

**Town of Montville Water Pollution Control Authority
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 16, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.
Town Council Chambers – Town Hall**

1. Call to Order

Chairman May indicated there are not enough members present to establish a quorum.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present were Commissioners May and Siragusa. Absent were Commissioners Hillman, Thorn and Schober. Also present was Mayor Jaskiewicz and Attorney Ochsner, Administrator Lynch and Superintendent Didato.

Commissioner Siragusa suggested the Commission move item 6, Remarks from the Public to the top of the agenda prior to Executive Session to allow a member of the public to speak. Commissioner May stated he did not have any opposition to doing so.

6. Remarks from the Public

Mr. Gene Jambor, 114 Park Avenue, Uncasville, stated he is speaking for the public who reside in Uncasville. He discussed a major fire in Uncasville over the weekend where a home was lost. There are four hundred and eighty seven homes in this area and the home that was lost was due to lack of water to the area. He stated there was over five million dollars worth of pumping equipment on the site of the fire, including the Mohegan Fire Company, Montville and Chesterfield Fire Houses, Norwich, New London, Gales Ferry and the Sub Base. There was no water for them to pump and were forced to use tanker trucks. The end of the water line that the WPCA owns on Edwards Street is eleven hundred and seventy five feet away from the house that was burned to the ground. He urged the WPCA to seriously look at the costs and availability of funds and grants to hook up the eleven hundred feet of pipe underground at sixty dollars a foot for a cost of approximately one hundred and seventeen thousand dollars to supply water to the neighborhood so this does not happen again. There is no fire suppression in the area where the house burned down although there are fire hydrants present. He commended the fire departments for a great job considering the small amount of water they had to work with.

Chairman May requested Superintendent Didato supply the Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting an official report from the Fire Marshal and SCWA to

determine what the real problem was with the fire and to request their attendance at the meeting to answer questions from the Commission. The Commission would like to know if the water supply is insufficient in the area of the recent fire and if there is anything the Water Authority can do to help fix the water problem. Mayor Jaskiewicz inquired if the WPCA has the authority to request the Fire Marshal to attend the WPCA meeting. He stated the area in question has been a community well for many years and everyone who lives there knows this. There has never been any fire suppression in this area and they have to depend on services from the Fire Departments if needed. Mayor Jaskiewicz stated there may be something that can be done with a valve on Golden Road to draw water from in case of emergency.

4. Executive Session

Chairman May made a motion to enter into Executive Session purpose of discussions regarding litigation with Rand Whitney Containerboard. Discussions to include members of the Water Pollution Control Authority, Administrator Brian Lynch, Superintendent Michael Didato, Attorney Ron Ochsner, Attorney Dina Fisher, Mr. Edward Heath and Mayor Jaskiewicz. Commissioner Siragusa seconded the motion. Executive Session began at 6:50 p.m. and concluded at 7:55 p.m. Chairman May indicated no formal votes were taken during Executive Session.

5. To Consider and Act on a motion to send out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a possible Rate Consultant.

This item will be placed on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled Water Pollution Control Authority meeting due to the lack of quorum.

7. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Siragusa, seconded by Chairman May to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville