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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
May 12, 2011

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, Paul Gilmore, Michael Park and Loren Shoemaker. Also present were: James Clifton, WPC Superintendent and Rich Sawitzke, Town Engineer.

2. SAFETY BRIEF

Chairman Richardson gave a safety brief including the location of emergency exits in the industrial facility.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL SEWER USE RATES AND SECONDARY WATER METER SURCHARGE

Chairman Richardson opened the public hearing and read the Call as follows:

Chairman Richardson stated that there is a recommendation by Mr. Clifton that the residential sewer use rate be increased from \$320 to \$325 per EDU. He stated that all of the necessary data has not yet been submitted from Quality Data in order to calculate the non-residential sewer use rate. The secondary water meter surcharge is for additional meters that non-residential users may want to install for irrigation. Chairman Richardson asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

Mr. Gilmore made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Shoemaker seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Clifton stated that his best estimate based on the data that has been submitted so far from Quality Data that would be in keeping with their objective to maintain the non-residential use revenue neutral would be \$3.50 - \$4.00 per 100 cubic feet.

Mr. Gilmore made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority set the Residential Sewer Use Rate at \$325.00 per EDU for FY 11/12; that they defer setting the Non-Residential Sewer Use Rate until the next meeting; and that they set the Secondary Water Meter Surcharge at \$100.00. Dr. Park seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

4. LANDWORKS DEVELOPMENT, LLC – WEST STREET PROJECT

Mr. Janeczko stated that the June 2010 minutes state that an approval is needed from the WPCA regarding allocation. Mr. Clifton stated that there is adequate capacity for this project. It was stated that the WPCA does not usually give formal approvals regarding allocations if the applicant does not need additional capacity or a variance. Mr. Gilmore read the portion of the June 2010 minutes. Those minutes discussed a presentation of preliminary information on the proposed project at which time it was noted that WPCA approval would be required when final plans were provided. After some discussion, Chairman Richardson stated that the WPCA will consider whether the WPCA needs to provide specific approval of conforming projects or whether this is more appropriately delegated to the Superintendent. The WPCA agreed to respond at the next meeting.

Regarding Facility Connection Charges (FCC), and whether to consider a revision to the current FCC policy, Chairman Richardson asked for volunteers to create a subcommittee to review the data and make a recommendation. Dr. Park, Mr. Shoemaker and Mr. Gilmore volunteered.

5. APRIL 14, 2011 MEETING MINUTES – POSSIBLE APPROVAL

Dr. Park made a motion to approve the April 14, 2011 minutes as written. Mr. Coe seconded the motion, which was approved. Mr. Shoemaker and Mr. Gilmore abstained.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – There was none.

7. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mr. Shoemaker made a motion to approve the payment of Connecticut Carpentry (Application 2), dated April 25, 2011 in the amount of \$2,753.02. Dr. Park seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Sawitzke stated that the lowest bid for the Environmental One Pressure System came in at \$14,898. The second project should be out to bid this month.

9. TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT – J. CLIFTON

Mr. Clifton stated that all permit requirements were met for the month of April. The Tunxis Pump Station replacement is currently in the submittal stage; construction should start in the summer. The Kenworth tractor and Tremcar tanker were sold for a total of \$52,200. Route 10 will be milled and repaved from Drake Hill Road north. A contractor will be hired to raise several manhole frames that are currently below grade.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Clifton stated that he has received a call from a concerned homeowners association regarding the new billing process. After a short discussion regarding apartments versus condominiums and commercial versus residential, Mr. Shoemaker suggested that sewer bills follow the property tax. If the taxes for a property are paid by one individual entity this would generate one bill; if the taxes are paid by individual owners a bill would be generated for each residential unit. For the homeowners association in question, the WPCA agreed that they should be subject to the residential billing policy. The WPCA discussed the potential for revising the FCC policy for the purposes of better defining “residential” vs. “non-residential”.

11. ADJOURN

Mr. Gilmore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Mr. Coe seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Philip Richardson, Chairman