

MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY (WPCA) MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2014, AT 7:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410.

Present

Timothy Pelton, Chairman; Ken Cianci, Mark Kasinskas, John Perrotti, Thomas Scannell.

Staff: Dennis Dievert, Superintendent, WWTP

Guest: David Schrumm, Town Council and Don Chelton, AECOM

ROLL CALL

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

The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Pelton read the emergency evacuation notice.

1. Public Communications

None.

2. Applications

3. Projects

Chairman Pelton distributed a handout/summary sheet on the contingency plan and payments to date, and noted some of the numbers are the same. He informed the Authority members that Town Engineer Gancarz suggested some of the PCB numbers are high, and that quotes have not been received for the additional removal work, with \$250,000 carried forward for the unknowns.

Page 3 – Handout. The change orders have the numbers for the PCB removal, and there is \$264,000 for current estimated contingency.

Mr. Chelton reported that Mr. Gancarz identified any used funds in the influent project, \$100,000+.

Mr. Pelton believes this is the IPS Transfer number - \$139,000.

Page 2 – Handout. This is a monthly summary sheet of tracking major items in the project; much of the consultant number has been absorbed for PBC services; other items are running under budget or not in the area to be funded out at this point

With regard to the consultation budget, Mr. Chelton advised the primary reason for the costs are the PCBs, about \$75,000, and it could be higher. The bottom line is approval received from EPA for encapsulation in the EPA letter of September 4, 2014. The remediation plan was submitted (removal of PCBs, paint, caulking and materials mostly

on block walls). There were still some PCBs remaining in the block walls because they did not get absorbed into these materials, and EPA was testing the grounds about taking down the building. AECOM built a case that the remaining PCBs in the walls could encapsulate, be under control, and EPA agreed to this plan, which comes with some conditions. Mr. Chelton outlined the conditions which have associated costs and long term commitment. For the EPA approval, the Town must accept the conditions of the approval in 10 days, and Mr. Gancarz sent a letter to EPA accepting the conditions of the approval.

EPA Letter – Mr. Chelton referred to item #15 (a) and read it into the record. Once the encapsulation is completed, a wipe test must be performed as specified.

#16 - The Town will have to develop and submit a long term monitoring plan which must be from an accredited lab. The Town is using Hygenics for testing now. AECOM will develop the plan for EPA submittal.

#22 - The Town must come up with a detailed monitoring and maintenance plan; this must include items 22 b, a communication component for users and training for staff.

#22 e – EPA determines activities required under the MMP until EPA says they can stop. There must be a deed restriction to the building which will involve legal assistance and technical help.

#29 – The final completion report must be submitted to EPA.

Mr. Chelton explained that the EPA letter indicates there will be significant consultant time and effort (AECOM) involved for the plan, so the costs will continue. AECOM will work on the final completion report, MMP plan, development of the deed restriction. At this time the cost of this effort cannot be estimated, but a budgetary figure may be possible rather than a firm number. The work will be done in boiler plate form by a lower level staff person, not AECOM management. Mr. Chelton stated there are concerns about impact on the bottom line.

Page #1 Handout – The Authority Members briefly reviewed this tracking page with no comments or concerns.

Chairman Pelton moved 3b to the end of the Project agenda item.

a. AECOM invoice #37471743 dated 9/9/14 in the amount of \$85,143.45

MOTION by Mr. Scannell; seconded by Mr. Cianci.

MOVED to approve payment of AECOM invoice #37471743 dated 9/9/14 in the amount of \$85,143.45.

Discussion

Mr. Gancarz has reviewed this invoice and recommended it for payment. It is item #4 on the summary sheet; it includes consultation, shop drawings.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

c. Carlin Change Order No. 6 in the amount of \$89,610.22

MOTION by Mr. Scannell; seconded by Mr. Pelton.

MOVED to approve payment of Carlin Change Order No. 6. in the amount of \$89,610.22.

Discussion

This is a change order for removal of PCBs at the IPS. Mr. Chelton said it is just to take out the PCBs with the remediation company taking paint and caulking off and scraping walls. The budget is \$89,000, could be more, and there are separate change orders to track the cost by building. This is the same as the Digester Building, which were less than budgeted.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

d. Carlin Change Order No. 7 in the amount of \$93,430.65

MOTION by Mr. Scannell; seconded by Mr. Cianci.

MOVED to approve payment of Carlin Change Order No. 6. in the amount of \$93,430.65

Discussion

This is the quote for PCB removal in the Operations Building, item #2 on the summary sheet, and has the same conditions, time and materials.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

e. Carlin Change Order No. 8 in the amount of (\$42,475.58)

MOTION by Mr. Scannell; seconded by Mr. Kasinskas.

MOVED to approve Carlin Change Order No. 8 in the amount of (\$42,475.58).

Discussion

This is a favorable number, and Mr. Pelton said there are a number of change order items, some up and some down, but the net is \$42,000 reduction.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

b. Carlin Contracting Co. pay estimate #10 dated 8/31/14 in the amount of \$1,471,040.20

MOTION by Mr. Scannell; seconded by Mr. Cianci.

MOVED to approve payment of Carlin Contracting Co. pay estimate #10 dated 8/31/14 in the amount of \$1,471,040.20.

Discussion

Mr. Chelton stated this is the monthly estimate, in the range of \$1.5 million. Major equipment was delivered to the site, and there is activity going on everywhere on site. There are no delays, and everything is on schedule showing no problems.

Mr. Pelton noted this item is #5 on the summary sheet, and includes digester covers, FST #2 back on line, FST #1 being worked on, digester interior being painted, PST #4 back on line, completion of the Admin Building in October, Emergency Generator Building, chemical tanks on site, UV units on site. He stated Mr. Gancarz has recommended this for approval.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Update on Construction Progress

Supt. Dievert stated that every section of the plant is being worked on; the building housing the screen and wash factor is being built; the canopy is being power washed and painted; #4 primary clarifier is down again, is still leaking. There is work on the hot water piping; covers are being welded and almost done.

The Digester Admn. Building has floors done in the two rest rooms; all hardware is in for the insulation of equipment; offices are painted; work is being done on drop ceiling; and electrical and plumbing work is ongoing. The generator is in the Generator Building, but not much is going on. The phosphorous building is at a halt waiting for the roof to be installed, and filters to go in, and the roof is needed before winter.

Mr. Dievert cited his concern about no boiler or burner to heat the building, but noted lots of work is going on. A temporary heater might be needed. There are concerns about sulphite pumps which went off twice last week.

Mr. Pelton reported that the August flow was the lowest in 10 years.

It was stated by Mr. Perrotti that with moving equipment there cannot be a shut down. He commented on red flagging electric safety. He asked that the contractors have a detailed plan of what they are doing, how it is being done from an electric safety perspective due to the large risks associated with this work. There should be the right safety gear worn, and a specific plan should be in place reviewed by AECOM.

Mr. Pelton stated that in working with CL&P, Mr. Gancarz expects there could be a rebate or credit of some sort. At this time there is no definite information.

According to Mr. Chelton, AECOM has submitted a great deal of information to CL&P for calculation to determine a rebate, with the amount uncertain. Mr. Chelton advised that the plan and hope is to have the Admin. Building available for occupancy in mid-November, and meetings could be held in the new conference room.

5. TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT

a. PCB Update

This issue was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Pelton informed the Authority members that the CCI report on I&I is down, and Mr. Gancarz is looking at the report. More information will be available next month. The prison is broken down into five zones, with two areas of concern to be looked at. The inspection was a metering camera inspection.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Set date for bi-weekly meeting

Chairman Pelton commented on bi-weekly meetings being successful, and the question on whether to keep them going, have subcommittees to discuss sump pumps or I&I. The WPCA would have to work with Janet Ray in the PW office to proceed in this direction for appropriate posting of meetings.

b. Sump Pump Subcommittee

At the last bi-weekly meeting, duties and assignments were made. Mr. Pelton will research identification of funds for homeowners to modify illegal sump pumps. Mr. Bowman will prepare a reasonable and balanced price to afford each homeowner to make corrections. Mr. Carroll will work on the ordinance for Public Works staff to examine homes involved in a real estate/property transfer for a look at sump pumps. Mr. Kasinskas and Mr. Scannell will use I&I data and GIS mapping to identify high probability of sump pump usage in town to develop target areas. Mr. Perrotti and Mr. Cianci will work on sump pump inspection protocol as part of a public education campaign. Each subcommittee will proceed on their own. WPCA will continue to get its arms around sump pumps and have a cognitive common sense to attacking the problem.

The Tax Assessor's office has information on people who have sump pumps, and Mr. Chelton noted these people file for abatement on their taxes. For the investigation a few years ago, he said this was the base list from which AECOM worked.

Chairman Pelton stated the WPCA will look at every resource to target high probability areas of examination.

A report was given by Mr. Pelton on his discussion with Town Manager Milone on continued use of Attorney Lord for the WPCA. Town Manager Milone prefers the WPCA use legal representation from Murtha & Cullina, the Town Attorney firm. WPCA will be seeing a new attorney, will meet this person, and have discussions when the attorney arrives on the scene. Mr. Pelton noted that Attorney Lord was retained for the

W.S. Development involvement, and his invoice for his services will be the last intervention with the Authority.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Letter from Chesprocott dated September 2, 2014

Letter is in the packet.

b. Set date for Town Council tour of WPCP

Following a brief discussion on this tour, the Authority members and Councilor Schrumm settled on the date of Tuesday, October 7th, 5 p.m. for the tour of the treatment plant. Everyone in attendance must wear a hard hat and appropriate shoes.

c. Approval of minutes

i. Regular Meeting of August 27, 2014

ii. Special Meeting of September 9, 2014.

MOTION by Mr. Pelton; seconded by Mr. Scannell

MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 27, 2014 subject to corrections, additions, deletions.

Correction: Page 3, 4 c should read "Synagrow".

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

MOTION by Mr. Pelton; seconded by Mr. Perrotti.

MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2014 subject to corrections, additions, deletions.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOVED to adjourn the Regular Meeting of September 24, 2014 at 8:20 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk