

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Town of Trumbull

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Minutes
Water Pollution Control Authority
Special Meeting
June 29, 2010

In attendance:

Ennio De Vita
Jack Goncalves
Paul A. Kallmeyer, Vice Chairman
Jeanine Maietta Lynch, Chairman
Laura Pulie
Karen Egri, Alternate
Tim Hampford, Alternate (6:22 p.m.)

Also In Attendance:

Joseph Solemene, Assistant WPCA. Administrator
Stephen M. Savarese, PE/LS, Town Engineer/WPCA
Administrator
Dennis Kokenos, Esq., Town Attorney
Robert Nicola, Esq., Town Attorney
Timothy M. Herbst, First Selectman
Maria Pires, Finance Director
Daniel Nelson, Chief of Staff

Chairman Lynch called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened with five minutes for anyone from the public to speak. There being none, Chairman Lynch invited the First Selectman to address the Commission.

First Selectman Herbst advised the Commission of what the staff has been doing to address the assessments. At the June 23rd meeting a discussion took place as to whether the WPCA could utilize portions of their retained earnings to lower the assessments. After that meeting the First Selectman conferred with the Public Works Director, the Finance Director and the Chief of Staff to determine what method would be more permissible to utilize some of this revenue to lower the assessments. The position has been taken that if we can segregate costs that have been associated with public works improvements versus costs that have been incurred with respect to the installation and expansion of a sanitary sewer line, and segregate those costs in such a way as to take the public works improvements costs out of the total cost of the project and utilize some of the revenue in the retained earnings accounts, then the WPCA would be on better footing to justify applying some of that money because you are separating public works improvements versus cost of installing a sanitary sewer line.

Maria Pires, Finance Director, reported six scenarios developed for the Commission's consideration (copy submitted for the record).

1. Assessment at \$16,489,590 (75% of cost of project) at 3.804% interest rate over 18 years
2. Assessment of \$16,489,590 at 3.804% interest rate over 20 years
3. Cost of project \$21,986,120
Reduced by \$ 975,873 Sidewalk improvements
Adj Cost \$21,010,247
For revised assessment of \$15,757,685 (75% of adjusted cost of project) at 3.804% over 18 years
4. Revised assessment from #3 above at 3.804% interest rate over 20 years
5. Cost of project \$21,986,120
Reduced by \$ 975,873 Sidewalk improvements
Reduced by \$ 1,125,845 Cross Country Lines
Adj cost \$19,884,402
For revised assessment of \$14,913,302 (75% of adjusted cost of project) at 3.804% interest rate over 18 years

6. Revised Assessment from #5 above at 3.804% interest rate over 20 years.

Ms. Pires has contacted the auditors for a balance in the 59 account and the Tax Collector is looking into the actual assessment receivables. The Commission discussed removing some of the cost of public works improvements and costs of the extensive cross country easements.

Following extensive discussion of the scenarios, Chairman Lynch polled the Commissioners to come up with a consensus of the preferential scenario as a general concept and a second concept of where the money will come from.

Commissioner Kallmeyer – no objection to consider \$1.1 million for the cross country and an additional \$600,000 for additional cross country work to come out of the 59 account, total of \$1.7 million. Will not vote in favor of including cost of sidewalks. In favor of expanding payments to 20 years.

Commissioner Pulie – agrees with Mr. Kallmeyer about the cost of the cross country lines, also thinks some of the cost of the permanent paving and the cost of the sidewalks should be removed (\$100,000). Total of \$1.8 million. In favor of expanding payments to 20 years.

Commissioner Goncalves – has a problem with removing the costs of the sidewalks. Agrees with removing the cross country easement costs. In favor of expanding payments to 20 years.

Commissioner Hampford – We should try to lower the assessment as much as possible. Some public works items should be removed. The job was poorly managed, poorly overseen. In favor of expanding payments to 20 years.

Commissioner Egri – Agrees with all. In favor of expanding payments to 20 years.

Commissioner DeVita – Where will the money come from? Commissioner Lynch responded we will need to find out the balance in the 59 account. Will not come from the General Fund. In favor of expanding payments to 20 years.

Chairman Lynch announced that an independent audit needs to be done on both accounts so that the Commission will know what is in the accounts. Mr. Herbst assured the Commission that the 20 and 59 accounts will be audited. Maria Pires will do her best to determine a balance in the accounts, and will get back-up for the costs.

The consensus of the Commission is Scenario #7, which includes 20 year amortization at 3.804%, reduction from the cost of the project of the Cross Country Line of \$1,125,845 and four change orders totaling approximately \$640,000, to be paid from the 59 account.

- **Motion made (LYNCH) seconded (PULIE) to go out of order of the agenda to Item 3, Discuss and approve the engagement of Tighe & Bond as field inspectors and engineers for the North Nichols Contract 4. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Discuss and approve the engagement of Tighe & Bond as field inspectors and engineers for the North Nichols Contract 4

Commissioner Pulie reported Mr. Marsilio met with Tighe & Bond. They have entered into an agreement and will start July 6. Representatives of Tighe & Bond gave an overview of what they propose to do for the North Nichols Contract 4. John Block, Sr. Vice President, handed out a staffing proposal, scope and a schedule. Mr. Block stated it will take three to four weeks to transition from the current Town inspection operation to Tighe & Bond taking over full-time with a full staff. Plans are for a review of the design, visiting the site, digging test pits and checking compaction; daily computerized reports, quantities will be measured every day. Day to day they will be reporting to Steve Savarese and will attend WPCA meetings.

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Letter notifying Mark IV that they need to obtain the DEP Stormwater Discharge Permit for Construction Activities

- **Motion (KALLMEYER) seconded (GONCALVES) that we notify Mark IV that they need to obtain the DEP Stormwater Discharge Permit for Construction Activities. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

There being no other business before the Authority,

- **Motion made (LYNCH) seconded (PULIE) to adjourn. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Francese
Clerk of the Commission