

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MINUTES
COMMUNITY HOUSE, 46 CHURCH STREET, BRANFORD, CT
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024**

Chairman David Steinhardt called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Chairman David Steinhardt, Justin Rossetti, James Integlia, Kurt Uihlein, and Chris DiAdamo

Also Present: Superintendent Brian Devlin, and Attorney Peter Berdon

Absent: Engineer John Hoefflerle, Yvette Larrieu, and Mike Tamsin

Approval of Minutes – 5/12/2024

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Mr. Uihlein and seconded by Mr. Rossetti. Motion carries unanimously.

Correspondence: No Correspondence

Add to Agenda:

A motion was made to add to the agenda approval of vouchers by Mr. Uihlein and seconded by Mr. Integlia. Motion carries unanimously.

A voucher was brought forward from Berdon Young & Margolis PC for \$700.00

A motion was made to approve the voucher brought forward and seconded by Mr. Integlia. Motion carries unanimously.

Account Transfer –

FROM: Advertising	21043030 555400	(\$1,500.00)
Office Supplies	21043030 566100	(\$1,000.00)
TO: Uniform/Clothing	21043030 526100	\$2,500.00

Mr. Devlin explains the transfer is necessary due to the safety clothing bought for the new employees this winter cutting into the money needed to cover the contractual obligations for uniforms and shoe allowance for employees until June 30th.

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A motion was made to approve the transfer from (\$1,500.00) from Advertising and (\$1,000.00) from Office Supplies to Uniform/Clothing \$2,500.00 by Mr. Integlia and seconded by Mr. Rossetti. Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion:

a. Wastewater Infrastructure Climate Resiliency Subcommittee (cont.)

The subcommittee of the Wastewater Infrastructure Climate Resiliency met before this meeting to discuss the Phase 2 study and have authority to vote at the next meeting.

Add to Agenda:

A motion was made to add to the agenda for WPCA authorization for the subcommittee to proceed with the outline RFP work group to put this item on the next meeting to vote by Mr. Uihlein and seconded by Mr. Rossetti. Motion carries unanimously.

The planning subcommittee members met prior to this meeting, with Paul Muniz by phone, to discuss moving forward with Phase 2 RFP with regards to both the Treatment Plant and Pump Stations. The general layout is to establish a criteria and scope for flood proofing some of these facilities.

It is requested that Superintendent Brian Devlin attend these subcommittee meetings prior to the WPCA meetings, for his input on what can be done at both the Treatment Plant and Pump Stations to raise structures above flood zones. As Pump Stations have been undergoing rehabs, Mr. Devlin has been addressing the infrastructure to meet the rising sea levels.

A motion was made to add the subcommittee to proceed with the RFP to be brought to a vote at the next meeting by Mr. Uihlein and seconded by Mr. Rossetti. Motion carries unanimously.

Reports:

Superintendent

Superintendent Brian Devlin presents his report. In May, sewage processed 3.6 AVG MGD, Septic Waste Processed 1,169,500 Gallons, and Septic Receiving Revenues \$76,145.50

In Plant started servicing mixers and internal recycle pumps located in the oxidation Ditches #1 and #2.

The septic receiving unit is in place at the plant. Once completed, we will see a 25% increase in revenue.

The Oxidation and aeration bids went out 3 weeks ago.

A company in Missouri was the lowest bidder, but never did work in Connecticut. With the logistics of this company being far away, Kovacs Construction in Connecticut was the

second lowest bidder, and has done many projects for the Wastewater Department. Will be going for a bid waiver tomorrow night, to award Kovacs Construction with the job.

Pump Outs and grounds are being done weekly at the pump stations.

There was a discussion regarding easements. A flow study near Walmart for a development in that area determined the area could not handle the flow. There is a smoke test scheduled in the Montoya area in a few months.

WPCA Attorney

Attorney Peter Berdon reported on the claim for 245 East Main Street-damaged sewer main. The WPCA is in the process of negotiating with the property owner, the insurance company or the contract and the owner's bank. The owner is seeking to obtain a C/O; however, the property is not complete and the WPCA claim must be resolved. The owner is addressing issues with his lender as well. The WPCA claim is \$226,000.00.

The owner has commenced litigation against the contractor and the WPCA will seek to join the suit if payment to the WPCA is not resolved soon.

Attorney Berdon also states he's preparing a sewer access agreement at East Industrial Road.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Uihlein and seconded by Mr. Rossetti. Motion carries unanimously at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Linke, Clerk