

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING HELD AT 7:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 15, 2017, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, 85 SOUTH MAIN
STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410.**

Present

Steve Carroll, Vice Chairman, Matthew Bowman, Ken Cianci, Tom Scannell.

Absent: John Perrotti, Chairman; Ken Cianci, James Sima.

Staff: Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer.

Chairman Perrotti called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

2. APPLICATIONS

3. PROJECTS

- a. **AECOM November Invoice #37991317, dated November 10, 2017
in the amount of \$1,845.07.**

MOTION by Mr. Scannell; seconded by Mr. Bowman.

MOVED that the WPCA approve AECOM invoice #37991317, dated November 10, 2017, in the amount of \$1,845.07.

Discussion

Mr. Gancarz has reviewed this invoice and recommends it for payment.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Status of Plant Operations

Mr. Gancarz reported that the plant is running well; phosphorous is at 2.6# per day, under the limit of 4.0# per day permitted in the permit; October flows are at 1.71Mgpd, which is below normal.

5. TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT

a. Cook Hill Pump Station

Mr. Gancarz gave the report. The pump station passed at referendum; Wright Pearce is finishing up the design; final plan specifications should be ready in a month to go out to

bid; project responses should be back in early 2018 with award; and then project construction can begin.

b. West Johnson Pump Station

Mr. Gancarz reported that no work has started yet on this project; there is a lot of equipment to be ordered and shop drawings by AECOM; the contractor, Delray, expects shop drawings to arrive at AECOM soon; once they are reviewed and approved, equipment ordering will begin. It is expected the project will be shovel ready after the first of the new year, and the project must be completed in September 2018.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Other new business of the WPCA

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Proposed Sewer Use Fee for 2018

i. Draft Motion

Mr. Carroll stated the proposed 2018 fees have been discussed in detail during the public hearing and past WPCA meetings and with Town Council. The proposed residential rate is a flat \$400, and commercial/industrial rate at \$3.98 per 100 CCF; this will achieve parity between all users. Compared to surrounding towns, Cheshire is still on the low end of the scale for sewer user rates. With the new rates, a business may get a precipitous increase to its sewer charge, but this charge is a small part of an entire budget. WPCA does not want to “run” anyone out of business with this small increase. An explanatory letter will be included with the sewer user bill.

MOTION by Mr. Bowman; seconded by Mr. Scannell.

MOVED that the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) approve the annual Sewer Use Charge Fee be established at \$400.00 per single family equivalent dwelling unit. Non residential users shall pay an amount based on their relative water usage in accordance with the format outlined in the Sewer User Charge Regulations, but not less than \$400.00 per year.

Discussion

Mr. Urbano commented on the excellent explanation and analysis by Mr. Gancarz on the proposed rate adjustments, and thanked him for his hard work.

Mr. Bowman concurred with Mr. Urbano’s comment, and thanked Mr. Gancarz for all his efforts and hard work.

During discussion, the Authority members amended the motion (bold print) to read as follows:

MOVED that the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) approve the annual Sewer Use Charge Fee be established at \$400.00 per single family equivalent dwelling unit.

Cheshire Correctional Institute (CCI) shall be charged a fee for sewer use in accordance with the meter readings from the prison facility. Non residential users shall pay an amount based on their relative water usage in accordance with the format outlined in the Sewer User Charge Regulations, but not less than \$400.00 per year.

The Authority members agreed to the amendment to the motion.

VOTE The motion, as amended, passed unanimously by those present.

b. CCI Court Case Update

Mr. Gancarz informed the Authority members that the Judge's ruling was expected today, however, the court clerk advised the date is November 21st for the ruling.

c. Other business of the WPCA

Mr. Carroll noted that in 2018, Chairman Perrotti wanted to undertake a review of the regulations, with possible changes and modifications.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting of October 25, 2017

MOTION by Mr. Bowman; seconded by Mr. Scannell.

MOVED to accept and approve the minutes of October 25, 2017 subject to corrections, deletions, additions.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Bowman; seconded by Mr. Scannell.

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk