

Cheshire WPCA Commission Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Waste Water Treatment Plant Conference Room
1325 Cheshire Street, Cheshire, CT

FINAL MINUTES

Commissioners Present:

John Perrotti, Chairman; Aboud Abdelghani, Tom Scannell, James Urbano

Staff: Scott Hollier, Town Plant Supervisor

Guest: Dennis Dievert, Jr., Engineer, Wright Pierce

Others Present: Dawn Guite, Substitute Recording Secretary

Absent: Jason Beach, Zack Wellburn, Steve Carroll, Vice Chairman

1. ROLL CALL

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

The Group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

No Communications

3. APPLICATIONS

No Applications

4. PROJECTS

No Projects

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ultraviolet system has been shut off and all bulbs are in storage. Phosphorous will be shut down next.

6. TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT

Discussion with Wright Pierce on formulating a plan for providing their support to the Town and the WPCA. Mr. Perrotti suggested that after the first application reviewed by

Wright Pierce there will be a meeting after the process has run its course to determine if there should be any changes or ways to make the process more efficient.

7. NEW BUSINESS

John: Please note that I entered this info. via what was provided in the meeting packet. I do not know if it is necessary based on the rate(s) being voted on at the November 2020 Town Council Meeting.

a. Sewer Rate Projections 2021

The current sewer rates (2020) were reviewed by the Authority members.

2020 = \$425 rate

Residential – 4,933 units, \$425 rate; \$2,096,525.00.

Seniors – 148 units; \$368 rate; \$54,464.00 (income levels allow for rate to be frozen).

Commercial – 197,627.8 units; @ \$4.23 rate; \$835,965.76.

Commercial – 40 units at \$425 rate; \$17,000.

Commercial rates are based on water usage from RWA records.

Note: No business can be charged less than the single family residential rate.

CCI - @ \$4.23 rate; 224,807.5 units; \$950,935.73; CCI is lower this year due to I&I component and COVID-19 early release program, and lower prison population; CCI represents 25% of the plant flow; charges are off the sewer meter.

Revenue - \$3,934,030.59; less deductions of \$20,859.90.

Projected Revenue based on \$425 rate - \$3,970,367.00

Town Budget projected revenue - \$3,970,367.00 (\$100,000 higher than last year).

WPCD Budget - \$4,113,831.00 (other money comes from connection fees, septic disposal etc.).

2020 = \$430 rate

Residential – 4,933 units, \$430 rate; \$2,121,190.00.

Seniors – 148 units; \$368 rate; \$54,464.00 (income levels allow for rate to be frozen).

Commercial – 197,627.8 units; @ \$4.28 rate; \$845,847.16

Commercial – 40 units at \$430 rate; \$17,200.

Commercial rates are based on water usage from RWA records.

Revenue - \$3,980,017.36; less deductions of \$20,859.90.

Projected Revenue - \$3,970,367.00

CCI – the flow numbers being used are from December 2010 through July 2020 and are actual numbers; September and October numbers will be available soon; **projected total CCI flow numbers is (MG);** Total CCF is 224,807.5.

WPCD Control Fund Budget – the Town Manager recommended revenue is \$4,113,831 from sewer revenues; FY2020 appropriation was \$3,970,367, or about \$100,000 less. The WPCD must raise about \$87,000 more revenue this year.

Please note that I did not repeat transcription from September 2020 meeting Page 3 paragraphs 2 through Page 4 and Page up to OLD BUSINESS.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Calvary Life Church

Mr. Perrotti changed the order of agenda items.

Discussion

It was reported that Mr. Gancarz submitted a letter to Calvary Life Church with an option to amend the sewer bill for thirty days. WPCA policy is to follow the lead of the Regional Water Authority (RWA) by offering a one-time forgiveness to the Church for errant flows. Once the offer is used it cannot be used again.

MOTION by Mr. Dievert, Jr.; seconded by Mr. Urbano.

MOVED to request that the Gancarz letter be included in the meeting packet for November 2020 and emailed to the Commission members.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present

b. Cheshire Craft Brewing Capacity Fee of \$8,200

Discussion

There is no change in the size of the meter and the applicant has not increased the size of the meter, therefore, no fee should be assessed. The building permit was not held up based on the error that was made.

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

MOVED that the WPCA recognize the error made of \$8,200 for the application fee and that it be deleted.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 30, 2020

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

MOVED to accept and approve the minutes of September 30, 2020 subject to corrections, deletions, additions.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**NOVEMBER 18, 2020 MEETING – 7:00 P.M. AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
(Public Hearing included)**

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Scannell; seconded by Mr. Urbano

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Dawn Guite, Substitute Recording Secretary