

# WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MINUTES

**Canoe Brook Senior Center, 11 Cherry Hill Road, Branford  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 7:00 P.M.**

Chairman Mark Winik called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.

**Roll Call:** Chairman Mark Winik, David Steinhardt, Robert Imperato, Ryan Sullivan, Joseph Herget, and Mike Tamsin

**Also Present:** Superintendent Dan Gregory

**Absent:** Engineer Janice Plaziak, Yvette Larrieu

**Approval of Minutes** – January 9, 2018

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Mr. Imperato, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan. Motion carries unanimously.

## **WPCA Budget**

Mr. Gregory submitted his 2019 proposed budget for a total of \$4,408,394.00 requested. He explains that he went up on a few line items due to necessity.

He added \$10,000.00 to environmental testing due to the State coming down a bit harder on the lab. Although we currently do in house testing, if the State should require outside lab testing, we will have the money in place.

Also increased the Repair & Maintenance account \$100,000.00. We have had so many unforeseen force main breaks, and rebuilding pumps, and other miscellaneous repairs needing to be done, so this will cover those added expenses.

Also increased \$30,000.00 sewer line and manhole cover expenses. We will be relining the pipes.

A new special detail line item has been added for Police duty on certain street jobs.

The WWTP employee's contract is just about settled. These are contractual increases. Our Electrician will be moving over to this union (UPSEU #424) from the current one he is in (Town of Branford & Town Employees). This will allow him to get overtime, and call ins as the rest of the Department does. He was only allowed comp time in his union. There was discussion on why the Commission doesn't sit in on these negotiations.

The annual apparatus fund is set. We need to replace the Electrician's van which is on its way out, with a new box truck. Also, we would like a new jetter in another year or so. This will be separate from the vac truck. It will have a camera on it. This allows it to go into smaller areas.

A motion was made to accept the proposed budget as presented by Mr. Imperato, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan. Motion carries unanimously.

**Correspondence:** No Correspondence at this time.

**Approval of Vouchers:** Mr. Imperato questioned why we are paying the attorney fees for easements? He feels the client should be paying for this.

Three vouchers were brought forward for a total of \$1,214.40.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan to approve the vouchers, and seconded by Mr. Steinhardt. Motion carries unanimously.

**Reports:**

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Gregory presented his report of operations and sewer collections.

Nitrogen removal was good, but lower than usual, due to the lower septic being dumped in January. Winter months tend to have less septic dumped, which doesn't feed as much to the process. We still get payed for nitrogen credits earned each year. The State stopped funding, but we still make money by being under limit each year.

We continue to have breaks in the force mains around the Hemlock area. We have had to have several repairs done lately. This has added to our overtime budget too.

Natural gas generators have been delivered to Victor Hill and Milo Pump Stations.

**Engineer's Report:** None, absent.

**WPCA Attorney's Report:** None, absent.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Imperato, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan at 8:06 P.M.

Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Linke, Clerk