

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MINUTES
COMMUNITY HOUSE, 46 CHURCH ST. BRANFORD, CT
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, May 10, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

Chairman Mark Winik called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Roll Call: Chairman Mark Winik, Kurt Uihlein, and Mike Tamsin, David Steinhardt via zoom.

Also Present: Superintendent Brian Devlin, Engineer John Hoefflerle, and Attorney Peter Berdon

Absent: Yvette Larreu, Joseph Herget, and Ryan Sullivan

Approval of Minutes – 3/8/2022

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

Correspondence: No Correspondence

Approval of Vouchers: No Vouchers

Sewer Access Charge –

- a. Discuss and set terms of 245 East Main Street sewer agreement

245 East Main Street is a vacant lot, which will have 12 apartment units.

They will be charged \$6,000.00 per unit for a total of \$72,000.00.

Attorney Berdon explains the regulations of sewer charge, in Town Ordinance 204-2.1, it was determined this property is outside a district. The property has the option to pay the total over 15 years. This is an annual payment to the Town. WPCA previously approved sewers for this property.

The Sewer Authority has to set the interest rate for this 15 year payment plan, per Town Ordinance.

The SBA this evening is almost 11%.

There is an 18% statutory rate for missed payment.

A motion was made by Mr. Uihlein to set the interest rate a 12%, and seconded by Mr. Steinhardt. Motion carries unanimously.

Account Transfer:

FROM: Consulting Services	21043030 533280	(\$25,000.00)
Technology	21043030 579150	(\$3,000.00)
Communications	21043030 555300	(\$2,000.00)
TO: Purchased Services – Repairs & Maintenance		
	21043030 544300	\$30,000.00

Mr. Devlin needs the transfer for some projects that need to be done in this fiscal year.

A motion as made by Mr. Steinhardt to approve the account transfer, and seconded by Mr. Uihlein. Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion, and if appropriate take action regarding paid/unpaid Pent Rd. sewer district properties:

Attorney Berdon presents a map of this area, with highlighted properties.

There are no liens on the properties, but there is no evidence that the assessments were paid.

There is no record on the property cards from Town Hall.

There was a change in software in 2007 that may have lost payment records.

This goes back over 20 years. We have to go back to the Tax Department to look into this. The Tax Department determined the records are not available.

Mr. Steinhardt said if we forgive these payments, we set a precedent.

Mr. Winik asks we table this matter at this time, and request Tax Collector Bob Imperato to attend our next WPCA Meeting for further discussion.

Reports:

Superintendent Brian Devlin:

Mr. Devlin said for April, Sewage processed 3.7 avg mgd.

Septic Waste Processed 940,400, and revenue brought in was \$61,724.50.

The Plant had some SCADA issues.

All mixers and internal recycle pumps located in oxidation ditches have been serviced.

Replaced seal water packing in both grit chamber pumps.

The motor for RAS pump #1 has been rebuilt.

Brand new Plant generator on line and is working well.

51 pump stations have been cleaned weekly.

New control cabinet installed at Rice Terrace Pump Station.

Pumps at Summer Island and Pawson Park Pump stations had to be pulled and cleaned due to rags. Installed a new pump at Johnson Point Pump Station.

Camera 594 feet of sewer line and jetted 3641 feet of sewer line.

Mr. Tamsin questions how the easements in wooded areas can be jetted and cleaned.

Mr. Devlin said we have a Bobcat with apparatus, that can go in there, as well as apparatus on trucks that can do this.

New Pump out truck delivered last week.

Town Engineer – John Hoeffler

Mr. Hoeffler has spoken with the consultant regarding the septic receiving building.

Going to Inland Wetlands meeting on Thursday for their approval and sign permit. Then to Planning and Zoning, then can go out to bid. This should be done by June.

The Coastal Vulnerability Group and WPCA is looking at the Plant.

Mr. Devlin is looking at the Treatment Plant.

The first phase is the weakness of coastal vulnerability, flooding and how to get it out, and upgrades.

Mr. Steinhardt said looking at 500 year flood elevations per federal requirements.

Engineers would do a study by looking at the Plant and all 51 Pump Stations, and come back.

WPCA Attorney – Peter Berdon-

Attorney Berdon completed two sewer access agreements, Mariners Landing and 245 East Main Street, revised plus interest.

Will look at two more sewer access agreements next week.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Uihlein to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Camille Linke, Clerk