

STAFFORD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting
Veteran's Meeting Room
Monday, March 2, 2009

Members Present:

Francis Finch
Doug Fassett
Doug Minich
James Tantillo
Michael Waugh

Members Absent:

Earl Avery
Paul Burns
Herman Perlot
B. Allen Warren

Also present were Acting Chief Operator Brian Tautic; Steve Dufield of Cuno (3M); and Pete Williams of the Town of Ellington.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Waugh at 5:42 P.M. A quorum was established.

2. INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGE EVALUATION AND SURCHARGE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

A letter was sent Registered Mail to 3M (Cuno) and it was stated by Chairman Waugh that he did not want to institute the surcharge that was prepared by CDM and approved by the WPCA, he was hoping to solve the problem amicably and amongst Cuno and the WPCA.

Mr. Dufield explained the delay in response was because their legal department must get involved in all correspondence. He asked what kind of fiber it was being discharged into the waste stream and also requested a copy of the Final Industrial Discharge Evaluation and Surcharge Development Report.

3. FACILITY PLAN UPGRADE – MONTHLY PROGRESS MEETING

The WPCA has received a letter dated February 9, 2009, from the State DEP approving the Facilities Plan. The bid opening will take place on Thursday, March 5, at 10:00 a.m. for any members that want to attend.

Letters will be mailed to Senator Dodd and Congressman Joe Courtney to request Stimulus money.

4. OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT

Chairman Waugh stated that Mr. Gilbert is working with staff to add polymer to the clarifiers to enhance settling and reduce the load on the filters. The filters are being

evaluated for efficiency by the manufacturer, Leopold, and a report will be forthcoming from them addressing the media bed reduction from 30” to 19 “.

5. USDA / RD LOAN APPLICATION

The WPCA is looking for the entire upgrade of \$15.4 million to be funded entirely by Rural Development. This would mean a 70% loan at 3.625% and 30% grant.

6. MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2009

Chairman Waugh stated that the motion to transfer money to pay for the Rural Development loan application was not properly worded.

Mr. Tantillo made a motion to rescind the following motion and subsequent vote made at the WPCA Regular Meeting, November 3, 2008:

to transfer \$30,000 from the Sewer Reserve for Capital and Non-reoccurring Expenses Passbook and to have Chairman Waugh be authorized to enter into contract for the preparation of the USDA Rural Development – Federal Assistance application preparation. Mr. Fassett seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Mr. Finch seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Mr. Minich made a motion to pay\$30,000 directly from the Sewer Reserve for Capital and Non-reoccurring Expenses Passbook and to have Chairman Waugh be authorized to enter into contract for the preparation of the USDA Rural Development – Federal Assistance application preparation. Mr. Fassett seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Mr. Fassett made a motion to accept the minutes of February 2, 2009. Mr. Finch seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

7. ACTING CHIEF OPERATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Tautic stated there was a sewer blockage on February 22, 2009 on West Main Street that may be the result of grease build up. Chairman Waugh wanted to know how often the grease traps were inspected and it was replied that they are only inspected if there is a known problem. Chairman Waugh suggested that the grease traps at local restaurants be inspected in conjunction with the health inspector on a regular schedule.

Mr. Williams stated that the new FOG’s permit states the each establishment must keep a log where the grease goes and how often it is cleaned.

8. REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

A detailed sheet was distributed to all members.

9. BUDGET FY 2009-2010

A draft was proposed. Chairman Waugh stated the Board of Finance would need a proposed budget as soon as possible for review.

Mr. Minich made a motion to approve the proposed budget, the expenditures totaling \$986,375. This approval is pending any final adjustments and will need to come before WPCA for final approval. Mr. Tantillo seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

10. OLD BUSINESS

A list of delinquent sewer users was distributed totaling approximately \$120,000 in principle. The Authority requested a breakdown of those users who are unresponsive to requests for payment and a plan of action be established.

Mr. Tantillo inquired about the sewer situation of Orcuttville Road. This matter would be addressed once the warmer weather broke.

11. NEW BUSINESS

There was some discussion regarding amending the Ordinance to state that the WPCA is only responsible for the main line, if the sewerage is flowing freely through the main line then any other issues that arise are the homeowners responsibility.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Minich made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 P.M. Mr. Fassett seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jane LaMorte
Office Manager WPCA