

MINUTES OF MEETING

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

JULY 22, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: C. Robert Sigler, Chairman
Robert Kleffmann
Michael Visnic
Michael Richetelli
Nick Mastrangelo

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Brinton, Town Engineer
Art Williams, Treasurer
Vin Marino, Attorney
Scott Beaney, Veolia North America

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Mark D. Williams
Town Engineer

Chairman Sigler opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

At the beginning of the meeting, Chairman Sigler welcomed Robert Kleffmann back as a commissioner.

Approve minutes of April 22, 2021 meeting: With no discussion needed, a motion to approve the minutes, as presented, was made by Commissioner Richetelli, seconded by Commissioner Mastrangelo and unanimously approved.

Update on operations/maintenance: At this point, Chairman Sigler noted the representative from Veolia was in attendance and asked him to introduce himself to the commission. Mr. Scott Beaney has taken over for Mark Barrows. Mr. Beaney continued with updates on operations and maintenance. Discussion ensued wherein he noted a few issues that occurred recently. One of them was the force main pipe failure that occurred on June 17th. He reported that an odor complaint at So. Lambert Road was received. Veolia called in North Haven Sewer with its excavation equipment to locate the break in the line. Once the break was found, the Indian River pump station as well as Post Road pump station had to be shut down for repairs to be done. Mr. Beaney continued to explain the situation and repair in detail noting that the pump station was back on line the next day. Discussion ensued regarding the problem and what could be done to not have it happen again. Mr. Brinton, Town Engineer, then noted that this repair work cost \$62,000 due to the emergency situation and having North Haven Sewer sending 4 trucks.

Mr. Brinton then noted that during Hurricane Elsa on July 9th the Post Road pump station experienced an excessive amount of rain water and further advised it was necessary to shut down the Indian River pump station force main to be able to take care of this problem.

Chairman Sigler then asked if there were any updates on the Carlson Road situation. Commissioner Kleffmann gave his recollection on Carlson Road activity in the late 80's. Discussion ensued; i.e. whether the WPCA should look into an assessment fee to the private

Owners, look into taking over the ownership of the private sewer, build a new sewer and assess the owners a sewer user fee or formally notify the owners on Carlson Road that the WPCA will no longer address any future sewer problems. Discussion continued wherein Attorney Marino asked the commission how much responsibility would the WPCA want to take on. He further noted that, if this is a West Haven issue, the WPCA would need to do something with them, or does the WPCA want to approach the property owners and work something out with them. Mr. Kleffmann then added that in his research he found a letter sent to the property owners years ago advising that the WPCA will bill them user charges. Commissioner Richitelli questioned what the WPCA could do and what rights we have in situations such as this. Discussion continued. Attorney Marino added there is no agreement on record amongst the property owners, and if there are any issues Orange gets called and takes care of any repairs needed. Mr. Beaney will check out the condition of the Carlson Road pipe. Mr. Williams, Town Treasurer, noted that West Haven has not collected user fees from the owners. At this point, it was agreed that this issue needs to be discussed further at the next meeting.

329 Smith Farm Road: Two individuals (Carol Martin & Bruce Whitaker) representing the development at 329 Smith Farm Road was in attendance to address the Town's appraisal report and advise their intention to get their own appraisal and to ask for a time extension. A short discussion ensued wherein the Commission agreed with the developers' request for more time.

Treasurer's report: Mr. Williams distributed copies of the budget for review and discussion and reported the budget was prepared using the current rate of \$7.95. A general discussion regarding the budget ensued wherein the sewer user fees due West Haven was reviewed. It was agreed to wait and see what West Haven is going to do before finalizing the figures. Mr. Williams noted that, if we go with the budget as estimated with no user fee increase, there is no need for a public hearing. It was agreed by the commissioners that the budget discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.

New Business: No new business to discuss.

With no further business to be addressed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Howard
Recording Secretary

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cc: WPCA Members, Town Treasurer, Town Engineer, Sylvie Napoli