

Regular Meeting Minutes
Town of Montville Water and Sewer Commission
Monday, February 1, 2016
Town Hall - Town Council Chambers – 6:00 p.m.

1. Water and Sewer Commission

a. Call to Order

WPCA Chairman May called the regular meeting of the Water and Sewer Commission to order at 6:04 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and pledged the flag.

c. Roll Call

Present were Commissioners Gary Murphy, Deborah Schober, Anthony Siragusa, Robert Thorn, and WPCA Chairman/Town Council Liaison Timothy May. Also present were Administrator Brian Lynch, Superintendent Michael Didato, and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.

d. Alterations to the Agenda -- None

e. To consider an act on a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2015

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2015, made by Commissioner Thorn; seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Discussion, none; voice vote, 5-0; all in favor, **motion carried to approve the minutes, as written.**

To consider an act on a motion to approve the Public Hearing minutes of December 7, 2015

Motion to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of December 7, 2015, made by Commissioner Siragusa; seconded by Commissioner Thorn. Discussion, none; voice vote, 5-0; all in favor, **motion carried to approve the minutes, as written.**

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 May asked three times for remarks. There were none.

h. Commission Attorney on Matters Referred -- None

i. Report from Administration Division

Administrator Lynch submitted an activity report for December 2015/January 2016 that was included in the packet as follows:

1. We continue to wait for DEEP to sign off on the last of the paperwork pertaining to the anaerobic digester project. Our liaison at DEEP is requiring us to fill out paperwork that only gets filled out when you receive clean water fund low interest money. Because our funding for the project is in the form of a grant, we do not see the need to fill out clean water fund paperwork. Matt Auger is reaching out to DEEP for clarification.
2. We finished our first month of payments on the new billing system. Like anything new, we had a few hiccups along the way. On the whole, however, our customers were very understanding.
3. The Mayor and I met with the co-presidents of the Southeastern Connecticut Water Utilities Commission. We discussed the idea of working with SCWA to redistrict the exclusive service area. We are trying to set up a meeting with the new manager of SCWA and the chairperson.
4. We are continuing to work at clearing the right of way in the Fellows Road area. I have asked P&H Construction for some pricing on opening up all of that easement. We have a number of manholes in that right of way that need some attention.

Administrator Lynch said that they are going through a “slow” period. He also referenced the upcoming meeting that he and the Mayor will attend with SEC.

j. Report from Operations Division

Superintendent Didato submitted an operating report for December 2015/January 2016 that was included in the packet as follows:

1. With the available data to date, the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) continues to be in full compliance of its NPDES permit.

2. There were no treatment plant odor complaints last month.
3. Sludge thickness averaged about 5.2%.
4. We had an average of 46 lbs/day of nitrogen in our discharge last month. Our 2016 average limit with the DEEP is 118 lbs/day.
5. We had more of the required safety training for our newest operators.
6. Brian and I had a meeting with the engineers that are working on our trihalomethanes (TTHM) problem in our potable water. We are employing different flushing techniques to see what effect it will have “if any” on lab results and we are scheduling a meeting with them the DPH to discuss the same.
7. By the time you may be reading this, you may already know that we had another pipe failure on the RWC discharge on Depot Road. The proximity of this failure was just about 50 feet from the last failure. It is slowly migrating toward Route 32. As a result, every effort is going to be made to make a controlled pipe replacement of the Route 32 crossing this year. Quotes are being solicited. More to follow.
8. I have completed and submitted this year’s report to the Department of Agriculture. The report requires flows and performances of our facility. I am happy to report no violations have transpired in 2015.
9. Nothing unusual or outstanding to report for this month. Performed routine maintenance and operations with some small problems that have been resolved.

Superintendent Didato reported on a failed toxicity test with DPH that upon retake was normal. The failure was attributed to a “bad batch of fish” by DPH. He also apologized for missing the last meeting. Commissioner May commented on the repair at Maple Avenue and Route 32 that he described as a “good repair” that shut down the road for four (4) days.

- k. Report from the Mayor -- None
- l. Report from special or sub-committees -- None
- m. Report from Engineers

Administrator Lynch commented that a report from the engineers should be forthcoming soon. Superintendent Didato added that the engineers are currently engaged in four (4) projects, not including the anaerobic digester.

- n. Old Business -- None
- o. New Business -- None
- p. Reports/referrals from Planning & Zoning – None
- q. Payment of bills

1. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES to pay bills in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents (\$1,264.88) per attached Schedule A. Motion – Discussion – Roll Call Vote.

SAR NO. 2016-70 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES to pay bills in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars and Eighty-Eight Cents (\$1,264.88) per attached Schedule A. Discussion, none; Roll Call Vote: all in favor Commissioners Murphy, Schober, Siragusa, Thorne, and May; 5-0; **motion carried.**

II. Water Commission

- a. Report from Sub-Committees – None
- b. Report from Engineers -- None
- c. Old Business – None
- d. New Business -- None
- e. Payment of bills -- None
- f. Remarks from the Public -- None
- g. Remarks from Commission members -- None

h. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Siragusa; seconded by Commissioner Thorn to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.; discussion, none; voice vote, 5-0, all in favor; **motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Gloria J. Gathers
Recording Secretary, Town of Montville

Suisman, Shapiro, Wool, Brennan et al

Schedule A
\$1,264.88