

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
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MINUTES
Water Pollution Control Authority Meeting
July 22, 2015

The Trumbull Water Pollution Control Authority held their monthly meeting, on Wednesday, June 24, 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
John Gray
Richard Boggs, Alternate (arrived 7:17)

Members Absent:

Timothy Hampford
Laura Pulic
Paul Whetstone, Alternate

Also Present:

Frank M. Smeriglio, PE, Town Engineer
Dennis Kokenos, Esq. Town Attorney
Vicki Tesoro, Town Council
Andrew Palo, Board of Finance
Roy Molgard, Board of Finance

The chairman welcomed everyone and opened the July 22, 2015 regular meeting of the WPCA at 7:10 p.m.

1. Minutes to previous meetings.

Chairman Wright asked if anyone had any comments, questions or concerns regarding the June 24, 2015 Minutes. There being no questions, comments or modifications,

MOTION Palmieri seconded Gray to accept the June 24, 2015 Minutes as presented. No discussion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

After reviewing the July 7, 2015 special meeting minutes and there being no questions or comments,

MOTION Palmieri seconded Wright to accept the July 7, 2015 Minutes as presented. No discussion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Old Business. None

3. New Business.

254 Shelton Road: sub-division sewer connections. Frank Smeriglio indicated the owners' representative is here to speak. Chris Russo with Quatrella and Rizio, 1 Post Road, Fairfield, Connecticut was present representing the owners of the property. He went over the plans for the four lot subdivision and explained this is a 4.83 acre lot that has one approved sewer connection. The plans show four sewer lines including the one that is already

approved and they are looking for approval for the other three connections. He has approvals for the subdivision from planning and zoning and inland/wetlands. Frank Smeriglio explained when Contract 4 was constructed this property was one lot and it was assessed up to maximum of one lot. Now that they are subdividing the applicant is seeking the commission's approval to allow the other three lots to connect into the sewer. The next process is when they come in for a building permit we will initiate the assessment process. The assessments for the properties will be done similar as to Contract 4 but what will be subtracted out of the assessment is the owner's cost to run a sewer main up the new road. Then we go through the numbers, have a public hearing and set the assessments for the additional three properties. The approval tonight would be to allow them to connect into the sewer lines. Mr. Russo said the proposed sewer connections will not affect the wetlands and it is all outside of the wetlands boundary. There will be a separate road and they will be installing a main along the road and laterals to the properties. Mr. Russo thanked the commission.

The chairman asked for any thoughts and the vice chairman wanted clarification of what exactly the commission is being asked to vote on. Frank Smeriglio explained they are voting to allow those three properties to connect into our sewer lines. He reiterated there is one assessment for the property as a whole before it was subdivided. So now there are four lots and he is allowed to tie one lot into the sewer system and he is asking for approval for the additional three. In follow up and relating to his recent discussion with Frank the vice chairman made the following motion:

MOTION made Palmieri seconded Wright that the Commission allow connection to the town sewer lines for the additional three lots as proposed on Shelton Road. No discussion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2440 Reservoir Avenue and Woodside Avenue: proposed sewer connection. Frank Smeriglio said this item can actually be removed from the Agenda. They were seeking approvals to connect. This is also a subdivision, but they received approvals about a year ago. They submitted their plans again thinking they needed approval and we realized they already had the approval from a year ago. So for this matter there are no items to discuss.

Chairman Wright noted for the record alternate Richard Boggs joined the meeting at 7:17.

Operating budget – miscellaneous transfers. Frank Smeriglio summarized needed operating budget transfers and went over the five line items and his spreadsheet regarding the transfers.

Five line items in our operating budget that we need to do transfers for:

1. \$7,000.00 to salaries-overtime
 - We had an employee who was out sick for about a year so there were other numerous employees that had to work out of class and that out of class comes out of overtime. There were also night call outs for sewer pump station work.
2. \$1,000.00 to communications-legal
 - We had an increase in our legal notices for various assessments
3. \$35,000.00 maintenance/repair program
 - This has to do with repairs to our pump stations. Whether they are electrical repairs, circuit breakers, pumps – there are about a thousand parts in each one of the pump stations.
4. \$8,000.00 extraordinary items
 - This has to do with repairs to our sewer mains. Unforeseen repairs to our sewer mains throughout the year.
5. \$16,000.00 Capital outlay
 - In this item we list about five or six tasks in our budget and again because we had an employee who was out sick over the year there were more fees that we had to pay for project management services.

Two accounts the money will be taken from:

1. \$43,000.00 from our salaries/permanent
2. \$24,000.00 from our service & fees professional

He noted all the money is already in our budget we are just reallocating funds. He also explained there are four or five line items that have to do with utilities and we still have two months of bills to receive. So what will happen is our finance department will handle all the transfers related to utilities and all the numbers are not in for that yet, but there will be some transfers required for utilities. The commission needs to approve the transfer requests stated in his letter so that it can go to the next step which would be the Board of Finance.

MOTION made Palmieri seconded Gray that the fund transfers as presented before the WPCA Commission be accepted as presented. No discussion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Monthly Invoices:

Owens, Schine & Nicola Monthly Invoices: Attorney Kokenos provided the commissioners with copies of the following invoices. The commissioners reviewed the invoices.

Invoice 14172 – Mark IV - Contract 4 Litigation - \$2,840.00. Chairman Wright noted it is self-explanatory and straight forward. There being no comments or questions,

MOTION made Palmieri seconded Gray to accept invoice 14172 from Owens, Schine & Nicola – motion amended as follows:

MOTION made Wright seconded Palmieri to approve Owens, Schine & Nicola invoice 14172 for the sum total of \$2,840.00. No discussion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Invoice 14173 - Bridgeport Regionalization Sewer Agreement - \$5,050.00. There being no comments or questions,

MOTION made Wright seconded Palmieri to pay Owens, Schine & Nicola invoice 14173 for the amount \$5,050.00. No discussion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Executive Session.

MOTION made Wright seconded Palmieri to move into executive session at 7:24 p.m. 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

Remaining in the execution session will be Fred Palmieri, Richard Boggs, John Gray, Jeffrey Wright, Frank Smeriglio, Town Board of Finance members Roy Molgard and Andrew Palo, Town Council member Vicki Tesoro and Attorney Dennis Kokenos. No discussion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

At 7:24 p.m. the tape recorder was turned off, the clerk left the room and the Commission went into executive session.

At 8:25 p.m. the clerk was called back into the room and the recorder was turned on.

MOTION made Palmieri seconded Gray to close executive session and state that no vote was taken. No discussion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION made Palmieri seconded Gray to reopen the regular meeting at 8:26 p.m. No discussion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Wright asked if there was any other business to be discussed. There being no other business before the Authority,

MOTION made Palmieri seconded Gray to adjourn the meeting of July 22, 2015 at 8:27 p.m. No discussion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by,

Joyce Augustinsky

Clerk of the Commission