

MINUTES OF THE W.P.C.C MEETING

2/7/18

The regular meeting of the West Haven Water Pollution Commission was held on Wednesday, February 07, 2018. In attendance were Commissioners, Brian Reichert, Nathan Wrann, Stuart Rosenkrantz, Michael Betz, Abdul Quadir, Jack Crosby, Plant superintendent, Michael Last, Treasurer, for the City of West Haven.

Brian Reichert opened up the meeting to the Public, asking if anyone from the Public wished to speak, asking a second time, and after the third, and final time closed the Public Session @7:00 pm.

Stuart Rosenkrantz made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 3rd, 2018 meeting, and Nathan Wrann seconded it. All were in favor.

Old Business

No committee reports.

Jack Crosby said Evoqua Water Technologies will be here to inspect the odor control system March 6th, 2018, and will give us a full report.

Nathan Wrann asked about the incinerator, and Abdul Quadir said the EPA is still in discussion in Washington, with the General Counsel. Nothing can be done on incinerator yet, and we are not operating it so we will not be fined for anything. Abdul Quadir was asked about the centrifuge and the electrical panel RFP and he reported that the low bidder did not put up a surety bond, so now it is out again for bid and due on February 15th, 2018.

New Business

Jack Crosby passed out a memo which he wrote to Louis Esposito, Acting Public Works Commissioner, and Jack Crosby stated in this memo that back about a year ago, the plant was notified of a sewer back up on Callegari Drive, and when the plant guys responded there was a blue food color in the sewer line and at Oyster River Pump station. They narrowed the problem down to the source, Watson Foods. EPA is involved and so is DEEP. Jack Crosby and the EPA and DEEP went to Watson Foods and Watson gave them a sample, Lecithin, which is used in their by product. Jack Crosby returned to the plant with the sample and added it to our sludge and it started foaming, which is a problem that the plant has been experiencing. The solution to the foaming may be to have Watson Foods stop using lecithin, or use an alternative to lecithin. There is nothing in their permit that says not to use this. Brian Reichert wants Abdul Quadir to see if there is a City ordinance in effect. Watson Foods will be @ the plant on Friday February 9th, 2018, @ 10:30 a.m. to take a plant tour.

Abdul Quadir presented to sewer use bill to be corrected for 13 Pauline Avenue, which is a single family dwelling being charge as 2 units. Mike Betz made a motion to amend charges, @ 13 Pauline Avenue, and Nathan Wrann seconded it.

Abdul Quadir mentioned brought copies of the recommended 2018-2019 Budget. The only line item that has been changed was they took out the Assistant Superintendent's position.

City Council needs to waive Water Pollution Control sewer use fees, Mike Last will look into.

The Overtime was brought up as it is still high, due to employees being out on comp. or on vacation, and their jobs are being back filled with overtime. Abdul Quadir mentioned that we may have to hire someone to fill in instead of using overtime. DEEP wants us to have 28 employees for a plant of this size. Jack Crosby doesn't want to hire as these employees hopefully will be back soon.

Mike Last asked Abdul Quadir if the City has a contract with the Town of Orange, as far as taking their septage, and he said we do and it's a 50 year contract, starting in 1986, and their septage is being metered for \$440,000.

Michael Betz made a motion to adjourn, @ 8:15 pm and Stuart Rosenkrantz seconded it.

Respectfully submitted.