

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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, James Urbano

Absent: Tom Scannell and Zack Wellburn

Staff: Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer

The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

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

ROLL CALL

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

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Gancarz reported on a communication from Jacob Engineering, the company that runs the Waterbury CT treatment plant. The letter was a request for addresses of the six(6) houses on Rita Avenue and Waterbury Road that are connected to the Waterbury sewer system through a 1998 inter-municipal agreement. Mr. Gancarz complied with the request, providing the addresses to Jacob Engineering.

2. APPLICATIONS

- a. No applications submitted for December 2019.**

The Authority members were advised by Mr. Gancarz that January 2, 2020 is the first anniversary of the successful completion of the West Johnson project. There will be a final inspection in January, and \$40,000 to DeRay. AECOM will bill for their time on this project.

3. PROJECTS

- a. No invoices submitted for December 2019.**

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Status of Plant Operations**

5. TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT

- a. Final estimate of revenue using adopted sewer rate**

The adopted sewer rate for 2020 is \$425. Based on this rate, Mr. Gancarz reviewed the estimated revenue which will be \$3,919,295.07. The budget is \$388,975.00, so the estimated revenue will provide a cushion of about \$35,000.

Mr. Urbano pointed out that last year there was discussion on what the rate should be, along with an option to dig into the fund balance. This was not done, and he commended staff on a good job in handling the funds.

Water Pollution Control Fund Revenue Budget Report – Mr. Gancarz reviewed the history of the accounts in the report with the Authority members. Regarding “fees” he noted the fees for the medical building were \$14,800, and more significant projects are coming on-line.

The WPCD Fund Equity has a balance of \$1,450,679 as of 6/30/19.

b. CCI Invoice

CCI Properties – the total sewer use fee billing for DOC properties in Cheshire will be \$986,335.59. The flow from these properties is measured at a metering station (not a water meter). Extraneous flow/usage is 73,769.57 CCF, generating revenue of \$311,894.79.

The Authority was informed by Mr. Gancarz that MDC (Hartford) is raising its sewer rates. Cheshire’s rate is \$4.20 per 100 CCF; MDC rate is \$4.18 + \$7.00 monthly on top of the fees, and equity charge of \$4.00 for the clean water fund. This total rate is double that of Cheshire.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Perrotti advised that the term of appointment for him and Mr. Urbano ends on January 30, 2020. Both Mr. Perrotti and Mr. Urbano want to continue to serve on the WPCA.

It was suggested by Mr. Perrotti for Authority members to think about new ideas and recommendations so the WPCA can do things better in its work and service to the community.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Public Hearing November 20, 2019 and Regular Meeting, November 20, 2019

MOTION by Mr. Carroll; seconded by Mr. Beach

MOVED to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of November 20, 2019 and Regular Meeting of November 20, 2019, subject to corrections, additions, deletions.

Correction: "James" Beach should read "Jason" Beach.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Before adjournment, Chairman Perrotti wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Carroll; seconded by Mr. Beach

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:


Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk