

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

9/1/2021

The regular meeting of the West Haven Water Pollution Control Commission was held on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. In attendance were Commissioners, Bill Canning, Stuart Rosenkrantz, Peter O'Neill, Mike Betz, Rich DePalma, Jack Crosby, plant superintendent, Abdul Quadir, City Engineer.

Bill Canning opened up the Public Session of meeting @ 6:31 pm asking if anyone from the Public wished to speak, asking a second time, and third and final time closed the public session of the meeting @ 6:45 pm. Peter O'Neill made a motion to accept the minutes from 5/5/2021 and Stuart Rosenkrantz seconded it.

### Old Business

Bill Canning asked Jack Crosby what's going on with Watson Foods, as we are having problems with them putting emulsifiers into the sewer system. Jack Crosby said we have photos to back this up. Watson disputes what they are putting into the system, but Black & Veatch will have a report for us regarding this.

Jack Crosby said CDM Smith has a proposal for digesters in the amount of \$78,000, but Jack Crosby feels this is too high; he does not want to exceed \$25,000. Jack Crosby said there are no odors associated with digesters, they reduce cost, and they destroy solids.

Stuart Rosenkrantz asked about the Odor control, which does not work. Peter O'Neill wants more information about odor control. Abdul Quadir said we should look into digesters. Abdul Quadir said to do a comprehensive study to look at different options for sludge disposal, it will cost \$100,000. Jack Crosby said CDM Smith will prepare a proposal for digesters. Peter O'Neill agrees we need a study done in order to get it done right. Abdul Quadir said we need to do piping and re-do the scrubber also. Abdul Quadir said it will cost \$110,000 to re-do scrubber. We would like to get CDM Smith here for our next meeting October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Bill Canning mentioned the Out Fall pipe, which will cost \$22 Million to fix. We will try to get 75% from FEMA and the city will have to pay the rest. Out fall pipe is one mile long and has 300 foot sections exposed. Bill Canning said we need a line item in the Budget for this.

### New Business

Jack Crosby said Paul Butler is our new Compliance Officer and works out of the plant; he's doing a great job.

Peter O'Neill mentioned we need a bigger meeting place. We will look into getting room at City Hall for next meeting, either the Court room or meeting room.

Peter O'Neill wants to know what our responsibility as a Commission is, in the City? Do we follow the City Charter or City Ordinance, or Consent Decree? Peter O'Neill wants us to either ask Lee Tiernan,

Corp. Counsel to look into this or we hire an attorney to clarify. There was much discussion on this matter.

Abdul Quadir asked about the sewers on Rockdale, as he received \$200,000 in grant money from CDA. It will still cost each homeowner about \$10,000 for sewers per home plus laterals. We will have to schedule a Public Hearing for all the residents on Rockdale. We are looking at October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for the Public Hearing. Peter O'Neill made a motion to schedule this meeting and Mike Betz seconded it. All were in favor.

Bill Canning made mention of adjournment@ 8:10 pm and Peter O'Neill made a motion to adjourn and Mike Betz seconded it. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Dahlgard