

STAFFORD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting
Veteran's Meeting Room
Monday, December 7, 2009

Members Present:

Herman Perlot
James Tantillo
Francis Finch
Doug Fassett
Doug Minich
Michael Waugh

Members Absent:

Paul Burns
Earl Avery
B. Allen Warren

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Waugh at 5:38 P.M. A quorum was established.

Mr. Minich made a motion to move 'Industrial Surcharge Evaluation and Surcharge Development Update' from Item 7 Old Business to Item 2 Facility Plan Upgrade – Monthly Progress Meeting. Mr. Perlot seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

2. FACILITY PLAN UPGRADE – MONTHLY PROGRESS MEETING

Mr. Gilbert stated that there has been activity at the treatment plant. There was excavation being performed near the road and traffic control was becoming a concern. Chairman Waugh suggested that professional flaggers be considered to perform this type of work if police were not available.

Mr. Gilbert stated that the IFAS units are sitting in North Carolina since there is no room at the work site. There was a change order issued in the amount of \$47,599.99 in order to meet ARRA requirements for the equipment. There was a change order request, for \$107,000 for CDM for additional engineering and to meet ARRA requirements that was not approved by Rural Development. He also stated that the fibers coming into the plant are still a major concern. He also stated that it is recommended that Cuno install a screen within the next four (4) months in order for the IFAS system to operate properly.

- Industrial Discharge Evaluation and Surcharge Development Update

Chairman Waugh stated that there has been no remedy for the excess fibers to date and that a surcharge will be implemented. It will be investigated as to how far the back charges can go and ultimately State enforcement will have to come in for permit

modifications because the fibers and diatomaceous earth must be removed in order for the IFAS system to function and nitrogen removal to work at its highest potential.

Mr. Gilbert stated there is \$476,000 left in contingency.

3. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2009

Mr. Minich made a motion to accept the minutes of November 2, 2009. Mr. Tantillo seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Leslie reported that there are weekly updates submitted to the Chairman, along with Mr. Minich and Ms. LaMorte. He stated that there is an open line of communication with everyone.

- Route 190 Force Main Repair

Mr. Leslie stated that there was a break in the force main on West Stafford Road at Country Village Shops. The break was 22' down and had to be boxed out locate. It was very wet and the actual break was peculiar because the pipe was rotted from the outside in. He stated that this is very uncommon and any member that was interested in seeing the broken pipe could do so at the treatment plant. The invoice for this work performed was not received yet but should be quite large.

- Vehicles

Mr. Leslie stated it would be best to purchase a new larger pick up with a plow, rather than a small truck. It would be best to replace one of the pick up trucks soon. Chairman Waugh stated that a larger pickup with a plow was recently purchased by the Town for approximately \$28,000 and it was authorized that pricing be researched for the next meeting.

- Garage Floor Repair

This repair work is not included in the Upgrade and has been priced out to cost approximately \$4,300 - \$4,700. Mr. Leslie stated that the work could not be performed now due to all the other construction going on and they would be in the way. A handrail will be salvaged from material on site.

Mr. Leslie continued discussion by stating that the treatment plant is hauling 25 loads per month and 10.2 of these loads are hauling Cuno solids. That is approximately 40% of the total monthly waste. The actual dollar amount per year is \$47,498 per year just for hauling the solids; this does not include any of the treatment process throughout the plant.

The average flow per day at the treatment plant is one million gallons per day and 266,000 gallons are coming from Cuno. That breaks down to 25% of the flow. Their actual sewer user charge is ½ of what should actually be charged. Mr. Leslie stated he

looked at all the industries and the same problem exists there too. The user charge system is in favor of business and should be looked at closer.

Mr. Leslie stated the Ellington is being charged as a commercial user and receiving a similar break. Mr. Williams stated that Ellington has no problem paying their fare share.

The suggested rate formula should be that everyone pays for what they use. The industries should be adjusted to pay for their solids removal.

5. REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

A detailed sheet was distributed to all members.

6. BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011

A preliminary budget was distributed

- Revenues

It was mentioned that there is a shortage of revenues coming from the industrial users. This will be further discussed.

- Long Range Planning – DEP Priority List

Mr. Leslie stated that December 11, 2009 is the deadline to submit any proposals for the next fiscal year priority list. It was suggested that an I/I sewer study be performed on the old sewer lines in the Service District and anything near water. It was mentioned that LEA did a rehab study in 1986 that may have videos of these lines. Also, to be included in this request would be the rehab of the Staffordville, Route 190 and Orcuttville pump stations.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- Industrial Discharge Evaluation and Surcharge Development Update
Discussed above.

- 30 Furnace Hollow Road

There have been no recent complaints regarding the slaughterhouse. Mr. Leslie stated that a health permit must be received yearly to be in State compliance.

- Collections

The collection rate has been down then in past years. It was suggested that the Sheriff get involved and then foreclosure procedures if there is still no response.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Possible Grievance

Mr. Leslie stated that there was a possible grievance being filed with the Water Pollution Control Authority regarding employment issues.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Minich made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 P.M. Mr. Fassett seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jane LaMorte
Office Manager WPCA