

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MINUTES

Canoe Brook Senior Center, 11 Cherry Hill Road, Branford, CT Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 12, 2018

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

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

Also Present: Engineer Janice Plaziak, Superintendent Dan Gregory, and Atty. Peter Berdon

Absent: Yvette Larrieu

PUBLIC HEARING: Sewer Use Fee rate to be set at \$130 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)

A motion was made to open the public hearing by Mr. Tamsin, and seconded by Mr. Steinhardt. Motion carries unanimously.

Ms. Plaziak published the notice for the public hearing, and we will hold the rate at \$130. EDU for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

No Public was present.

A motion was made to close the public hearing by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan. Motion carries unanimously.

Resolution to set sewer use fee:

A motion was made to set the sewer use fee at \$130. EDU as presented, by Mr. Imperato, and seconded by Mr. Steinhardt. Motion carries unanimously.

Resolved: The Branford WPCA hereby sets the sewer use fee at \$130 per equivalent dwelling unit for fiscal year 2018-2019

Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2018

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Mr. Imperato, and seconded by Mr. Herget. Mr. Tamsin abstained due to absence at this meeting. Motion carries.

Sewer Access Application for Action – 7A & 7B Euclid Street

This is a small lot off of Alps Road. The lot was split in 2005. There were no access to sewers. At the time a permit was issued to extend 2 laterals to pump sewer up Alps Road. Nothing moved forward, and this never came to the WPCA for approval. This has now been sold. As a district they need an access agreement. Historically the charge was \$6,000. per ordinance per unit. They are asking permission to access to sewers. Will have it tested.

A motion was made to authorize the fee of \$6,000., and grant permission for sewer access by Mr. Imperato, and seconded by Mr. Sullivan. Motion carries unanimously.

Budget Transfer:

From: Chemical Account	21043030-566930	(\$45,000)
From: Utility Account	21043030-544100	(\$35,000)
To: Repairs & Maintenance	21043030-544300	\$60,000
To: Equipment Account	21043030-579250	\$20,000

Mr. Gregory is asking for these transfers to get rebuild kits for Flygt pumps for Damascus & Central Pump Stations. Also needs Pump Controller for the primary sludge pump for plant, and control panels.

A motion was made to approve the transfers as requested by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Imperato. Motion carries unanimously.

Correspondence: No Correspondence at this time.

Sewer Ordinance Discussion: Attorney Peter Berdon presented a draft of edited changes to the current sewer ordinance. Some major changes involve clarifying the ability to access an assessment. Charge for additional units in sewer districts, and connection charges currently \$6,000 for residential units. Keep this as an open discussion.

There was further discussion on alternative methodologies because it's challenging to use the Assessor's formula. Suggestions on water consumption, size of pipes could be ways to charge for access charges. Other Town's use these methods. What they are looking for is to simplify the process of assessment and the calculation bill. The suggestion was to send recommendations, once they read this current document.

Mr. Gregory has a concern with Metals in influent and with interceptors for FOG for restaurants.

These changes will be tabled for now. This will be a process. The RTM doesn't meet again until September, and their Rules and Ordinances Committee has to approve any changes.

Any comments or recommendations should be e-mailed directly to Attorney Berdon.

Approval of Vouchers:

No Vouchers brought forward at this time.

Superintendents Report:

Mr. Gregory presented his report of operations and collections. The Nitrogen count was over by 12 pounds. The total of if we will get money back or pay for nitrogen credits is averaged by the year, so this overage is not a concern. It will all even out.

The UV bulbs were delivered for the energy work at the Plant.

Road crew has been busy.

Trees from the storm have been cleared, and more are slated to be cut down.

Mr. Gregory gave a capital account balance to the Commission per their request.
Apparatus Acct: \$216,279.13
Manhole Services: \$38,528.
Generator Acct.: \$112,228.96 – Not including Plant Generator.

Engineers Report:

Sewers are in at the Gould Lane Development, and inspected by John.
Will review and get going on notices to property owners to set up a public hearing.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Herget at 8:05 P.M. Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Linke, Clerk