

**Town of Montville Water Pollution Control Authority  
Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2009  
Town Hall – Town Council Chambers  
7:00 p.m.**

**I Water Pollution Control Authority**

**a. Call to Order**

Chairman May called the regular meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority to order at 7:00 p.m.

**b. Pledge of Allegiance**

**c. Roll Call**

Present were Commissioners Geary, May, Siragusa, Schober and Thorn. Also present were Administrator Lynch, Superintendent Didato, Attorney Ronald Oschner, Attorney Robert Melvin and Engineer Richard Kruczek.

**d. Approval of the Minutes**

Motion made by Commissioner Geary, seconded by Commissioner Thorn to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 4, 2009, the Public Hearing meeting minutes of May 4, 2009 for Sewer Use Rates and the meeting minutes of May 4, 2009 for Rules and Regulations with the following correction to the Sewer Use Charge Rate Public Hearing Meeting Minutes;

Page 2, third paragraph should read: Commissioner Geary inquired regarding the flat rate costs and it was determined customers will pay a minimum of eighty eight dollars a quarter, not a year as stated.

Discussion: none. Voice vote: 5-0, all in favor, motion carried.

**e. Communications**

Superintendent Didato indicated the Capacity Report will be forwarded on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**f. Remarks from the Public Regarding Matters on the Agenda – none.**

**g. Report from Operations Division**

Superintended Didado had the following information in his report:

With the available data to date the Water Pollution Control Facility was in full compliance of its NPDES permit for May.

An odor complaint was received on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from a man who resides on Depot Road. Our on duty operator confirmed our odor control equipment was fully operational and that wind direction readings on our weather station would make it unlikely to be from us.

Last month sludge thickness averaged 5.0%. We have seen improvement in sludge thickness in the first part of May.

We averaged 89 lbs/day of nitrogen in our discharge last month.

Staff has been extra busy maintaining grounds and pump stations covering for the vacated maintainer position.

We have been working with a number of agencies on reducing our electrical expenses.

#### Collection Systems

We continue to use the septic truck this month to suck the floating grease off of some of the pump station wet wells. Floating grease in wet wells causes level control problems if allowed to build up too much. Raymond Skidgel of 1307 Route 32 called stating his well water smelled like sewage. An investigation of the general area found nothing notably wrong with the sewer system. This matter has been referred to Uncas Health. Theresa Ferguson of 187 Maple Avenue called stating her toilet bubbles up in the middle of the night. An investigation of the manholes on both sides of her property found them flowing fine. It would appear the problem is on her property. On May 13<sup>th</sup> Public Works called regarding their toilets backing up. The problem was found to be an internal blockage.

#### Projects/Connections

Two new tattoo parlors have been connected to the sewer system. A new home is under construction on 12 David Drive. There has been a new application for building on Platoz Drive. Plans are to turn the two existing structures into sixteen one bedroom units. New connection fees will result. The engineers have looked at the plans for the project on 120 Gay Hill Road and found that there is capacity.

#### Potable Water

The fire hydrant on the corner of Rt. 32 and Rt. 2A will be moved to make way for another turn lane. The hotel developer is going to pay for this project. A trailer on Crandall Hill has been removed and water service to this trailer has been secured. The MTUA has made some adjustments on the operating parameters at the Roseland Pump Station. Everything is operating well with the volume of water SCWA is using. The Correctional Facility flushed their fire hydrants in May without disruption to the system. Both water pump station tanks have been fueled up for emergency generated power. We started building a water records room at the facility for exclusively potable water. Issues at Stop & Shop regarding backflow issues have been corrected.

#### **h. Report from the Administration Division**

Administrator Lynch had the following in his report:

He met with Sterns & Wheler, Chris Clark, Rich Johnson of Amory Engineering and Mr. Geary over the pump station design last week. He talked about what the needs are for future growth and how we needed to design a Booster Station that could expand as the Towns needs for water grow over the next few years. After many discussions and visiting the site to see three different size prefabricated booster stations, we have decided that this is the best way to proceed. We will save on construction costs, and will still be able to bed the project out, taking less time to get up and running.

We continue to wait for our court date with Rand Whitney. This will help in determining the third arbitrator. An email from Dina Fisher indicted the June 13<sup>th</sup> court date may not go forward due to a back log at the court house.

Online payments are going well. Two or three transactions come in per day and some of the delinquent accounts are paying off their accounts or paying more toward them.

The water system is still running smoothly. Monthly bills have gone out again and we will be sending out their bill soon. Now that the Town Council has approved the job description of the water operator, I would like to move forward in the filling of this position. There are a number of hurdles that I have to attend to prior to filling the position.

The problem with the pumps kicking off has been solved at the Roselund Pump Station. Some of the pressure points were set to high and with the low pressure already existing, the combinations of both were causing the problem. The MTUA worked hard on this problem and SCWA is now taking water for twenty homes.

**i. Report from Mayor**

Mayor Jaskiewicz was not present to give a report.

**j. Report from Special or Sub-Committees**

**k. Report from Engineers**

Richard Kruczek stated the Facilities Plan is moving along and flow meters were pulled out of the ground last week.

**l. Old Business**

**1. To consider and act on accepting the Sewer Use Rules and Regulations Modifications.**

Administrator Lynch indicated there has been a considerable amount of time spent tweaking the Rules and Regulations over the past months and the concerns of the residents have been addressed in the revised document.

Chairman May stated if residents see housing violations they should be reported to the proper authorities. There are agencies in the state to take care of such issues. He stated he is comfortable adopting the revised Rules and Regulations and urged the Commission to adopt with a sixty or ninety day stipulation.

Attorney Oschner stated if approved the document will move forward to the Town Council with the revised recommendations. He recommends ninety days to ensure enough time to complete the necessary steps prior to adoption.

Commissioner Geary recommended the Commission approve this by resolution.

Commissioner Thorn thanked Administrator Lynch for the completion of this long and tedious task as it has been a long process.

Administrator Lynch thanked everyone who participated in the process and recommended the Commission adopt the amended Rules and Regulations by resolution with a ninety day stipulation, effective September 1, 2009.

**SAR 2009-029. The Water Pollution Control Authority for the Town of Montville hereby resolves to adopt the Sewer Use Rules and Regulations (modifications) to be effective in ninety days.** Discussion: none. Roll call vote: Voting in favor of adopting the resolution were Commissioners Geary, May, Siragusa, Schober and Thorn. 5-0, all in favor, resolution adopted.

2. Motion made by Commissioner Geary, seconded by Commissioner Thorn **To authorize to effect a sewer main extension from Gay Hill Road to serve the proposed forty (40) single family residential dwelling houses in the project to 9R Burlake LLC, owner of 120 Gay Hill Road.** Discussion: Commissioner Thorn stated many of the arguments discussed during the Public Hearing are not the concern of the Water Pollution Control Authority. Commissioner Geary stated the number of homes proposed for the site is determined by Planning & Zoning. It is the determination of the WPCA as to whether it is feasible to install the sewer main extension in this area and if there is sewer capacity for the proposal.

Roll call vote: Voting in favor of approving the motion were Commissioners Geary, May, Schober and Thorn. (Commissioner Siragusa abstained) 4-0-1, motion carried.

**m. New Business**

**1. To appoint a sub-committee to review the new Rules and Regulations and recommend to the WPCA what should be a Town Ordinance and forward recommendations to the Town Council for approval.**

Administrator Lynch recommended the following candidates for the sub-committee; Superintendent Didato, Engineer Richard Kruczek, Attorney Oschner and Administrator Lynch. He stated the deadline for approval is in ninety days and would like to get moving forward with the recommendations as soon as possible. Chairman May recommended the Commission extend an invitation to the Planning Director.

**Motion** made by Commissioner Geary, seconded by Commissioner Thorn to appoint Administrator Lynch, Superintendent Didato, Engineer Richard Kruczek, and Attorney Oschner to the Rules and Regulations Sub-Committee in charge of recommending new Town Ordinances to the Town Council. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 5-0, all in favor, motion carried.

**n. To consider and act on referrals from Planning & Zoning.**

Chairman May discussed various subdivisions upcoming before the Planning & Zoning Commission.

**o. To consider and act on the payment of bills.**

**SAR 2009-030. The Water Pollution Control Authority for the Town of Montville hereby resolves to pay bills in the amount of \$22,629.43 as depicted on Schedule A (attached).** Motion made by Commissioner Geary, seconded by Commissioner Thorn. Discussion: none. Roll call vote: 5-0, voting in favor of adopting the resolution were Commissioners Geary, May, Siragusa, Schober and Thorn. All in favor, resolution adopted.

**p. Executive Session – none.**

**II Water Commission**

**a. Report from Special or Sub-Committees – none.**

**b. Report from Engineers**

Administrator Lynch stated Chris Clark could not attend the meeting. He discussed a meeting regarding the Palmertown Booster Station. Commissioner Geary inquired if the Health Department or State of Connecticut has finalized a water plan. Administrator Lynch indicated they had not. A discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of conveying or transferring an exclusive service area. It was the consensus of the Commission it is not in the best interest of the Town to do so.

**c. Old Business – none.**

**d. New Business – none.**

**e. SAR 2009-031. The Water Pollution Control Authority for the Town of Montville hereby resolves to pay bills in the amount of \$945.00 as per Schedule B attached.** Motion made by Commissioner Geary, seconded by Commissioner Thorn. Discussion: none. Roll call vote: 5-0, voting in favor of adopting the resolution were Commissioners Geary, May, Siragusa, Schober and Thorn. All in favor, resolution adopted.

**III Remarks from the Public**

Attorney Chase addressed the Commission with concerns regarding protocol for Public Hearings. He suggested the Town utilize the Town Attorney to help them with procedure. He expressed concern regarding the Public Hearing notice and as to whether there was proper notice. He accused Administrator Lynch of influencing the Commission members regarding an application after the Public Hearing was closed. He hopes the Commission will use more care in the process of making decisions. He requested clarification as to what was approved for Gay Hill Road.

Commissioner Geary stated the request of 9R Burlake Road LLC was for a capacity determination and a request for a sewer main extension to serve the proposed development to interconnect at Gay Hill road and the existing sewer main on Gay Hill Road.

Administrator Lynch stated to Attorney Chase he has the right to speak with the Commission regarding issues discussed at the meeting and takes offense to the accusation that he influenced any decisions the Commission made during the meeting.

**IV Remarks from the Commission Members – none.**

**V Adjournment**

**Motion** made by Commissioner Geary, seconded by Commissioner Thorn to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote: 5-0, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville