

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015 AT
7:30 P.M. AT THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, CHESHIRE STREET,
CHESHIRE CT 06410.**

Present

Chairman Tim Pelton; John Perrotti, Vice Chairman; Matthew Bowman, Steve Carroll,
Mark Kasinskas, Tom Scannell

Absent: Ken Cianci

Staff: Dennis Dievert, Superintendent WWTP

Guest: Don Chelton, AECOM

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.

Chairman Pelton read the emergency evacuation notice.

Chairman Pelton commented on it being a pleasure to meet at the new plant conference room.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Gancarz reported on expected communication from a person owning a hydroponics' farm on East Johnson Avenue. Since industrial/commercial properties are billed on a water usage basis, this person wants a good meter to reduce the sewer bill. The forthcoming letter will be requesting such a meter.

According to Mr. Pelton these requests are taken on a case-by-case basis, with the WPCA making adjustments.

2. APPLICATIONS

3. PROJECTS

a. AECOM Invoice #22 dated 4-9-15 in the amount of \$75,215.27

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

MOVED that the WPCA approve payment of the AECOM invoice #22 dated 4-9-15 in the amount of \$75,215.27.

Discussion

Mr. Gancarz distributed his monthly summary sheet to the WPCA members.

Mr. Gancarz reviewed the AECOM Contract status as of April 1st. He pointed out the consultant cost is significantly over budget with \$92,000 related to PCBs; shop drawings are running over; the project is 81% done; more change orders are expected but they should decrease going forward. Resident Engineer budget line has \$227,000 left out of \$598,000 budget. Mr. Gancarz will continue to monitor the project, and recommends the invoice for payment.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

- b. Carlin Contracting Co. pay estimate #17 dated 3-31-15 in the amount of \$974,415.03.**

MOTION by Mr. Scannell; seconded by Mr. Carroll.

MOVED that the WPCA approve payment of the Carlin Contracting Co. pay estimate #17 dated 3-31-15 in the amount of \$974,415.03.

Discussion

This is recommended for payment by Mr. Gancarz, who said a significant amount of work has been accomplished, and the largest part of the invoice is related to the Operations Building. The work includes demolition, re-piping, electrical, installation of new walls and ceilings; the header is in for the new blower; influent by-pass was completed last week. Another big hurdle was the UV System which was operational last week. As of May 1st the plant must be disinfecting; there is lots of piping in the Digester Building; there is training on the boilers and UV System; the estimated completion date is October 2015.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Update on Construction.

Supt. Dievert stated the signal was brought from the denitrification system to the UV system; it is working fine now; the UV system was sampled for e coli, and is running on one bank. The last bypass is finished and there will be no more bypasses; and there is someone working in every building at the plant site.

5. TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Gancarz referred to page #2 of his summary report which is the PCB Cost Status. Total cost estimate was about \$700,000; the cost will be lower than this number; items on the list were reviewed; there is hazardous waste in the contract for asbestos and lead paint. PCB Digester expenses of \$156,709, with another \$35,000 for disposal costs. IPS PCB costs are more than expected; \$111,334 expended to date; \$25,000 remaining. OPS Building PCB \$71,000 expended, and there could be another \$15,000

in costs. Temporary Electric Work, \$15,000 remains; estimate could be lower; \$426,000 expended to date, with another \$122,000 in expected costs. Total PCB costs are \$666,000.

Page 3 - as of 4/1/15 the estimated contingency is \$212,882 with 78% contingency expended.

Supt. Dievert spoke with AECOM, and we are going ahead with refurbishing a filter press with use of some contingency funds. There was a \$75,000 furniture allowance, and Supt. Dievert has only spent \$25,000; there will be some upcoming change orders and savings will be higher.

Mr. Gancarz reported that the contractor is ready to finish this project and move ahead after final payment. He informed the WPCA members that Carlin just won a \$150 million project in Hartford, so the company has an incentive to get the treatment plant project completed, and on time.

Regarding the belt presses being held off, Mr. Pelton asked if we are at the point to do one under the contract.

Mr. Gancarz commented on things being conservative, and a decision on the belt presses in June.

Stating his agreement, Mr. Chelton said to wait a few months and get further into the process. Control panels and new meters are in. There will be a written question to Carlin about "go or not go" on the belt presses.

Mr. Gancarz advised about an e-mail from Eversource which is close to approval to start up the generator, which must be on line to run the UV System on May 1st.

CCI Hearing - is scheduled for September; staff will meet with the Town Attorney in May to review some of the exhibits to be used in the case.

Phosphorous - there was a conference call about phosphorous; the bill in the Legislature was revised, and it affects 10 to 15 municipalities. The reimbursement is cut to 35% from 50% for contracts signed by a certain date, and this would not apply to Cheshire. Mr. Gancarz stated that nothing has been heard about this bill since the last conference call.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Letter from Chesprocott dated April 1, 2015.

The letter was reviewed by WPCA members.

Mr. Gancarz commented on the meter at the prison as part of the lawsuit against DOC. Reports from the prison have been forthcoming; the facility is running old and new

meters; and the town received two months worth of data and nothing since then; not much of a variance was shown in these reports.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of March 25, 2015.

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

MOVED that the WPCA approve the minutes of the meeting of March 25, 2015 subject to corrections, additions, deletions.

VOTE The motion passed 5-0-2; Bowman and Kasinskas abstained.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Carroll; seconded by Mr. Kasinskas.

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:


Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk