

TOWN OF KILLINGLY
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
Killingly Wastewater Treatment Facility Conference Room
31 Wauregan Road, Danielson CT
Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **Roll Call** – Chair, Gerard CinqMars called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and did the roll call.

Members Present:

Gerard CinqMars
Patrick McLaughlin
Arlene Gauthier
Joseph Higgins
Andrew Danna

Staff Present:

David Capacchione, Director of Engineering and Facilities
Mark Cataldo, Suez, Project Manager
Joe Couture, Suez, Assistant Project Manager

Also Present:

Jen Hawkins, Town of Killingly Finance Director
Ed Grandelski, Town Council Liaison

2. Citizen Participation (on items not subject to public hearing) – None.
3. Town Council Liaison Participation
Ed Grandelski reported on recent actions and discussions by the Town Council.
 - Annual Town Meeting May 6, 2019 to be held at the Town Hall
 - All-Day Referendum May 14, 2019

There was discussion regarding bringing water and natural gas to the High School.

4. Adoption of Minutes, Regular Meeting March 20, 2019

Motion was made by Arlene Gauthier to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2019. Second by Andrew Danna. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

5. Finance Report

- a. Monthly Finance Report (included in packets to Authority Members)

Jen Hawkins reported:

- FY 17-18 audit almost complete. Should go to Town Council in May. She will have final numbers for the WPCA next month and will have updated Fund Balance calculation.
- Overall trends for March (year-to-date) still slightly under budget (revenue), but still trending ahead in expenditures, so there is still a surplus.
- Clean Water Projects – approximately \$20,000 in reimbursements for legal charges paid for by project funding. Discussion for next month: credit back to Fund Balance or put it into Capital.
- Will be looking at final calculation for Frito-Lay. May have to refund (approximately \$100,000). Will have calculation update for the May meeting.

6. Report of Project Manager

Mark Cataldo reported:

- Due to technical difficulties last week, no report on the monitor.
- No violations.
- DEEP was on site two days for regulatory inspection. Only issue was that they wanted the nitrite and nitrate listed separately on the report, so Suez made the adjustment.
- Processed 4.3 million gallons per day (average).
- High ammonia has been traced to UNFI. They have been testing their effluent and finding ammonia upwards of 100 milligrams per liter. They do not know why.
Mr. Capacchione has been in contact with Ray Rivers, Facilities at UNFI, they will submit a set of plans to assist with dye testing. There are two lines coming into the manhole and only one has ammonia levels. Although the ammonia levels are high, the flow coming out of the manhole is not high. It ties into the interceptor that Frito-Lay discharges into. He feels that it could be the refrigeration units. He will keep the Authority updated.
- Mr. Couture has been working on installing the Polymer System.
- Nitrogen removal averaging 131 for the year.

Mr. Capacchione explained that heat exchange on one of the generators went down, so they had to get an emergency generator in. It has been repaired and is up and running again. He will inform the Authority of the cost when the bill is received. There was discussion.

There was discussion regarding septage.

7. Frito-Lay Representation – No Representation. No notification.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Facilities Project Update

David Capacchione reported:

- Work underway to relocate the temporary roadway so they can do the temporary by-pass.
- Storage of equipment and materials continues.
- Submission of shop drawings and ordering of parts and pieces.

b. Sewer Line Replacement, Prospect St Area – Copies of a map of the area were provided to Authority Members.

David Capacchione reported:

- A map was included in packets to Authority Members.
- He and the Town Manager spoke with the Town Attorney. We can run a line down the street, formally abandon the lines in the back and force people to connect or lien their properties or assess them for the services. This would present hardships on many of these properties. Funding options were explored through Community Development. There may be another option (Bank Hometown).
- Mr. Capacchione indicated the most problematic areas on the map (represented by a blue line). He has spoken with several of the property owners on the west side of Prospect Street who may be willing to grant an easement to go in the back and replace the line.
- There was a backup in one of the houses recently. The serviceman opened it up as far as he could, it appears to be blocked with roots, but it is functioning at this time.

Mr. Capacchione suggested the following (for Prospect properties #'s 34, 40, 37, 43, 55, 59, 67, 71, & 75 represented by a blue line on the map) which he thinks that all of the homeowners would be agreeable to:

- Send a letter to the houses that are impacted.

- Replace the line (in place) - 8 inch is suggested.
- Connect laterals.
- Put clean-outs/manholes along the way.
- Don't have to deal with restoration.
- In exchange for the easement, waive the connection fee. They are currently connected and paying sewer use fees.

There was discussion regarding the Prospect properties (#'s 31, 47, 51 & 63) which tie-in to manhole #13. Mr. Capacchione suggested that they receive a letter and be provided a stub. Discussion continued.

Mr. Capacchione suggested the following (for Prospect properties #'s 64, 70, 74 & 78):

- Abandon the line at the fence behind #54 and #10.
- The remaining four houses would be connected to a manhole on the interceptor.
- Easements would be needed from #'s 64, 70, 74, 78 & 20.

Mr. Capacchione stated that, as for the houses on the south side of Buck Street, they are currently connected (to the interceptor) and he doesn't think that they would have an issue with us going in and replacing the line.

Mr. Capacchione stated that this is an option that solves most of the connection problems for this area. There was discussion regarding four houses on the west side of Prospect that are currently connected out the front into Prospect for which Mr. Capacchione suggests that they stay connected and lateral to the houses be provided as the new line is installed in case they have problems.

There was discussion regarding property #10 which would remain connected as it currently is. Pipe bursting was discussed.

Motion was made by Patrick McLaughlin to authorize David Capacchione to draft a letter to send to property owners in the Prospect Street area regarding exploring acquiring easements to supply a new main and to reconnect laterals. Second by Joseph Higgins. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

- c. Rate Increase – Set a Public Hearing for May 15, 2019 (Information included in packets to Authority Members).

Motion was made by Patrick McLaughlin to set the date for a public hearing to establish the rates as proposed in the Notice provided in packets to Authority Members (see below) and in accordance with what was discussed at previous budget meetings.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Killingly Water Pollution Control Authority will be holding a Public Hearing on May 15, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Meeting Room of the Wastewater Treatment Facility, 31 Wauregan Road, Killingly, CT. This Public Hearing will be for the purpose of increasing user rates for the sewerage system. The existing and proposed rates are as follows:

	Existing	Proposed
Single-family Residence	\$421.06	\$463.16
Multi-family Unit	\$364.18	\$400.60
Flow metered (per gallon)	\$0.006388	\$0.007026
Septage (per 1000 gallon)	\$124.18	\$124.18

Second by Arlene Gauthier. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

d. 493 Putnam Pike

David Capacchione stated that the map (included in packets to Authority Members along with information showing distances and the location to the Y's) shows the topography and water in the front yard. There was discussion.

Consensus to take no action. The property owner must continue to pay sewer use fees. It is within 200 feet of the sewer line. Mr. Capacchione will send letter stating that measurements were taken and it was verified to be within 200 feet.

9. New Business

a. 58 & 60 Main Street Request for stopping sewer use fees

There was discussion.

Motion was made by Patrick McLaughlin to stop billing sewer use at 58 and 60 Main Street because the buildings have been demolished. Second by Joseph Higgins. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

10. Correspondence – None.

11. Executive Session – No Executive Session as there was nothing to present. No proposals have been received.

a. Suez Contract

12. Other

There was discussion regarding the Ground Breaking on April 30, 2019.

13. Adjournment

Motion was made by Arlene Gauthier to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. Second by Joseph Higgins. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault

Recording Secretary