

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2015 AT
7:30 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT
06410.**

Present

John Perrotti, Vice Chairman; Matthew Bowman, Steve Carroll, Ken Cianci, Mark Kasinskas, Tom Scannell

Absent: Tim Pelton

Staff: Dennis Dievert, Superintendent, WWTP

Guest: David Schrumm, Town Council

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.

Mr. Perrotti read the emergency evacuation notice.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

- 1. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (none)**
- 2. APPLICATIONS (none)**
- 3. PROJECTS**
 - a. AECOM invoice #25 dated July 13, 2015 in the amount of \$78,396.21**

MOTION by Mr. Carroll; seconded by Mr. Scannell

MOVED that the WPCA approve the AECOM invoice #25 dated July 13, 2015 in the amount of \$78,396.21.

Discussion

Mr. Perrotti informed the Authority members he met with Town Engineer Gancarz, reviewed the invoice, and there are no issues. It is recommended for payment.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

- b. Carlin Contracting Co. pay estimate #20 dated June 30,2015 in the amount of \$631,819.98**

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

MOVED that the WPCA approve the Carlin Contracting Co. pay estimate #20 dated June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$631,819.98.

Discussion

Mr. Perrotti informed the Authority members he met with Town Engineer Gancarz, reviewed the invoice, and there are no issues. It is recommended for payment.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

c. Carlin Contracting Co. Change Order #17 in the amount of \$39,944.70

MOTION by Mr. Carroll; seconded by Mr. Scannell

MOVED that the WPCA approve the Carlin Contracting Co. Change Order #17 in the amount of \$39,944.70.

Discussion

Mr. Perrotti noted there is a big credit of \$10,215.59 due to Carlin paying for the electrical used during construction.

Supt. Dievert explained that Carlin was using the meter during its work at the site, and he found this out. The owner of Carlin Contracting agreed to pay these costs.

There is about \$32,000 in this invoice for PCB work. From a change order perspective, the items are small.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Update on Construction Progress

Supt. Dievert stated the construction is going well; the Influent Building is getting a large share of the work at this time; there is base coating done for the paving work; no sidewalk yet; and the project is on time. The UV System is working very well. Many of the processes at the plant are starting up. Phosphorous reduction taking place the next few weeks before shutting down for the winter. Mr. Dievert wants to insure everything is ready to go for next year. New quotes are coming in on the belt filter presses.

5. TOWN ENGINEER'S REPORT

In the absence of Town Engineer Gancarz, the report was given by Mr. Perrotti.

Current estimated contingency is \$106,704.95; the project is 89% completed; 78% of contingency has been expended. He discussed the belt filter presses with Mr. Gancarz this week, and quotes are being received, showing a considerable increase in prices. Mr. Perrotti asked if there is anything to reduce the cost of the belt presses.

Supt. Dievert said with new higher prices for belt presses there are some contingencies put in place, i.e. a crack. It is money that may not have to be spent and we are still negotiating about this. Time is needed to dismantle the presses and put them back together again...and he said we do have time on our side.

Mr. Bowman asked that the WPCA look into the remodeling of the high school locker room project. There are two outside drains connected to the sewer (in the stair wells), and they should be checked out. He believes there is a storm sewer going into the road.

The Authority was informed by Supt. Dievert that he would review this issue with PW Director Noewatne who is involved with the high school locker room project.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Letter from Chesprocott dated June 30, 2015.

Authority members reviewed the summary from Chesprocott, noting a fair amount of activity for repairs and failures. Mr. Perrotti commented on Wiese Road, which could have a series of problems. Chesprocott has many new staff members and they are catching up on things, and the systems noted in the summary are older systems.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of June 24, 2105

MOTION by Mr. Bowman; seconded by Mr. Scannell.

MOVED to accept and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 24, 2015 subject to corrections, additions, deletions.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Mr. Carroll commented on the West Johnson Pump Station as a project in the Five Year Capital Expenditure Plan, and noted it will be on the Council CEP agenda of August 18th. He asked about the importance of this pump station and the impact of moving it out another year in the CEP.

Supt. Dievert said this pump station is in the north end, and it has been moved out many years in the CEP. This station has inefficient pumping, the generator is 40 years old, the pumps are aging, and work on this station should not be put off any longer. The design of the station is done and ready to go.

Councilor Schrumm asked whether the West Johnson pump station should be done before the Cook Hill station. Currently, West Johnson is in the 2nd year of the CEP, and the question is whether to move it into year #1. If so, the project would go out to bid in Fall 2015, with work starting in the next calendar year.

It was recommended by Supt. Dievert that the West Johnson station be done before the Cook Hill station. He said the plant construction work will end in October or November, and it would be good to do the West Johnson station at the end of the year.

In 2018, the Town goes into the permanent financing of the \$32 million for the treatment plant project, and Mr. Schrumm said it will be a huge hit to debt service. There is some money set aside so the spike is not too big, but he does not see the West Johnson pump station being pushed out too far in the CEP. He asked about the time frame for starting the work for this station.

The issue of the design plans for the West Johnson Pump Station being ready to go, and any significant revisions, was raised by Mr. Kasinskas.

According to Supt. Dievert the plans do not need revisions, but it will be a 6 month process with start of work next year.

Mr. Carroll pointed out that even with due diligence, it would take the better part of 12 months before a shovel is in the ground.

WPCA members were requested to attend the Town Council Budget Committee meeting on August 18th to discuss the West Johnson Avenue Pump Station Project in the CEP.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Bowman; seconded by Mr. Carroll

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk