

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

5/2/18

The regular meeting of the West Haven Water Pollution Control meeting was held on Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018. In attendance were Commissioners, Brian Reichert, Michael Betz, Andrea Talamelli, Stuart Rosenkrantz, Bill Canning, Abdul Quadir, and Jack Crosby, Plant Superintendent. Frank Aquilante and Charles DeMaio, plant employees.

Bill Canning, Vice Chairman opened up the Public Hearing @ 6:55 pm asking if there was anyone from the Public wishing to speak and Frank Aquilante, plant electrician took the floor, adding he has been an electrician @ plant for 10 years. Frank Aquilante had a list of things he wanted to discuss:

1. Secondary Wet well - was completed 5 years ago, mechanically and electrically and another company Kovacs Construction is here working on it, doing it over.
2. Front Gate – Frank Aquilante set timers on front gate and they failed due to the ground sinking. We now have to shut gate manually. Total Fence was the contractor who put gate in, and we are told this is a California gate, and motor is on the ground, the street floods in front of plant.
3. Oyster River P.S. flow meter problem. We use this to monitor the flow from Orange, CT. flow meter has not worked in 4 years. Bid to fix was refused.
4. Centrifuge – 5 years ago a trial unit came here. The centrifuge was 100 amps. and we didn't have enough power and the Schwing pump is 70 amps.

Charles DeMaio also wished to speak. He has worked at the plant for 31 years and mentioned that Momar, Bob Beck has an additive for the sludge smell which will neutralize it. Bob Beck will be @ plant on 5/4/18, to try out this product which will be injected into the feed.

Bill Canning asked if anyone else from public wished to speak and closed the public session @ 7:08 pm.

Stuart Rosenkrantz made a motion to accept the minutes from 4/4/18, and Andrea Talamelli seconded it. All were in favor. Mike Betz pointed out a miss spelled word "counsel" was in minutes.

Old Business

Andrea Talamelli asked what happens to budget now? Abdul Quadir said City Council has the authority to change our budget. Now the MARB committee needs to approve it also.

Jack Crosby mentioned that Mayor Rossi was at the plant 4/18/18 and she talked about staffing. Jack Crosby mentioned that 2 people are out due to illness but both should be coming back. Jack Crosby said we are down 6 people, 3 in operations and 3 in maintenance. Mayor Rossi and Michael Last requested we seek outside help, advertise for full time permanent employees. Jack Crosby suggested we wait 30 days.

Jack Crosby said we are 8th in the state for nitrogen credits. Aquaculture was here taking samples of our chlorine chamber, and it's all good.

Bill Canning asked Abdul Quadir if we have a plan in place with EPA. Abdul Quadir said they are referring to it as a "New Source" which means we will have to spend more money to upgrade. We have modified according to EPA since 1967.

Bill Canning asked what is going on with the Electrical bid, from Turtle & Hughes. Abdul Quadir said Louis Esposito, Mayor Assistant, put a stop to the work, as they might try to not use the centrifuge and try to sell it. Bill Canning asked if there was a warranty on this centrifuge, since we can't use it until the electrical panel is upgraded.

Abdul Quadir addressed the secondary wet well, stating it was initiated @plant 3 years ago. Abdul Quadir said the cost for secondary wet well project is \$216,000. We needed to put in new pumps, but there were no name plates on the pumps. Jack Crosby said the pumps that Kovacs Construction are putting in are under-sized. Kovacs work has been stopped. Frank Aquilante said the secondary wet well has worked fine for 5 years. Jack Crosby said he doesn't know why this project was even started.

Abdul Quadir also addressed the flow meter for Orange, CT. he said flow meter is not used to monitor flow. Abdul Quadir said we get Water Company data for flow metering for Orange.

Charles DeMaio & Frank Aquilante said we need another belt filter press. We gave up the old one to the contractor when they took it apart and sold our parts.

New Business

Bill Canning asked if there was a problem at Dawson Pump station, it was as a result of the rain event. There was also a problem at Front Ave. P.S. with bed sheets stuck in the pumps. Our crane is not functional, in incinerator building, which has to do with the electrical panel work that was stopped by Louis Esposito, so we have to hire outside contractor to change out polymer totes upstairs in incinerator building. We have another contractor doing work in incinerator building also, Horton Electrical. Bill Canning wants to see the crane up and operating by our next meeting.

Bill Canning asked who approves our projects @ plant. Abdul Quadir said all projects go out for bid. Bill Canning would like to see our financials to see where the money goes.

Andrea Talamelli said we need some organization here, she looked back in our meeting minutes and it seems we talk about the same things every month but nothing gets settled. Abdul Quadir said the centrifuge was talked about 2 years ago, Bill Canning said he didn't want the centrifuge back then. Some of the plant employees didn't want the centrifuge back then either. Bill Canning wanted to know if there is a timeline for this centrifuge. Brian Reichert said Mayor wants to see if we can sell the centrifuge. Abdul Quadir said we need a belt file press even if we sell the centrifuge. Abdul Quadir said the electrical work was halted, via an email from Lou Esposito, but now is back on with Turtle & Hughes. Abdul Quadir will find out what the status is on electrical panel work.

Jack Crosby said Evoqua never gave him a price to fix the Odor control unit yet. Brian Reichert thanked Frank Aquilante & Charles DeMaio for coming to the meeting.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Andrea Talamelli and seconded by Stuart Rosenkrantz @ 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted.