

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Town of Trumbull

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Water Pollution Control Authority June 24, 2009

In attendance:

George Biagioni, Chairman
Jack Goncalves, Vice Chairman
Donald Aiello, Secretary
Janine Salvey
Karen Egri, Alternate
Timothy Hampford, Alternate

Also In Attendance:

Joseph Solemene, W.P.C.A. Coordinator
Neil Lieberthal, Town Attorney
John A. Del Vecchio, Public Works Director
Stephen M. Savarese PE/LS, Town Engineer
Clair Garard, Public Works Inspector

Chairman Biagioni called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES TO PREVIOUS MEETING:

- **Motion (GONCALVES) seconded (SALVEY) to approve the minutes of May 27 and June 3, 2009 as written. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

PROGRESS REPORT:

Mr. Garard gave the following report:

This month includes paving of Marathon Road, milling and paving on Daniels Farm Road, milling of Hurd Road, finished the easement with grass seed and hay, put all the barriers back and blocked everything off; put guard rails at the end of Ranch Drive. The Jog Hill Extension is completed, Booth Hill Road will be paved tomorrow (June 25). Chain barrier to entrance of greenbelt has been cut several times; therefore Highway Department installed a steel gate. Chairman Biagioni requested a map be included with all future progress reports.

INVOICE APPROVAL:

Mark IV Construction Co., Inc. – Phase IV, Part B, Contract 3 (Jog Hill) – Application #25 in the amount of \$298,022.15. Chairman Biagioni asked for an explanation of Change Order #8 for \$10,674. Mr. Garard replied it is easement restoration at the bottom of Ranch Drive and Marathon Road that leads to Greenbrier Road. This item was not included in original contract. Chairman Biagioni indicated to Mr. Del Vecchio the cost of traffic men runs \$64 to \$95 per hour. Mr. Del Vecchio assured the Commission he will speak to the Chief of Police about the cost.

- **Motion (EGRI) seconded (GONCALVES) to approve for payment Phase IV, Part B, Contract 3, Invoice #25 in the amount of \$298,022.15. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mark IV Construction Co., Inc. – Phase IV, Part B, Contract 4 (Huntington Road) – Application #3, in the amount of \$169,837.86. Mr. Solemene stated we started construction with a purchase order for \$850,000. We are \$215,000 over. Mr. Del Vecchio explained it was in the Town's best interest to install our sewers now when we don't have obstructions in our way had the State done their work and we came in after them. It is a lot less costly at this time. Plus we save on the final paving. Originally we were told we wouldn't need to install temporary paving, but the State decided they didn't want to leave the road in that condition. Another reason for the increase is the cost of traffic men, currently at a total of \$53,798.51.

- **Motion (GONCALVES) seconded (AIELLO) to approve for payment Phase IV, Part B, Contract 4, Invoice #3 in the amount of \$169,837.86.**

Discussion: Commissioner Egri asked about the \$71,705 in additions, part of which is temporary paving, what is the balance comprised of? Mr. Garard replied additional traffic men. She also asked what is the makeup of the \$200,000+ that needs Board of Finance and Town Council approval. Mr. Garard replied the extra cost is paving, traffic men and extra pipe. Mr. Goncalves asked if we would run into this problem again or is Huntington Road 100% complete. The response was because we won't be widening any roads in the next project, we will not have the same problems as those on Huntington Road.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes from April 22 and May 12 Meetings – Tabled from May meeting.

- **Motion (GONCALVES) seconded (AIELLO) to table approval of the minutes of April 22 and May 12, 2009 until the July meeting. No discussion. Four in favor, one abstention. Motion carried.**

Mark IV Punch List

List distributed by Mr. Solemene. He stated there were a few issues with Mark IV and whether or not to go forward with the North Nichols bid. Items compiled by Mr. Garard. Letter from Tom Della Bitta of Mark IV agreed to follow our recommendations as far as the problems with road cracks and restoration. Mark IV has been very cooperative. Many of the items were raised by homeowners at the April 22 and May 12 public hearings. Mr. Del Vecchio stated a lot of the items are being addressed as we speak. Crack sealing has been hindered by the wet weather, and is scheduled to begin Monday morning. He also stated some of the stress fractures are the same as experienced on other roads in town and not due to settlement. Chairman Biagioni asked about complaints of sinking trenches. Mr. Garard stated these were due to water main breaks.

Invoice #24 – Unpaid Balance

- **Motion (GONCALVES) seconded (EGRI) to approve payment of unpaid balance of \$454,230 on Phase IV, Part B, Contract 3, Invoice #24, based on Mark IV's willingness to correct the problems in the Jog Hill Project. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Bid #5795 North Nichols Project

- **Motion (GONCALVES) seconded (AIELLO) to remove from the table the awarding of Bid #5795 North Nichols Project, tabled at May meeting. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Motion (GONCALVES) seconded (AIELLO) to award the North Nichols Sanitary Sewer Project to Mark IV Construction Company, Inc. as the lowest bidder.**

Discussion followed: The Commissioners discussed at length the problems on the Jog Hill Project and if they feel comfortable awarding the North Nichols Project to Mark IV. They discussed the bid process. The difference between Mark IV and the next lowest bidder is \$2.77 million.

Motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance Charge for Residents with Extension of Time to Connect

Tabled from May meeting. The Commission agreed to continue billing residents with Extension of Time to Connect for maintenance portion of sewer use billing.

Senior Assessment Relief

Item tabled until July meeting. Mr. Solemene will report back with examples of what the cost would be to the applicant.

Old Town Road Pump Station Repair

At the May meeting the Commission gave permission to rebuild the Old Town Road Pump Station. Mr. Solemene went before the Board of Finance for funding. The Board of Finance denied his request. The paper towels were traced to Cooperative Educational Services as the problem has ceased since the end of the school year. The Board of Finance directed Mr. Solemene to have the Town Attorney to send a letter to Cooperative Educational Services demanding they discontinue use of the paper towels that are clogging the pump.

119 White Plains Road Pump Station Emergency Retained Earnings Transfer

Mr. Solemene reported there are two main pumps at the 119 White Plains Road pump station. Two pumps are necessary in the event that one pump breaks down. Grit in the sewage wore a hole in the volute and it needs to be rebuilt by New England Pump. Because it is the end of the fiscal year, there is no money left in the budget for this repair, and will require a funds transfer from Retained Earnings.

- **Motion (EGRI) seconded (GONCALVES) to approve \$23,071 to rebuild the pump at the White Plains Road Pump Station. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Final Decision – Engineering Consulting Company for RFQ/P 5798

Mr. Savarese, Town Engineer, said it is very important to do this study and in terms of the Town's infrastructure and future, the construction of a waste water treatment plant is in the Town's best interest. He said you couldn't go wrong with either Wright Pierce or Weston Sampson. In his opinion Weston Sampson understood the RFP and the challenges more. Mr. Hampford said that both firms are well qualified, though Wright Pierce is focused on permitting, where the plant is located and how to discharge the water. If you want to build a new plant in Connecticut this is what you will have to go through. After further discussion,

- **Motion (SALVEY) seconded (EGRI) to award the feasibility study for a sewage treatment plant to Wright Pierce with the stipulation that a chart be made with identifiable stopping points in the process, as presented and agreed upon in their interview presentation on June 16. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Bridgeport WPCA Sewer User Rate Increase

Mr. Solemene distributed a notice from Bridgeport WPCA of a 3.5% increase in their sewer user rate beginning July 1, 2009. Commissioner Egri has agreed to interface with Finance Director regarding the retained earnings account.

- **Motion (AIELLO) seconded (SALVEY) to approve a public hearing for a sewer user rate increase, to be held on July 22, 2009. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Bridgeport Notice to Terminate Agreement with Trumbull

Mr. Solemene distributed copy of notice from Bridgeport WPCA to terminate their agreement with Trumbull. Information only.

Q&A from Laura Pulie, 2 Quaker Lane

Mr. Solemene distributed copies of Q&A from Laura Pulie of 2 Quaker Lane. Responses to questions will be mailed to Ms. Pulie. Meeting with Ms. Pulie and other representatives of her neighborhood on July 15. Members of WPCA will be invited to attend.

Condemnation of Sanitary Sewer Easement at Parcel 147 Teeter Rock Road

Attorney Lieberthal requested a public hearing be held for condemnation of a sanitary sewer easement at Parcel 147 Teeter Rock Road. Owner is deceased, estate has not been settled.

- **Motion (SALVEY) seconded (GONCALVES) to approve a public hearing to take by eminent domain a sanitary sewer easement at Parcel 147 Lot A Teeter Rock Road owned by I. Anthony Mase, to be held on July 22, 2009. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

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There being no other business before the Authority,

- **Motion (GONCALVES) seconded (EGRI) to adjourn. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Francese
Clerk of the Commission