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MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY 100 WINDSORVILLE ROAD

July 27, 2023

7:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Carmen Melaragno, Ray Weaver and Joseph Greco. Also present: Robert I. Grasis, Director Water Pollution Control; Steve Boske, Assistant Director Water Pollution Control; Heatheryn Breton, Financial Analyst Water Pollution Control; Sydney Lewis, Engineer Tighe & Bond; Lori Carriero, PE Tighe & Bond; and Tom Modzelewski, Ellington WPCA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 22, 2023

Chairman Weaver spoke to the State of Connecticut's Environmental Equity Law Bill as well as House Bill #916.

Mr. Melaragno, seconded by Mr. Greco made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority approves the minutes of the June 22, 2023 Regular Meeting. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

UPDATE ON TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE

Ms. Lewis updated the Authority on the progress of the upgrade since last month: Tasks included: continued work on/in the Preliminary Treatment Building, Influent Pump Station; Primary Clarifiers #1 and #2; Aeration Tank #6; and Secondary Clarifier #3. Chairman Weaver updated the Authority relative to the paving scope of the upgrade. Mr. Grasis said that work is progressing regarding the addition of the IFAS media to the Aeration tanks. A Construction Progress Meeting Summary, Construction Progress Meeting Agenda, Three Week Look Ahead and Change Order Summary was distributed to Authority members.

DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

Ms. Carriero said that the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Contract #2109 was completed by Paramount Construction. All of the replacement work is done; final mill and overlay paving will be completed in the Spring. Regarding the Sanitary Sewer Lining Contract #2118, Ms. Carriero reported that work is about 75% complete; the Town has requested additional lining in the area of Loom City Lofts/East Main Street. Ms. Carriero updated the Authority regarding change orders for the Exit 66 sewer extension; the main line and lateral work may be complete by next week. Discussion took place. Regarding the Exit 67 sewer extension Ms. Carriero reported that the property owners have approved the site plan for the pump station.

PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Boske said the effluent water quality has been very good. He reviewed a Plant Operations Summary and answered questions. He said that he will be compiling data regarding polymer and phosphorous relative to the disc filters. Discussion took place. Regarding Current Activities Mr. Grasis said that the new schedule of hours at the treatment facility for union personnel is working out well; sludge bids will be opened August 1st; the new security company, Orion, started on July 1st; and the area around the Hockanum Trunk sewer was cleared by Vernon Greenway volunteers. Mr. Grasis said that he is waiting for information regarding the old unused compressors so that they may be put out for auction. Mr. Modzelewski updated the Authority on the Ellington Pump Station upgrade.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

A Budget Review summary for FY 22-23 and a FY 23-24 comparison was presented by Ms. Breton. She answered questions from the Authority. Mr. Melaragno, seconded by Mr. Greco made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority authorizes the transfer of funds where available between object codes to cover expenses for Fiscal Year 23. Discussion took place. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED SEWER USER CHARGES FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 AND THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

Ms. Breton presented historical rates for sewer use charges. Discussion took place relative to septage. She reviewed Fiscal Year 2023 projections, expenditures and actual receivables collected, as well as projections for Fiscal Year 2024. She provided a breakdown of FY 2023 online payments and said that most likely a new online vendor will have to be secured next year. Discussion took place relative to online fees and FOG program registration fees/penalties.

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SEWER USE CHARGES, AND FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE

It was the consensus of the Authority to schedule a public hearing on August 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

REVIEW PROPOSALS FOR REPLACEMENT ROOFS FOR THE PLANT WATER AND POST AERATION BUILDINGS

Mr. Grasis provided background on this item and shared photographs of the leaking roofs. Three quotes were presented to the Authority. Discussion took place. Mr. Greco seconded by Mr. Melaragno made a motion to approve Eagle River Roof Service for the amount of \$60,875.00 for roof repair as a bid waiver. Discussion took place regarding concrete damage/repair on the roofs. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

None.

ADJOURN

Mr. Melaragno seconded by Mr. Greco made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Yost 
Secretary Water Pollution Control