

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
Killingly Wastewater Treatment Facility Conference Room
31 Wauregan Road, Danielson CT
Wednesday, December 21, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

1. **Roll Call** – Chairman, Gerard CinqMars called the Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and did the roll call.

Members Present:

Gerard CinqMars, Chairman
Patrick McLaughlin, Vice Chairman
Arlene Gauthier
Joseph Higgins

Jason Hoffman was absent

Staff Present:

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

Also Present:

Ed Grandelski, Town Council Liaison Alternate
Heather Belanger, Frito-Lay

2. **Citizen Participation** – None.
3. **Town Council Liaison Participation**

Ed Grandelski reported:

- Presentation by Mary Calorio, Director of Finance, regarding the financial status. The bond rating for the Town will improve due to Board of Education supplemental appropriations.
- Issues coming up for public hearing next month: School roofs; Community Center; Town Hall piping work; culverts and bridges on Valley Road.
- Constabulary passed Council. Training class for April is already filled up.
- Authorized the Town Manager to work on the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Electric Consortium multi-year agreement.
- Randy Duquette has been appointed to replace John Hallbergh, Jr. on the Council.
- Housing Authority trying to get an addition on Maple Courts II. Use of the small cities grant money for this project was denied by the Connecticut Housing Department. There was discussion about sewer blockages there.
- There has been an offer of \$40,000.00 to purchase the Dayville Fire Training Facility property on Williamsville Road – Assessed value is \$70,000.00. Discussion was tabled.
- Conservation Commission is looking for nominations for their Conservation Award.

4. **Adoption of Minutes, Regular Meeting November 16, 2016**

Motion by Arlene Gauthier to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2016. Second by Joseph Higgins. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

5. Finance Report

a. Monthly Finance Report

Dave Capacchione reported that the Finance Department had provided the Report. Sewer Use is a down a little for half the year, but payments are due in January, so it is expected to come back up. Other than that, things are tracking well.

Ed Grandelski asked if Norampac closing and A-1 being bought out will have an impact. Dave Capacchione stated that it would affect the special use revenues and that Norampac is not a large contributor to the septage receiver system.

6. Report of Project Manager

Mark Cataldo reported:

- There was a regulatory event in November at 76 Island Road due to an event at the pump station. The pump tripped out at the same time that the mission system tripped out, therefore, nobody was called out. They found that the Sim card was blown and the mission system and the pump just needed to be reset and run to get it going again. They switched a relay in the unit to troubleshoot. The house has damage due to sewage backing up into the house. This was the only house that was affected. They have put in another pump in that pumping system and have tested it out, they have replaced the Sim card in the mission system and have tested that out, and they have double checked the on-call. They are not sure exactly what happened, but they assume it may possibly have been an electrical surge. Discussion ensued.
- Everything else normal at the Plant.
- Number of calls received due to the bar rack at the Tower. It is a sloughing off of the media due to the transitioning from warm weather to cold weather. To prevent being called in so often, they are trying a new idea of removing the bar rack and modifying/replacing it with one with bigger holes so the sloughings will go through. However, if the media comes off it will get caught.
- Cleaning of the collection system is 34 percent completed. Per the contract which started July 1, 2015, they are to do 20 percent per year. They are trending toward completing the contract as written. Joe Couture keeps a map/ledger showing the streets done and the dates. They are required to do 18 inches and below. They will never do 100 percent because of the size of the pipes.

7. Frito-Lay Representation

Heather Belanger stated that there are no operational issues to report at this time.

Mark Cataldo stated that he had been in contact with Frito-Lay because there had been a problem with the flow transmittal system and they are working on it. It is a Frontier issue.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Facilities Plan Update

Dave Capacchione reported:

- He has been meeting with Mark Cataldo and Joe Couture to go over processes: influent pumps/wet wells/solids handling. After the New Year, they will start on mechanical/instrumentation/electrical. There was a drawing in the room for a sludge/grit handling idea which is being considered. Dave explained that they are looking at ways to improve efficiencies and reduce operational headaches which should translate into cost savings.

Discussion ensued. The plan is for it to be ready to go out to bid in January 2018 (from 12 to 18 months for design/review/approval).

b. Rogers Pump Station Update

Dave Capacchione reported:

- There have been meetings with Wright-Pierce, Del Ray and Suez. The temporary service is in with the exception of the meter which will be in shortly (Eversource).
- Del Ray will start demo and initiate the by-pass when they have power.
- The abatement will be more expensive than anticipated (additional \$50,000.00 for remediation). Michigan and Utah are the disposal sites. Could save \$37,000.00 if they don't remediate the PCB paint in the pump room. However, there is a process that needs to be followed and future regulations may become more stringent and make it more costly. Del Ray may ask for an extension of time.

There was discussion. Ed Grandelski asked when the silt fence will be removed. Dave Capacchione anticipates in the spring. He offered to have someone remove a section if needed. Mr. Grandelski stated that he can remove a small section himself.

c. Frito Lay Discharge Permit

Dave Capacchione stated that they are working with Frito-Lay to come up with a sampling plan. He spoke with Paul Safin regarding submittal a proposal for the DEEP. They are trying to keep it simple. It is ultimately up to the DEEP how it is monitored.

9. New Business

a. 13 Dyer Street

Dave Capacchione explained that there had been a fire in June 2013. It is a 6-unit multi-family dwelling. The owner of the property has requested an abatement: water was shut off; the current owner asked for it to be turned back on; nobody currently living in it. Timeline: November 2014 they requested a site inspection, there is a letter from structural engineer dated June 2016, a permit was issued in June 2016 for electrical repair and renovations of the 6-units damaged by fire, a permit was issued on December 19, 2016 for HVAC and plumbing.

It seems that they are actively pursuing reconstruction, however, they should have asked for an abatement in 2013 rather than 2016. Sewer bill is paid up to date and there will be another bill in the amount of \$902.00 due in January 2017.

Dave has not visited the property and he said that it would make sense to investigate as even though permits have been pulled, it doesn't mean that the work has been performed.

Discussion ensued. There was a consensus of the Authority Members to table the discussion until it is determined if the property is connected to the sewer system. To be consistent with past practice, if connected, they must pay.

b. 76 Island Road – See discussion above.

There was information included in the packets to Authority Members. There was discussion regarding cost of clean-up (Service Master) and insurance.

c. Brooklyn Contract Renewal

Dave Capacchione explained that the agreement is due for renewal in February 2017. He has been in contact with David Fuss, Chairman of Brooklyn WPCA, and Rick Ives, Brooklyn First Selectman. An e-mail from David Fuss (dated 12-7-2016) stating that the Town of Brooklyn would like to renew the contract with no changes was included in the packets to Authority Members.

Dave Capacchione wanted to discuss two items to get the opinion of the Authority:

- He wants to be sure that Brooklyn has an understanding of, and acknowledges, and is a willing participant in the upgrades that will occur at the Facility (this has been a topic of heated debate in the past).
- He asked the Authority Members if they want to continue to hold reserve capacity for Brooklyn at no cost. His opinion is that there should be some fee/compensation to the Town of Killingly for this. He has not mentioned this to Brooklyn as of this date. He had copies of the contract for review by Authority Members.

Discussion ensued. Currently 500,000 gallons per day is reserved and they discharge approximately 200,000 per day. They pay by what they discharge.

Patrick McLaughlin asked if it was part of the original bonding package. Dave did not know and he also did not know if Brooklyn was a financial contributor to the building of the Plant or if it was all just based on sewer user fees.

Dave stated that there are three mechanisms for Brooklyn to contribute: percentage; an agreed-upon sum; arbitration. The case of whether they should or should not pay could be argued several different ways. He has notified Brooklyn about the upgrades and that they will have to comply with their agreement.

Gerard CinqMars asked if there has been an increase in flow from Brooklyn. Joe Couture stated that there hasn't been even with the addition of Wal-Mart.

Patrick McLaughlin suggested sending a letter stating the estimated project cost and Brooklyn's contribution would be based on their percentage of the flow. Dave stated that a one-year extension would expire in February of 2018. It would be best to get it on paper as soon as possible. This will keep them informed which is part of their agreement.

There was more discussion. The bottom line is that this is a nutrient removal project and everyone in the collection system contributes nutrients to the system and everyone can plan and budget for their share. Dave will send a letter.

There was more discussion. Ed Grandelski brought up that new businesses to Killingly may need capacity and so there is a value to the capacity. Joe Higgins stated that Norwich reserves capacity for Sprague who buys the capacity. Dave will research with the State and Wright-Pierce to see what other communities do regarding holding reserve capacity.

10. Correspondence

- a. Email from Ivonne Hall (dated December 5, 2016), NPDES Permit Application.
- b. Email from David Fuss, Brooklyn WPCA (dated 12-7-2016).
- c. Letter (dated December 5, 2016), from Norampac termination of Wastewater Discharge to Killingly WWTF.

11. Other – None.

12. Adjournment:

Motion by Arlene Gauthier to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Second by Joseph Higgins. Motion carried unanimously (4-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Secretary