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MINUTES
Water Pollution Control Authority Meeting
April 22, 2015

The Trumbull Water Pollution Control Authority held their monthly meeting, on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Long Hill Room, Town Hall, 5866 Main Street, Trumbull, Connecticut.

Members Present:

Jeffrey Wright, Chairman
Fred Palmieri, Vice Chairman
Laura Pulic (arrived 7:20)
John Gray
Paul Whetstone, Alternate
Richard Boggs, Alternate

Also Present:

Frank M. Smeriglio, PE, Town Engineer
Dennis Kokenos, Esq. Town Attorney (arrived 7:20)
Christine Kurtz, Wright-Pierce

Members Absent:

Timothy Hampford

The Chairman called the April 22, 2015 meeting of the WPCA to order at 7:03 p.m. New alternate Richard Boggs was introduced and welcomed.

3. New Business.

607 Booth Hill Road: 4 lot sub-division. Jim Swift engineer for the applicant Mark Tice was present and said the project is off Booth Hill Road above Strobel Road and there are sewers in the area. It is being developed with a proposed roadway for four lots and a sanitary sewer extension. The plans and drawings were reviewed and he indicated where the sanitary sewer runs to the new cul-de-sac and as it comes down into Booth Hill Road they will be dropping a new manhole on top of the existing line. It will be gravity lines to the houses and about 230 feet of new sewer line. Frank said this project is still going through the subdivision process, they went through inland/wetlands and received approvals and are now going for planning and zoning approvals. Our engineering department issued a review letter of the project with comments on the inland/wetlands level and comments at the planning and zoning level which are general comments in regards to the plans and constructability. He said the engineering department gave our endorsement as long as the items on the list of constructability items are addressed. One of the items is that they had to come before the WPCA for connection approval. He noted the Commission's approval is contingent on them addressing his items and getting the subdivision approval. Once they get their subdivision approval, because where they are tying into there is an assessment on the neighborhood, he will go through it and divvy up what the assessment would be on all four properties. As part of the existing project this was one lot so they were assessed for up to an acre property and all the excess area above and beyond the one acre really is not assessed. The initial lot will still have the same assessment and the additional three lots, in his opinion, using the assessment formula that number is generally going to be \$24,339.00 plus \$500.00. Also, because the owner is installing sewer line from Booth Hill to the cul-de-sac he believes from that number of \$24,339.00 plus \$500.00 for the three lots we should subtract out the cost of the

sewer line that the owner is going to install. Jim Swift summarized the site topography, brook area and the lot size request that was submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals and approved to reduce the lot area from one acre to 3500 square feet. The total acreage is 5.4 acres with dedicated open space area. Mr. Swift explained they are negotiating now with somebody to take over the open space. Frank noted the Commission is only voting on allowing them to connect into the sewer system on Booth Hill Road subject to his approval of the conditions and subject to Planning and Zoning approval. Once that is approved then we start the assessment process. What he will propose to the board is one lot remains the same as part of the existing project and the additional three lots the magnitude of what the assessment is going to be is \$24,339.00 plus \$500.00 per lot minus the cost of the owner's sewer line. The cost of the sewer line will be determined as part of the bonding process. MOTION made Palmieri seconded Whetstone to accept the proposal before us subject to the conditions previously stated as well as approval by Planning and Zoning. No discussion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1. Minutes to previous meetings.

There being no questions, comments or modifications to the March 25, 2015 Minutes, MOTION made Palmieri seconded Wright to accept the March 25, 2015 Minutes as presented. No discussion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Commissioner Palmieri recommended to table Old Business at this time. MOTION made Wright seconded Palmieri to defer Agenda item 2 Old Business 72 Old Dike Road until Attorney Kokenos is present. No discussion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Wright Pierce. Christine Kurtz informed the commission that the Phase 2 studies that were performed over the last two to three years which is the SSES evaluations have been approved by the State. So, in essence the first two of three steps of what was required as part of the NOV are complete and the last step is starting to implement them. Within a week she will get the design to Frank to review and then they will also get it to the State for review. The plan is to put it out to bid as soon as possible for this construction season. We are moving ahead and this is one of the first steps in fixing the system. It is pipe and manhole rehab and cost effective rehab where you don't repair everything you repair what is a big enough leak where the cost of treating is more than rehab. Commissioner Palmieri asked Ms. Kurtz to bring Richard Boggs current on what is being discussed. She provided a synopsis of the work Wright Piece is providing for the Town as a result of a pump station overflow and requirements from the State relating to the overflow. She also summarized the sewer collection system, infiltration into the system, heavy rain events, studies, findings, flow, treatment and rehab. Discussion followed. Chairman Wright asked Ms. Kurtz to obtain the following information and get back to the commission:

- During the calendar year how much flow does Bridgeport process versus how much is the billable total number?
- During a 12 month period of time how much is that plant processing that is coming in from Trumbull and how much of that total gross number is actually a billable number? What is the difference in the spread?
- Same situation for Bridgeport - how much are they processing through Bridgeport piping, the gross gallon number, versus what they are billing out to their users as well?
- How much is the plant processing that they should not be processing?
- Gross processing amounts versus billable amounts.

Commissioner Pulie and Attorney Kokenos joined the meeting.

2. Old Business.

72 Old Dike Road – Assessment. Frank Smeriglio said about eight months we had a public hearing for 72 Old Dike Road. We heard the owner who came to speak and had questions. We closed the public hearing and Frank recommended not to vote on that day because the owner had questions and wanted some background information so we tabled it. He met with the owner, went through the background information and history of this being two lots that was made into three lots. The current owner had questions about whether the previous owner knew about a potential assessment. Frank had to find out from the assistant sewer administrator what the history was between his conversation and the previous owner's conversation. The assistant sewer administrator was sick and on long term disability so it took some time for him to be able to speak on this and then he placed this back on the agenda. On Monday he informed the owner this was back on the agenda to vote on the assessment and the owner requested to speak at the meeting and he told him the public hearing was closed. Frank spoke with Attorney Kokenos and he is able to come and request to speak and it is up to the commission whether to allow him or not. But, because he was called on Monday, he asked for a little more time to go through the history and requested to have it put it on the May agenda so he could come and request to speak. Frank recommended to table it to May. Commissioner Palmieri asked if it is feasible to push this back to next month and should we be talking to the owner? Attorney Kokenos said next month is fine and at this point he just asked to be heard by the commission so as long as the commission is willing to listen it's fine. Brief discussion followed and the Chairman recommended to do it in May. Frank explained the issue was that there were questions we had to ask Joe, he was sick, he was doing therapy and that took time to talk to him. We normally go through the assessment process in the spring so we can do our billing July 1st so May is fine. MOTION made Palmieri seconded Pulie to table discussion of 72 Old Dike Road sewer assessment until the May WPCA meeting. No discussion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. New Business.

Owens, Schine & Nicola Monthly Invoices:

The Commissioners reviewed the invoices.

Invoice 14048: Bridgeport Regionalization Sewer Agreement - \$2,500.00. There being no comments or questions,

MOTION made Wright seconded Palmieri to approve and pay Owens, Schine & Nicola invoice 14048 in the amount of \$2,500.00. No discussion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Invoice 14049: Mark IV – Contract 4 Litigation – Defense \$1,640.00. There being no comments or questions, MOTION made Wright seconded Palmieri to approve and pay Owens, Schine & Nicola invoice 14049 in the amount of \$1,640.00. No discussion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Executive Session.

MOTION made Wright seconded Pulie to move into executive session to discuss preliminary drafts and/or notes as set forth by C.G.S. 1-210(b)(1) and/or discuss with the Town Attorney strategy and negotiations with respect to pending litigation as defined by 1-200(6) and/or to discuss attorney client-privileged information as set forth by 1-210 relating to the following:

- Mark IV – Contract 3 and Contract 4
- Regionalization and/or re-negotiation of Bridgeport Sewer Treatment Contract
- 25 Dogwood Lane

No discussion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Remaining in the executive session will be Fred Palmieri, Laura Pulie, Jeffrey Wright, John Gray, Paul Whetstone, Frank Smeriglio, Richard Boggs, Attorney Dennis Kokenos and Christine Kurtz.

At 7:30 p.m. the tape recorder was turned off, the clerk left the room and the Commission went into executive session.

At 8:42 p.m. the clerk was called back into the room and the recorder was turned on.

MOTION made Wright seconded Palmieri to close executive session at 8:42 p.m. and state that no vote was taken. No discussion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION made Palmieri seconded Pulie to reopen the regular meeting. No discussion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Any other business that may come before the Authority.

Chairman Wright inquired about the progress in hiring an additional engineer. Frank Smeriglio said we have twelve applicants and we have to interview either the top five or all twelve. He thinks human resources is hesitant in rating the twelve to bring it down to five so we may be interviewing all twelve. In response to questions pertaining to which department would rank and rate the applicants he said human resources does it. He explained we are looking to hire an additional engineer which is an additional employee that we approved. Then what happens next is we have Joe Solemene's position to fill, so there's going to be two positions. Brief discussion included qualifications, GIS experience, requirements, ranking, reviewing applications/résumés and interviewing procedures.

There being no other business before the Authority,

MOTION made Palmieri seconded Pulie to adjourn the meeting of April 22, 2015 at 8:46 p.m. No discussion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by,

Joyce Augustinsky
Clerk of the Commission