

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MINUTES
Community House, 46 Church Street, Branford, CT
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

Acting Chairman Robert Imperato called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Roll Call: Acting Chairman Robert Imperato, David Steinhardt, Joseph Herget, Mike Tamsin

Also Present: Superintendent Dan Gregory, Operations Manager Brian Devlin, and Town Engineer John Hoefflerle

Absent:

Mark Winik, Yvette Larrieu, Ryan Sullivan, and Atty. Peter Berdon

Approval of Minutes 2-11-20

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

Correspondence: No Correspondence

Approval of Vouchers:

One voucher was presented from Attorney Peter Berdon, in the amount of \$484.50. A motion was made to approve the voucher for \$484.50, as presented, and seconded by Mr. Herget. Motion carries unanimously.

Sewer Access Applications:

No sewer applications at this time.

Budget Transfer/New Account:

FROM: Utility Account	21043030 544100	(\$30,000.00)
TO: Purch Svcs – Repair & Maint.	21043030 544300	\$30,000.00

Mr. Gregory explains this transfer is needed, due to unexpected costly emergency purchases. We needed a Mechanical Bar Rake for a cost of \$45,000.00. Fortunately we had this on hand when the old one broke down a few weeks ago. The workers came in on the weekend to repair this.

The utility account has a surplus, so we are safe to move the money from the utility account, to the Purchase Services-Repair & Maintenance account. We are also looking to close some open

purchase orders, to replenish this account, to get us through the end of the Fiscal year on June 30th.

A motion was made by Mr. Steinhardt to approve the budget transfer as presented, and seconded by Mr. Tamsin. Motion carries unanimously.

WWTP Annual Budget – review and if appropriate revised budget presented by Dan Gregory for FY 21

Mr. Gregory presented his budget for 2021 fiscal year. After the last WPCA meeting (2/11/20) Mr. Gregory met with Selectman Jamie Cosgrove, and Finance Director Jim Finch, and went over the budget, and final changes were made. Not many changes were made. Revenue was up 1.6%. The budget will increase 1.6%.

The wages are up slightly. The Superintendent's salary, and Camille's union contract was settled. The longevity was also increased. The clothing allowance was increased by \$3,000.00. Also consulting services increased.

We didn't spend as much this year in fund balance.

The Chemical Account went down. We are not using as many chemicals to run the plant.

Mr. Imperato questions the seasonal part time help. Mr. Gregory will stay on part time once retired, to assist Brian.

\$30,000 Consulting fee is for the CMOM program and engineering consulting services.

Sludge disposal is going up. We are under contract. Two dump loads a month goes to Manchester.

Capital Accounts: Submersible pump rebuilds for the small pump stations. Mr. Gregory would like to put \$100,000.00 a year.

Balances in generator account have covered 3 new generators recently.

Generators will be at all stations.

There was discussion regarding the pumps. We have some Flight and some Homa. Flight are the top of the line. They hold up much better.

We use Control Systems to install control panels at the stations. They have been evaluating stations to see where work needs to be done. The bigger stations have actual buildings. There are about 8 bigger stations. Some of the pump stations have been there since the 70's and 80's and need to be upgraded.

The Representative will be coming back for the gravity belt thickener. We will get this rebuilt.

Our Nitrogen credits have been doing very well. We got a check this year and will get a check in the next year. This is no longer funded by the state. The other treatment plants who do not do

well with their nitrogen, have to pay. The plants that do well with their nitrogen will get a check that is paid from the other plants. We have consistently been getting checks back.

A motion was made by Mr. Steinhardt to approve the budget for 2021 as presented, and seconded by Mr. Herget. Motion carries unanimously.

Old Business – 211 Thimble Island Road holding tank pumpout request.
The gentleman from 211 Thimble Island Road is not present due to health reasons.

A motion was made to table this item until next month by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Tamsin. Motion carries unanimously.

Mr. Herget would like to continue discussion on the septic receiving building.
Further discussion on what kind of equipment can we use to get the actual gallon amounts dumped per truck.
Mr. Steinhardt thinks Mr. Gregory should go with a scale system. Mr. Gregory will show this to Dennis at AECOM.

This topic will be put on the Agenda for next month's WPCA meeting for further action.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Gregory presented his monthly report. The plant has been doing well. The nitrogen removal has been good. We got 48 new UV bulbs.
We got a new vault cover for Dominican Pump Station.

OT pay was \$7,321.00.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Hoeffler reports that the Riverview forcemain project is on schedule. There are a lot of rocks there. Order to connect with land records filed.

Hemlock forcemain work will begin early next week.
Kovacs will do the work at Bradley and Hemlock Pump Stations.
The 497 E Main Street easement agreement will go to the RTM.
Mr. Gregory is looking at getting an easement at Summer Island Pump Station.

The Greenfield Pump Station has no easement. The right of way encroaches with RWA property. We will work with the RWA and Attorney Berdon for the easement.
Sycamore pump station has no easement, also working on getting one there and it is getting new control panels.

Attorney Peter Berdon's Report:

Attorney Berdon is not present at this meeting. No report.

The subject of the Coronavirus was brought up. Mr. Gregory and all the Department Heads had a meeting with the East Shore Health Dept. The Town is on board for any conditions that may come to Branford. Mr. Gregory said we have enough staff if some of the employees come down with this virus. If worse comes to worse, we will prioritize jobs. We should be fine.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Herget at 8 P.M. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Linke, Clerk