

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL  
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT 7:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY,  
JUNE 26, 2019 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET,  
CHESHIRE CT 06410.**

Present

John Perrotti, Chairman; Steve Carroll, Vice Chairman; Aboud Abdelghani, Jason Beach, Tom Scannell, James Urbano and Zack Wellburn  
Staff: Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer

The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Vice-Chairman Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The clerk called the roll and a quorum was not present.

Mr. Carroll read the emergency evacuation notice.

Mr. Carroll welcomed new member, Jason Beach, and said he will be a great addition to the WPCA.

**1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**2. APPLICATIONS**

**a. Whole Foods Market Inc. – Proposed addition to a food distribution warehouse.**

Town Engineer Gancarz informed the Commissioners that Whole Foods plans on an 86,000 S.F. addition to its existing 161,000 S.F. building on East Johnson Avenue. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved this application on June 24, 2019.

The addition will be connected to the existing sewer that runs across the property into the East Johnson Pump Station. This pump station is built to serve the Whole Foods development in this area of town, and the station was designed with the development in mind. There is ample capacity. The new building will be used for cold storage. Projected flow increase is 1,542gpd, which is reasonable for the expected use.

The project must pay individual capacity fees for the new addition, as defined in the WPCA regulations. The capacity fee is \$13.91/gallon of sewer production potential. For Whole Foods this fee would be \$21,449.22. The method of annual sewer fees for the new addition will be based on the WPCA's adopted commercial rate structure.

**MOTION** by Mr. Scannell; seconded by Mr. Urbano.

MOVED that the WPCA approve and grant the proposed increase in flows of 1,542gpd for the Whole Foods Addition, 400 East Johnson Avenue.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

### 3. PROJECTS

Town Engineer Gancarz informed the Authority members he reviewed the invoices and approves them for payment.

Mr. Gancarz stated there is one project out there now, West Johnson Pump Station. AECOM was the engineer of record, and DelRay did the actual construction work.

- a. **AECOM – West Johnson Pump Station, Invoice #2000224488, dated 6/12/19 in the amount of \$5,399.88**

MOTION by Mr. Scannell; seconded by Mr. Urbano.

MOVED that the WPCA approve the payment of AECOM – West Johnson Pump Station, Invoice #2000224488, dated 6/12/19 in the amount of \$5,399.88.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

- b. **Change Order #6 – West Johnson Pump Station dated 6/12/19 in the amount of \$74,336.00.**

MOTION by Mr. Scannell; seconded by Mr. Beach.

MOVED that the WPCA approve the payment (credit) of Change Order #6 – West Johnson Pump Station dated 6/12/19 in the amount of \$74,336.00.

#### Discussion

Mr. Gancarz explained that change order #6 is a DelRay invoice. The pump station had a 12-month construction period. DelRay went beyond the construction period, resulting in additional AECOM engineering fee charges of \$74,336.00. There were meetings and discussion held with DelRay on this issue. The company was informed that the town would not be liable for these costs incurred by their going past the construction period. Rather than fight litigation, DelRay reduced its price by \$74,336 and is willing to absorb the extra engineering costs. This change order is a reduction/credit of \$74,336 from the DelRay payment.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

- c. **DelRay – West Johnson Pump Station, invoice #15, dated 6/18/19 in the amount of \$41,858.00**

(Mr. Perrotti entered the meeting at 7:47 p.m.)

MOTION by Mr. Scannell; seconded by Mr. Urbano.

MOVED that the WPCA approve the payment of DelRay – West Johnson Pump Station, invoice #15, dated 6/18/19 in the amount of \$41,858.00

#### Discussion

Mr. Gancarz informed the Commissioners that agenda item "7a" is rescinded. This new invoice (#15) reflects the DelRay credit of \$74,336, with final invoice payment of \$41,858. The only amount left on the contract is the 2% retainage which is held for one year.

VOTE           The motion passed unanimously by those present.

#### **4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

##### **a. Status of Plant Operations.**

Mr. Gancarz visited the plant today, and all is running well.

History of Flows - Flows are slightly higher than this time last year, and this is due to the higher rainfall in recent months. June flows will also be more than last year.

Nitrogen Credits – It was pointed out by Mr. Gancarz that 10 years ago the revenue was \$50,000 to \$60,000 in credits, but this has reduced dramatically over time. This year Cheshire paid for credits.

#### **5. TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT**

##### **a. West Johnson Pump Station**

This pump station is completed; it is operating well; and there are no issues out there; the 2% retainage is being held for one year.

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a. Summary of Pump Station's size and age.**

The listing of Town of Cheshire Wastewater Pump Stations was compiled by staff and reviewed by the Commissioners.

Mr. Gancarz noted that the annual capital budget process begins on July 16<sup>th</sup>. In the five-year plan Mr. Gancarz will have a recommendation to the Town Manager for projects related to the sewer system and pump stations.

Elmwood Pump Station – is in the CEP, year #4; this will be the largest project upgrade as it serves 2/3rds of the town; this pump station was built in 1972, upgraded in 1996.

East Johnson and Moss Farms Pump Stations – these are two smaller pump stations; they will be out in year #5 of the CEP for upgrade.

The CEP will have funding for engineering and design of the pump stations, with construction funding seven (7) years out.

Chairman Perrotti stated he forwarded EPA and some documents about the collection system to Mr. Gancarz for review. He commented on Cheshire having a good handle on its pump stations and the plant itself, with the need to take a look at the collection system.

**b. Plan to summarize age, size of pipes, and material of construction of sewer system.**

The Commission was told by Mr. Gancarz that the Engineering Department Intern is using the GIS system to summarize information on pipes in the system, including age and size of the pipes.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. DelRay Contracting – West Johnson Pump Station, Application #15 dated 4/8/2019 in the amount of \$3,119.79. (rescinded)**

Mr. Beach thanked the Commissioners for their welcome to the WPCA. Mr. Beach is an Environmental Consultant; worked with Mr. Gancarz in a firm for many years; he has lived in Cheshire since 2007; is pleased to serve on the WPCA, and looks forward to working with everyone.

Town Engineer Firm – Mr. Carroll raised a question about the Town having an engineering firm going forward and/or bidding on engineering services.

According to Mr. Gancarz, there is no requirement the town have an engineering firm on retainer. For future projects, there would be determination of what is best for Cheshire, the size, history and knowledge of the firm, and if it fits with the town. With pursuit of any funding, an RFP would be required, but this will be four (4) years out.

**8. APPROVAL OF MINTUES – May 22, 2019**

MOTION by Mr. Perrotti; seconded by Mr. Scannell.

MOVED to approve and accept the minutes of May 22, 2019 subject to corrections, deletions, additions.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

July 24, 2019 Meeting - The Commissioners agreed to meet at the WWTP at 7:00 p.m. for a tour of the Plant. The regular meeting will be held at the plant office at 7:30 p.m.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Mr. Scannell; seconded by Mr. Urbano.

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

  
Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk