

STAFFORD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting
Veteran's Meeting Room
Monday, October 5, 2009

Members Present:

James Tantillo
Francis Finch
Doug Fassett
Doug Minich
Herman Perlot
B. Allen Warren
Michael Waugh

Members Absent:

Paul Burns
Earl Avery

Also present were Superintendent Kevin Leslie, Brian Tautic, Paul Gilbert of CDM, and Peter Williams of the Town of Ellington.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Waugh at 5:34 P.M. A quorum was established.

2. INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGE EVALUATION AND SURCHARGE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Chairman Waugh stated that the last correspondence to Cuno (3M) was dated August 26, 2009, requesting a meeting to discuss a solution regarding the excessive solids being discharged into Stafford's collection system. Because there has been no response from Cuno (3M) the Authority decided to resample for comparison to previous samples and institute a surcharge. If Cuno (3M) is still unresponsive the Authority would have no choice but to notify the State DEP.

3. FACILITY PLAN UPGRADE – MONTHLY PROGRESS MEETING

Mr. Gilbert stated that Change Order No. 5 has been submitted regarding an increase in stainless steel due to ARRA requirements. The increase is approximately \$47,600. Mr. Gilbert stated that there were General Conditions of change orders for contractors and the maximum is 15%. This is a Rural Development Condition and it can not be changed. He handed out a sheet outlining different percentages for different circumstances. The Change Order for Entex was negotiated down to 5%.

Another pending change order is for the blowers. The original cost is for \$262,000, the change order will be for approximately \$300,000. This cost will be mostly offset with a CL&P grant for a maximum of \$300,000.

A grant for a plant generator will be applied for through DPUC.

4. MINUTES OF AUGUST 31, 2009

Mr. Perlot made a motion to accept the minutes of August 31, 2009. Mr. Finch seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

5. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

Mr. Perlot made a motion to accept the minutes of September 14, 2009. Mr. Finch seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Leslie addressed the following topics:

- Training

There is a budget line item for classes and Superintendent Leslie proposes that all staff attend training courses. The classes are offered through NEIWPC and Atlantic States.

- DEP

Statutorily, the State DEP must be notified of all staff changes and asked if he should write a letter regarding this issue. Chairman Waugh stated that he write a letter and submit letter to be included in a letter to be sent to the DEP regarding the previous Action Plan.

- Purchase Orders

A written policy was requested.

- Recommendations

Superintendent Leslie stated that the lab equipment was very outdated and he would have an equipment list of purchases next month.

- Requests for Purchase

The pump station on Orcuttville Road is in need of attention.

- \$1,027.91 block heater for generator
- \$2,107.64 fuel injection for generator
- \$621 spring for clarifier
- \$1,511 air dryer unit for backwash filters

It was questioned if any of these were involved in the Upgrade, it was believed to be no, but Mr. Gilbert would check.

7. REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

A detailed sheet was distributed to all members. It was questioned whether CL&P had paid the bill for the repair work done on Route 140. Since they hadn't it was suggested that Call Before You Dig be notified.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Bond Counsel has prepared a resolution regarding the \$692,000 plus interest that is due to the State for Design work for the Upgrade.

The Resolution was read as follows:

TOWN OF STAFFORD
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION TO REPAY THE CLEAN WATER FUND GRANT AND LOAN TO THE STATE OF
CONNECTICUT

WHEREAS, the Town of Stafford has received \$692,000 from the State of Connecticut under the State's Clean Water Fund Program for costs related to the design of the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade; and

WHEREAS, of the \$692,000, \$147,949.60 (approximately 21%) was received in the form of a grant and \$544,050.40 (approximately 79%) was received in the form of a loan; and

WHEREAS, the \$692,000 expenditure is eligible for grants and loans from the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development ("USDA"), which grants are anticipated to be approximately 55% and which loans are anticipated to be approximately 45%, of eligible project costs; and

WHEREAS, in order to process the \$692,000 expenditure with the USDA, the grant and loan received from the State under the Clean Water Fund Program must be repaid in full, including any interest accrued on the \$544,050.40 loan; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2009, the Town issued its \$15,815,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, which Notes included \$6,600,000 of proceeds available for the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade, including design and construction costs which are eligible for grants and loans from the USDA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the repayment to the State of Connecticut under the Clean Water Fund Program in the amount of \$692,000 for the grant and loan received from the State, plus any accrued interest thereon through the date of repayment, is hereby approved, and the Chairman of the Water Pollution Control Authority and First Selectman are authorized to execute any documents to complete the repayment.

Mr. Minich made a motion to accept the Resolution as read and forward to the Board of Selectman and Board of Finance for information purposes. Mr. Fasset seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Waugh thanked the members for their attendance at the Groundbreaking and pictures will be available on the website and for next meeting to take home.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Perlot made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 P.M. Mr. Fassett seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jane LaMorte
Office Manager WPCA