

MINUTES OF THE W.P.C.C. MEETING

November 9th, 2016

The regular meeting of the West Haven Water Pollution Control Commission was held on Wednesday, November 9th, 2016. In attendance were Commissioner Brian Reichert, George Monahan, William Canning, Stuart Rosenkrantz, Michael Betz, Abdul Quadir, Jack Crosby, Plant Superintendent, Atty. Mark Bergamo, & Atty. Karen Kravitz.

Brian Reichert called the meeting to order @ 6:45 pm, opening the Public Session, asking if anyone from the Public wished to speak, asking a second time and after the third time, closed the public session.

Bill Canning corrected Peter Bontempo's last name in the minutes, after a review of the minutes, Bill Canning made a motion to accept the minutes from October 12th, and George Monahan seconded, all in favor, Stuart Rosenkrantz abstained, as he was not here. Motion carried. Peter Bontempo is out of town.

Old Business

Committee reports, nothing new to report, George Monahan, mentioned Jack Crosby here to update us. Stuart Rosenkrantz had nothing new on Finance Committee.

Re-appeal, 431-433 Blohm Street – Mr. Messina, originally was denied there is a timeline letter, Sewer bill was wrong tax office said it was all paid up to date. They made a mistake. The attorneys didn't find anything in their research. Mayor sent an email on this also. Brian would like to make a motion to clear that property of whatever that amount is. We are accepting his appeal, and George Monahan seconded it. All in favor. On 183 Washington Ave., same issue the owner paid in protest, he will get credit toward future bills. Brian made a motion to waive the billing error and recommend the issue of credit toward money paid in protest. George seconded, all were in favor.

General discussion, we have Karen Kravitz representing the W.H. Housing Authority, and Mark Bergamo Discussing how the housing authority should be governmental not residential, fees based on usage, usage by gallons. Karen Kravitz will get together a summary Proposal and submit to us at a later date.

Jack Crosby put together a job description for an Assistant Superintendent. He reviewed other job descriptions from other plants. He used that as a template. It was a little unclear if we need a class IV. He would like to promote from within. Jack mentioned that Ryan Festa has a class III license and is going for his class IV in January, 2017. Staz Marnerakis has his class III also. Jack is doing training twice a week at the plant to help operators help them get their Certification. We will know more after Ryan takes the test. We would have to bring to the Union to sign off on a new position and go to the Mayor & Beth Sabo, & the City Council to approve and get the position put in the budget.

Jack Crosby also shared that the plant is running well. Good Effluent quality. The crew is good here. He mentioned Odor control issues, Jason from CDM gave us a laundry list. We have been working on that list we have 2 or 3 items done. We are now on electronic DMR reporting format to the EPA/DEEP. Everyone is on board & happy. Jack brought in Scott Baldyga, to work on Scada system instead of Knapp Engineering & Hach, he can do it a lot more economically. Scada is not functioning. George mentioned he heard that in the summer. Jack also brought in Joe Nestico, who is a micro-biologist, a retired DEEP guy, only charges \$25.00 per hour, he came in to look at the foam we have on aeration

tanks. Does not attribute this to odor, issue is related to fat, oil, and grease. No surprise. Other towns have this problem. The foam problem is not out of control. He brought Joe Nestico in to document the foam problem. This does not affect our effluent. We have a great effluent. The foam we have is associated with low PH, it's associated with food waste. It's how they dispose of food waste, and shows up in foam. No need for public awareness, it's manageable at this point.

No overflows, no violations. No rain. Jack mentioned that we are not alone in the incinerator violations, all incinerators in the State (14) all got violations. There are 9 pollutants, and 6 of them we are in compliance with, but not with sulphur or mercury. Mercury is a problem and we don't know where it's coming from, dental offices are a source. We need to find the source. EPA will give us a year to fix the problems.

New Business, appeal on 94 Richards Place, Anthony Dauria, same situation. George Monahan made a motion to waive incorrect bill and Bill Canning seconded the motion, all were in favor. West Spring St/Greta St. they use one unit as office, they are being billed for all units, condos, based on water usage, one meter \$15,912, should be \$408. We should give a credit toward future bills, in the amount of \$15.912, George Monahan made a motion to credit toward future bills, Bill Canning seconded it, and Stuart Rosenkrantz made it a third. All were in favor.

George Monahan made a motion to adjourn, Bill Canning seconded, and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted.