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MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY 100 WINDSORVILLE ROAD

February 23, 2023

7:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Ken Boynton, Ray Weaver and Joseph Greco. Also present: Robert I. Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; Heatheryn Leduke, Financial Analyst, Water Pollution Control; and Steve Seigal (via telephone), Tighe & Bond

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Weaver asked the Authority if he could be the spokesman for the Vernon WPCA relative to SB 916- An Act Concerning Foreclosure, Assignment and Other Enforcement Actions for Unpaid Sewer Assessments and Other Fees and Charges. It was the consensus of the Authority to have Chairman Weaver act as spokesman. Chairman Weaver asked Mr. Grasis to contact the Mayor regarding his acting as spokesman.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 26, 2023

Mr. Boynton seconded by Mr. Greco made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the January 26, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

UPDATE ON TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE

Mr. Seigal updated the Authority on the progress of the upgrade since the last meeting and answered questions. Mr. Seigal said that work continues in all buildings; the last of the three old bar screens has been replaced; change orders are being processed; and the last of the three screw pumps was removed which is a project milestone. The project schedule is 85% complete by time to the current expected final completion date he reported. Mr. Grasis said that the old SCADA system has been disconnected and a server is now contained on-site; no internet connection is needed. Discussion took place relative to warrantees. A Five Week Look Ahead, Milestone Report and Summary, Schedule Narrative and Change Order Summary was distributed to Authority members.

DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

Regarding the Exit 67sewer extension, Mr. Grasis said that plans for the driveway for the pump station are being finalized and the plans will be sent to Connecticut DOT for approval; approval could take 90 days. Mr. Grasis said that an April 5th bid opening is planned with a public hearing to follow; Tighe & Bond can present a project overview at the public hearing. Discussion took place relative to sewer assessments. Chairman Weaver asked Mr. Grasis to contact the Town Attorney and Assessor regarding sewer assessments. Other

capital projects include sewer lining, spot repairs, and improvements to the Brookview and Talcottville pump stations.

PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske updated the Authority regarding the plant operations during the past month with data from the new HACH WIM software. He said that water quality is good; nitrogen was down; electrical usage is consistent; septage gallons are down from last month and natural gas remains about the same. Discussion took place relative to electric rates. Mr. Boske answered questions from the Authority. Current activities as reported by Mr. Grasis included: there is no update on water deduct meters for Ellington and the pump station upgrade is progressing; the Talcottville flow meter replacement is complete and is working well; secondary polymer was changed last month and is working well; a new exhaust fan cover for the incinerator wing was fabricated for a savings of \$8,000; Tolland is changing its sewer billing software; a new contactor was installed for the generator; rodent contractor has been secured for rodent control; soda ash silo drain work continues; the Operator-In-Training will retest for their Class I in 90 days; collection letters were sent to Tankerhoosen residents; sewer manhole covers installed in 1896 are no longer manufactured therefore steel plates are being used; and Water Pollution Control personnel helped set up the new ice rink at Henry Park.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Ms. Leduke presented a spreadsheet regarding SB 916 relative to Vernon sewer use fees and years to lien. Discussion took place. Chairman Weaver asked Ms. Leduke to add more items to the spreadsheet and thanked her for the information as presented. She updated the Authority relative to the Government Finance Officers Association conference that she attended. She said that work continues on updating the bill form and preparation has started for the April billing.

SET SPECIAL MEETING DATE FOR FY 23-24 BUDGET

It was the consensus of the Authority to schedule a budget meeting either March 7th or March 9th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

TALCOTTVILLE PUMP REPLACEMENT

Mr. Grasis reviewed three quotes and discussion took place. Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Greco made a motion to go with Control Systems on this quote. Mr. Grasis asked if the motion includes one or two pumps. Mr. Boynton amended the motion to include two pumps. The amended motion was seconded by Mr. Greco and passed unanimously (3-0-0).

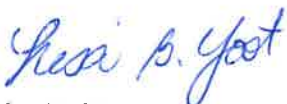
ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Mr. Grasis spoke to Tighe & Bond's proposal for construction phase engineering services related to the Exit 66 sewer extension. Discussion took place.

ADJOURN

Chairman Weaver noted the Information Items. Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Greco made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost,
Secretary Water Pollution Control