connecticut General Statutes, Section 1-200 (6) (B) hereby moves to go in to Executive Session to discuss Exit 66 & 67 Sewer Area and invites Robert Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Heatheryn Leduke, Financial Analyst and Lisa Yost, Secretary to attend the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0),

and the Authority entered into Executive Session at 8:27 p.m. Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Gibson made a motion to exit Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0), and the Authority exited Executive Session at 8:43 p.m.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

None. Mr. Grasis spoke to the Information Items. Ms. Leduke recommended incorporating a set rate for the connection fee into the Intermunicipal Agreement. It was the consensus of the Authority that Dj Lupacchino be recognized for his 12 years of perfect attendance.

ADJOURN

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Weaver made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost
Secretary Water Pollution Control