

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MINUTES
COMMUNITY HOUSE, 46 CHURCH ST. BRANFORD, CT
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, March 8, 2022**

Chairman Mark Winik called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

Roll Call: Chairman Mark Winik, Kurt Uihlein, David Steinhardt, and Mike Tamsin

Also Present: Superintendent Brian Devlin, and Town Engineer John Hoefflerle

Absent: Yvette Larrieu, Ryan Sullivan, and Joseph Herget

Approval of Minutes – 2/8/2022

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Uihlein. Motion carries unanimously.

Correspondence: The Coastal Vulnerability and WPCA Committee, met on February 23, for their voluntary committee to discuss future coastal vulnerability at the Plant and pump stations, and for solutions. Mr. Winik brings forth a packet with grant and loan opportunities, from the Connecticut Water Environmental Association. Mr. Winik requests Camille to scan and distribute to the Committee.

Mr. Steinhardt said they will have an agenda at the next meeting to find grants and will come back to the WPCA.

Approval of Vouchers

No vouchers brought forward at this time.

Old Business

a. 61 Burban Drive – tabled from 2/8/22

This was tabled from last month. Looking at the old Hospice building and putting in 59 residential units. Doing further research, connection to the main, and it does not look good with cast. When applying for permits, they will be responsible to replace. We need to do more smoke testing in flow and feeds into Burban pump station and storm water.

Mr. Devlin said he changed the impellers, and it took care of the rag issue. When we had the severe rain storm in September, 2021, we didn't get high flow alarms, it seemed to take care of the problem. We have two pumps to handle that pump station.

Mr. Hoefflerle stated in dry weather the pumps are fine, but in wet weather the pumps go on. Our Consultant from AECOM said he sees no issue for capacity.

Any applications for Burban, will be approved subject to a sewer agreement.

A motion was made to approve this project, subject to a sewer agreement and permits by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Uihlein. Motion carries unanimously.

Review, and if appropriate, approve WWTP Fiscal Year 23 Budget

Mr. Devlin presents his budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

The only big increase he had was for sludge removal that they bring to New Haven.

The five year contract with Synagro is up in July, and there are not many competitors.

There was discussion on the revenue for septic dumped in Branford.

We are close to getting the septic receiving building. The unit is called The Beast. It uses a flow meter. The septic drivers will punch in a number and every drop will be accounted for.

Right now, it's the honor system, and we lose a lot of revenue each year. Hoping to have it in by the summer.

There were questions regarding fringe benefits. This comes from the Finance Department. It covers employee's benefits.

There was also discussion regarding the utility bills, and the Honeywell project.

Also discussion regarding the Sewer Reserve. This is a written ordinance that the Town gives the WPCF \$600,000 in lieu of the Town paying sewer use fees. All other expenses the WPCF pays out of the sewer utility fund.

The apparatus fee covers needed vehicles. A new Pump Out truck is coming soon. The workers put so many miles a year on the pump out trucks.

A motion was made to approve the WWTP Fiscal Year 2023 budget by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Uihlein. Motion carries unanimously.

Review, and if appropriate, approve capital project transfers as recommended by the Finance Director

The following transfer identifies unexpended balances from projects within the sewer reserve fund to finance new and existing projects at the plant.

Fund 713 Sewer Reserve Fund

From:

71343030-16309

Septage Receiving Facility

100,000

71343030-17316	New Generator – WPC Facility	342,000
71343030-20313	Garage Expansion	766,000
71343030-21319	Gravity Belt Thickener	299,866
	Total	1,507,866

To:

71343030-16310	D Box 2 Slide Gate Replacement	28,866
New Item	Replace Variable Drives (Plant)	135,000
New Item	Upgrade of Control and Data System	205,000
New Item	Replace UV Light Disinfection System	900,000
71343030-19317	Blowers & Secondary -WPC Facility	239,000
	Total	1,507,866

Transfer to Closeout projects and Transfer Balance to Sewer Reserve Fund

The following transfer identifies unexpended balances from projects within the 700 fund. These balances will be transferred to the sewer reserve fund to finance future needs and limit the amount of future debt issued for the plant and collection system.

Fund 700 Capital Fund

From:

70043030-09309	Force Main Johnsons Point	100,000
70043030-14309	Septage Receiving Facility	140,000
70043030-11308	Wonderware and PC Upgrades	951
70043030-13309	HOMA MIXER	15,000
70043030-11309	EMU Mixer	8,550
70043030-12305	New Camera and Tractor	774
70043030-15312	SW-C Grit Classifier	86,650

To:

70043030-599114	Transfer Out to Sewer Reserve Fund	351,925
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Mr. Devlin had extra money in the capital accounts from 2016 bond issues.

There is a new ordinance that any capital funds not used in two years, may be lost to the WPCF.

The fund 700 projects from the transferring from column have already been done at significant savings.

This will allow the money to go to the sewer reserve fund for projects when needed.

A motion was made to accept the transfers from the 713 account \$1,507,866 and 700 capital account \$351,925 by Mr. Steinhardt and seconded by Mr. Uihlein. Motion carries unanimously.

Reports.

Superintendent Brian Devlin-

Mr. Devlin presented his report.
Sewage process in February was 3.7 AVG MGD
Septic Waste Processed was 586,380 Gallons
Septic Receiving Revenues \$38,818.36

Plant operations went well. Repaired sump pump in solids building.
Rebuilt gravity belt thickener and it's running well.
The new plant generator was delivered.
Four main raw sewage pumps sent out for rebuild. They will have 25% more pump capacity.

Miscellaneous Inspections and repairs done at various pump stations.
Control Systems will replace force mains in wet wells.

Town Engineer –John Hoeffler –

Mr. Hoeffler has no report at this time.

WPCA Attorney – Peter Berdon-

Not in attendance, no report.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Steinhardt, and seconded by Mr. Uihlein to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M.
Motion carries unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Linke, Clerk