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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 2011
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Philip Richardson called the regular meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Simsbury Water Pollution Control Facility Conference Room, 36 Drake Hill Road, Simsbury. The following members were present: Warren Coe, Michael Park and Ed Kelly. Also present were: James Clifton, WPC Superintendent; Richard Sawitzke, Town Engineer and Nancy Haase, Board of Selectmen liaison.

2. SEWER USE BILL MODIFICATION – Fish Enterprises

Attorney Shipman, on behalf of Fish Enterprises, asked the WPCA to consider a different way to evaluate the sewer usage fees for Mr. Fish's properties. These properties are residential in nature, although they are classified as non-residential. These units also house irrigation systems, which are in operation from April to September. He stated that they have identified the buildings in each complex where the sprinklers are located; identified the water usage and removed them from the calculations; and have substituted a building that is similar in number of units. Going forward, he would like the WPCA to consider the different nature of the Fish properties. Chairman Richardson stated that the quarter from July to September is excluded from the calculation for irrigation.

Mr. Cale of Fish Enterprises stated that many of the tenants in their complexes wash cars, garden and have small pools. The maintenance staff also uses a great deal of water for power washing the buildings in the fall and washing equipment of sand and salt in the winter.

Chairman Richardson stated that the Authority will consider the information presented tonight.

3. LANDWORKS DEVELOPMENT, LLC – West Street Project FCC

Mr. Janeczko stated that when the facility connection charge (FCC) was established, the Town did not have a PAD Regulation or a Town Center Code. He stated that the underlying zone of this project is I-2. There were no expectations to have residential property on this property. Chairman Richardson stated that the WPCA has a formula for calculating the \$4,095 connection charge. Mr. Janeczko stated that he is asking for a new designation for this new zone. Chairman Richardson stated that the WPCA will discuss this issue further.

4. MINUTES: MARCH 10, 2011

Chairman Richardson made an edit to Section 4 regarding the number of connections per year.

Dr. Park made a motion to approve the March 10, 2011 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coe and approved. Mr. Kelly abstained.

5. POSSIBLE APPROVAL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO SET SEWER USE RATES AT THE MAY MEETING

Chairman Richardson stated that, by policy, the WPCA sets the sewer use rates in May. Mr. Clifton stated that it has been three years since the last increase.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to hold a public hearing on May 12, 2011 to set the sewer use rates. Dr. Park seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Clifton stated that the Connecticut Association of Water Pollution Control Authorities, Inc. will be holding a spring workshop for any member who would like to attend. Also, the Chamber of Commerce sent a letter to the WPCA requesting that they consider how the FCC is set because of the newly adopted PAD and Town Center Code. Mr. Clifton stated that there is now a process that the WPCA will need to go through in order to place an item on the Board of Selectmen's agenda. Also, he stated that he has received approval from the DEP to purchase an oxygen meter. The DEP will pay 75% of this cost.

7. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mr. Clifton stated that this is the first payment application for the Tunxis Pump Station.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the payment of Connecticut Carpentry

(Application 1), dated March 28, 2011 in the amount of \$13,644; and AECOM (Invoice 37078163), dated December 30, 2010 in the amount of \$5,000. Dr. Park seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

8. STATUS REPORTS ON SEWER EXTENSION PROJECTS, ETC. – R. Sawitzke

Mr. Sawitzke stated that there are two small projects on Bushy Hill Road. They will go out to bid in May and both projects will hopefully be completed in May as well.

9. TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT – J. Clifton

Mr. Clifton stated that rainfall and snow melt created several problems in early March. There were four by-pass reports submitted. An infiltration/inflow study will be performed in Tariffville to pinpoint the problems. He stated that the Kenworth tractor and Tremcar tanker were advertised; bids will be opened May 5, 2011. Although the WPCF has not received official notification, Route 10 is to be repaved from Drake Hill Road north. This month, they will be inspecting the condition of the manholes in this area for any other repairs that may be required.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

The WPCA had a short discussion regarding the West Street project. No decisions were reached.

11. ADJOURN

Mr. Coe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Dr. Park seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Philip Richardson, Chairman