

Town of Montville
Water and Sewer Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes -- June 3, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.
Town Council Chambers – Montville Town Hall

1. Water and Sewer Commission

a. Call to Order

Chairman Rogers called the regular meeting of the Water and Sewer Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and pledged the flag.

c. Roll Call

Present were Commissioners Chuck Longton, Brian Quinn, Shawn Jinkerson, Anthony Siragusa, and Chairman/Town Councilor Jeff Rogers. Commissioners Chuck Longton and Brian Quinn were absent. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel, WPCA Chief Operator/Superintendent Derek Albertson, and Accountant Maureen Benway. A quorum was present.

d. Alterations to the Agenda -- *None*

e. To consider and act on a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2019. Motion by Commissioner Siragusa; seconded by Commissioner Jinkerson to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2019. Discussion: none. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor. Motion carried.

f. Communications pertaining specifically to matters which concern the Commission *None*

g. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda with a three-minute limit

Chairman Rogers asked three (3) times for remarks. There were none.

h. Report from Operations/Administration Division

WPCA Chief Plant Operator/Superintendent Albertson submitted an Operations Report for May 2019 as follows:

1.0 Compliance/Process

1.1 Wastewater Treatment

Slightly elevated concentrations of TSS/BOD in the effluent were detected in May 2019. It is typical to have settling issues during the spring months due to sudden temperature changes within the process tanks.

Chlorine disinfection and confirmatory biological testing of the plant effluent began on May 1.

Waste sludge was thickened to approximately 4.5% solids. Approximately 72 pounds per day of Total Nitrogen were discharged which is well below the limit of 118 pounds per day.

A small blockage occurred on May 27 along Bittersweet Lane resulting in a surcharge in the sewer line in both that road and Indian Hill Road. The line was jetted to clear the blockage with no basement flooding reported.

1.2 Water Supply

The water supply met required standards. The *Consumer Confidence Report* (CCR) is being prepared to be posted to the WPCA website in July 2019.

2.0 Staff

2.1 Staff

A staff meeting was held on May 22 to communicate spring process control changes, safety concerns, and a review of the existing collection system/WPCF projects. New employee Bill Clark (Summer Help) was welcomed to the team on May 16.

No reports of employee injury this month. Confined Space Training is scheduled for June 11.

3.0 Equipment

3.1 Equipment

The sewer inspection (CCTV) equipment trailer arrived on May 9 with formal training completed on May 14 and 15 which included 1,400 linear feet of inspection. The Bid Opening for the new pump truck was on May 29. The sewer lateral for the Fair Oaks School was jetted and CCTV inspected on May 23.

4.0 Projects

4.1 Grit Chamber

MCA personnel were contact to enhance the proposed grit removal system to include a device for the removal of “floatables” (i.e., plastics).

4.2 Fats Oil and Grease

Certain food establishments (Class III and IV) will be inspected to determine compliance with the CTDEEP *General Permit for the Discharge of Wastewater Associated with Food Service Establishments*.

4.3 CMOM

A draft *Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance* (CMOM) document written by the Superintendent was submitted to CTDEEP. The document is prepared for the management of the wastewater collection system. The Manor development and the Inverted Siphon areas have been prioritized for sewer cleaning/camera inspection (to begin in June 2019). The inspection will

include approximately 21,000 linear feet or 5% of the entire sewer system. R & B Vaill Sewer & Septic LLC was directed to repair seven (priority) manholes.

4.4 Chlorine Building Construction/Chlorination System

The project will be completed in late August 2019.

Chief Operator/Superintendent Albertson reported performance at the plant was good which he summarized for the Commission. Commissioner Jinkerson thanked him for the new report in bullet form.

5.0 CIP Projects

5.1 SCADA/Motor Control Upgrades

The Derry Hill and Kitemaug Pump Stations were improved and will be put online this week by the staff and WPCA engineer (Woodard & Curran).

5.2 Main Pump Replacement

A new Influent pumps will be installed on June 3. A second pump installation will be schedule for later this summer.

5.3 SBR Diffuser Replacement

The air delivery system for SBR-4 is failing due to a break in a manifold/header PVC pipe. The pumping down of the tank (with cleaning) will occur in late summer or early fall of this year with pipe and diffuser replacement.

5.4 Cross Country Clearing

The project addresses the clearing and installation of a gravel road in a sewer main area extending from Colchester Road to Fellows Road. Missing manholes were located on May 30.

i. Report from the Mayor

1. Update Commission on fuel cell project.

Mayor McDaniel reported the gas supply contract for the fuel cell project was received from Eversource and is being reviewed by the Town Attorney. He said the plan is for expansion of gas to the Town Hall and stated the boiler at the former Town Hall needs replacing. This information was forwarded to Chairman Rogers. Mayor McDaniel responded to questions concerning gas services to businesses by Commissioner Siragusa and the location of the gas line by Chairman Rogers.

j. Report from Engineers

Chief Operator/Superintendent Albertson commented on the draft report for regional waste water management that would direct waste water from Waterford, as East Lyme has reached its limit, to Town via Route 32. He reported that any large connection would require approval from Rand-Whitney and would not compromise the casino. He also said Palmer testing was done and results

would be shared at the next Commission meeting. In response to a question by Commissioner Jinkerson, Chief Operator/Superintendent Albertson said the advantage to the plan is revenues and spoke of hydraulic overloading, the issue of waste weight/strength, and constant monitoring with it being in Town. As to diluting Rand-Whitney from Chairman Rogers, Chief Operator/Superintendent Albertson said he wanted studies done upfront.

k. Executive Session.

1. To Consider and Act on a Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of providing the status update on a Personnel Matter and WPCA Audit.

Motion by Commissioner Siragusa; seconded by Commissioner Jinkerson to go into Executive Session at 6:14 p.m. for the purpose of providing the status update on the Personnel Matter and WPCA Audit and invite in Chief Operator/Superintendent Albertson, Mayor McDaniel, and Joseph Cenofanti of O'Connor Davies, Accountants and Advisors.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. and Chairman Rogers reported no votes were taken.

l. Old Business

Chief Operator/Superintendent Albertson distributed a cost detail of Capital projects as previously requested by Commissioner Siragusa.

m. New Business

1. Award contract for RFP ID: 2019-02 2018 Freightliner Truck Conversion to TSI Tank Services, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Siragusa; seconded by Commissioner Jinkerson to award contract for RFP ID: 2019-02 2018 Freightliner Truck Conversion to TSI Tank Services, Inc. Discussion: At the request of Chairman Rogers, Chief Operator/Superintendent Albertson explained the freightliner truck was never used and was built to be a trunk truck to evacuate waste water. He also said the truck had one million miles on it and received only one bid in the amount of \$72,000. Roll Call vote: *In favor*, Commissioners Jinkerson, Siragusa, and Chairman Rogers. *Opposed*, none. Motion carried, 3-0.

2. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize payment of \$1,200.00 (One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and No Cents) to Q's Plumbing and Heating for work at 14 Sachem Lane, Uncasville, CT for damage due to back up of sewer into house.

Motion – Discussion – Roll Call

SAR-NO. 2019-12 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES to authorize payment of \$1,200.00 (One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars

and No Cents) to Q's Plumbing and Heating for work at 14 Sachem Lane, Uncasville, CT for damage due to back up of sewer into house. Motion by Commissioner Siragusa; seconded by Commissioner Jinkerson. Discussion: Mayor McDaniel asked if the age of the tank was verified and recommended a signed release from each party to include a hold harmless agreement. Chairman Rogers responded to Commissioner Siragusa that the plumbing company was chosen by CIRMA. Roll Call vote: *In favor*, Commissioners Jinkerson, Siragusa, and Chairman Rogers. *Opposed*, none. Motion carried, 3-0.

3. **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES** to authorize payment of \$3,958.94 (Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents) to Karen Doherty-Perkins of 22 Sachem Lane, Uncasville, CT for damage due to back up of sewer into house.
Motion – Discussion – Roll Call

SAR-NO. 2019-13 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES to authorize payment of \$3,958.94 (Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents) to Karen Doherty-Perkins of 22 Sachem Lane, Uncasville, CT for damage due to back up of sewer into house. Motion by Commissioner Siragusa; seconded by Commissioner Longton. Discussion: Commissioner Siragusa asked why the issue was not getting paid through the homeowner. Mayor McDaniel spoke of the Town's lack of liability which Chairman Rogers discussed with CIRMA. A proposal was confirmed whereby the Town absorbed the portion, 40%, not paid by CIRMA. Also, the work would be done by the owner's husband. Roll Call vote: *In favor*, Commissioners Jinkerson, Siragusa, and Chairman Rogers. *Opposed*, none. Motion carried, 3-0.

n. Reports/referrals from Planning & Zoning

Commissioner Siragusa, Chief Operator/Superintendent Albertson, and Mayor McDaniel engaged in discussion about property plans near Oxoboxo and proposed areas for additional pump stations some of which were in low lying areas and for potential water expansion. D. Albertson also mentioned a proposed 16-unit housing at the former Faria location and data centers that would require a lot of water due to staffing facility needs.

- o.** Payment of Bills -- *None*

II. Water Commission

a. Report from Engineers

Chief Operator/Superintendent Albertson reported the water supply is doing well with a lower concentration of THHM's. A routine change out of meters is being done and no breaks reported.

b. Old Business

1. Water expansion for the Town of Montville.

Commissioner Siragusa stated the Commission needs to keep asking for funds and to pinpoint where expansion should occur.

c. New Business -- None

d. Remarks from the Public

Chairman Rogers asked three (3) times for remarks. Accountant Benway again asked when files would be unlocked as asked at last month's meeting. Chairman Rogers had no definitive date for the same.

e. Remarks from Commission Members

Commissioner Jinkerson apologized for the fire storm he created on the Montville Forum and thanked those for their responses stating it was an educational experience for him.

f. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Siragusa, seconded by Commissioner Jinkerson to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Discussion, none. Voice Vote, 3-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gloria J. Gathers
Recording Secretary, Town of Montville

AN AUDIO RECORD OF THE MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE TOWN WEBSITE.