

Regular Meeting Minutes
Town of Montville Water and Sewer Commission
April 4, 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 6:00 p.m.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and pledged the flag.

c. Roll Call

Present were Commissioners Deborah Schober, Gary Murphy, 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. A quorum was present.

d. Alterations to the Agenda

Administrator Lynch asked that Agenda Item I. N-2 be postponed until next month's meeting as A. Mandes was unable to attend the meeting this evening.

e. To consider an act on a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2016

Motion by Commissioner Siragusa, seconded by Commissioner Thorn to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2016, as amended. Discussion: Superintendent Didato commented that his report was contained information from his March report. The report will be amended accordingly. Voice vote, 5-0; all in favor. **Motion carried.**

f. Communications pertaining specifically to matters which concern the Commission

Administrator Lynch commented on the March 21, 2016, approval letter from the Zoning & Wetlands Officer regarding the WPCA application for a general permit "to conduct routine maintenance and emergency repairs with respect to all municipal water and sewer lines." He also commented on a meeting he attended with Mayor McDaniel, and Town Council Chairman Joseph Jaskiewicz regarding the Town's drinking water and high TTHM readings as well as a request to meet with the DEEP concerning the Anaerobic Digester. Mayor McDaniel stated that the project is being reassigned as the DEEP office is being reconstructed.

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 March 2016 that was included in the packet as follows:

1. The Mayor, Joe Jaskiewicz, and I attended a meeting in Hartford last week. The Drinking Water Section is concerned over our current problem of high TTHM readings at one of our water sampling points. There was discussion as how we could correct the problem. Some of the topics that were discussed ranged from flushing to extending the waterline. The final course of action that was decided upon was that we will install a bleed off valve and discharge an undetermined amount of water for a certain period of time. It has been suggested that we would have to discharge around five thousand gallons of water three to five times a week. We will also sample for TTHM at multiple locations on the waterline and track the levels. It was recommended that we do this for approximately six (6) months.
2. We have sent out the April Sewer and Water bills.
3. We received the approval letter for Wetlands permit. This will allow us to conduct routine maintenance and emergency repair in wetlands areas, where some of our lines are located. I put a copy of the letter from the Zoning & Wetlands Officer in your packet.
4. I have included in your packet a year-to-date breakdown of the water and sewer budgets.
5. Still no word from DEEP on the Anaerobic Digester. We have requested a meeting and were asked to wait until the beginning of April before we set one up.

j. Report from Operations Division

Superintendent Didato submitted an operating report for March 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 5.8%.
4. We had an average of 60 lbs/day of nitrogen in our discharge last month. This year, we will receive a check in the amount of **\$29,553.00** from the nitrogen credit exchange program. Our 2016 average limit with the DEEP is 118 lbs/day.
5. Regarding our trihalomethanes (TTHM) problem in our potable water, we employed different flushing techniques to see what effect it would have on the lab results and had limited success, “it resulted in acceptable levels.” Concurrently, Brian and others representing our town met with the DPH to discuss the same.
6. Participated in discussions regarding 12” ductile iron pipe crossing at Rte. 32 and Maple Avenue. Other options may be available that will not require the complete excavation across the road. The new option being evaluated does not have the inherent problems that the Insituform process has. **Update:** Bill from P & H Construction will be at the WPCA meeting to discuss this process.
7. We had our annual Life Safety Inspection. No safety violations found. Our staff is doing an outstanding job keeping our plant operating well and doing it safely.
8. We took the big odor scrubber off line for the better part of a day to perform some maintenance and cleaning. An acid solution needs to react with internal scale for hours before it can be put back in operation.
9. John Lilly, our collection system operator, has finished replacing all of our outside lighting fixtures with new energy efficient LED fixtures. He did it at a fraction of the expense provided by a quote submitted utilizing incentive programs.

Superintendent Didato added that the new Waste Water Class 1 Certification passed.

Mr. Peniadz circulated his I-pad among the Commissioners that showed a picture of the duct lines and how they currently look—a couple of miles of the same toward Rand Whitney. He stated that the pictures show premature erosion pressures that Rand Whitney paid to repair. Mr. Peniadz spoke about the major break last year at Depot Road and Maple Avenue and Rand Whitney’s concern regarding the Route 32 crossing. Mayor McDaniel stated that he was asked to look into a system to line the pipe; a trenchless pipe within a pipe with an exit and entry that would cause less upset to the system. Mr. Peniadz said the Primus Lining would be a 6-inch pipe within the Town’s 12” pipes, with the entry at Depot Road and the exit at St. John’s Church, 980 feet, without major excavation and no excess cleaning. The lining, he said, has a 50-year life expectancy and has been tested/cycled to 200 years. He further stated that Rand Whitney wants the work done as soon as possible although only one line at a time can be taken down.

Mr. Peniadz responded to questions of the Commission concerning the Primus Lining and its installation. In response to Mayor McDaniel’s question, Mr. Peniadz stated that one (1) foot could be pulled a day per entry and one (1) foot a day per exit. He said that the installation process would

involve one (1) day for cleaning and one (1) day to install a camera pulling four (4) 45 degree angles that would be less wrinkled when inflated. Mr. Peniadz responded to other questions stating that the capacity of a pipe is not reduced as friction loss is less than a duct pipe and said there is no mandrill bend nor does the pipe need to closed, posed by Commissioners May and Thorn, respectively. Commissioner Murphy asked whether damage was possible during the pulling and if the chemicals currently sued by Rand Whitney would affect the pipe. Mr. Peniadz answered that the camera moves slow enough to assess damage and that chemicals should not damage the pipe. Commissioner May then thanked Mr. Peniadz for his presentation.

Commissioner May asked Superintendent Didato if the lighting change-over went well. Superintendent Didato said that Mr. Lily did a fantastic job at a fraction of the price than that of the contractor incentive program that did not include lighting replacement.

- k. Report from the Mayor -- None
- l. Report from special or sub-committees -- None
- m. Report from Engineers -- None
- n. New Business
 - 1. To consider and act on setting the sewer use rate to be effective July 1, 2016, with billing October 1, 2016. (Resolution attached – A)

Resolution A was read into the record by Commissioner May.

Motion made by Commissioner Siragusa; seconded by Commissioner Thorn to consider and act on setting the sewer use rate to be effective July 1, 2016, with billing October 1, 2016, per Resolution A, attached. Discussion: Administrator Lynch stated that the proposed rate represented a total reduction of \$440,000 at the end of the year and a fund balance of 7.5 million part of which is set aside for certain projects although the average to set aside is 1 – 1 ½ years. He spoke about the bonds that were paid off, the back truck that was paid at the end of last year, and the legal fees reduced. Also, there are no lawsuits; purchasing policies were implemented, conservation with lighting, pumps, and chemicals were done. Commissioner May also mentioned the SCADA systems that reduced man hours and overtime. He thanked Administrator Lynch and Superintendent Didato for their efforts. Administrator Lynch also commented on a call he received from the Mohegan Sun regarding the reduced sewer as well as the inaccuracies in a recent newspaper article regarding the same. Commissioner Murphy spoke about the past debt of the WPCA and its “success story” for the Town of Montville in having turned itself around. Administrator May praised Maureen Benway for her “phenomenal job” with the books, banking, and investing and the support given to the staff by the Commission. Voice vote; 5-0, all in favor; **Motion approved.**

- 2. Asking to speak is Artemis Mandes with property located at 46 Platoz Drive, Uncasville, regarding the connection fee for the addition 4 units added to the original 4-unit apartment building.

This item was postponed to next month’s agenda.

- o. Old Business -- None
 - 1. To consider and act on the Sewer budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 in the amount \$4,706,453.00 (Four Million Seven Hundred Six Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars). **THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND WERE COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the Sewer budget for the amount \$4,706,453.00 (Four

Million Seven Hundred Six Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars). Motion – Discussion – Roll Call.

SAR NO. 2016-72 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES to approve the Sewer budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 in the amount \$4,706,453.00 (Four Million Seven Hundred Six Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars). Motion made by Commissioner Thorn; seconded by Commissioner Schober. Discussion, none. Roll Call vote, all in favor, Commissioners May, Murphy, Schober, Siragusa, and Commissioner Thorn, 5-0. **Motion approved.**

p. Reports/referrals from Planning & Zoning

Commissioner Siragusa reported that at the last Planning & Zoning meeting it felt that WPCA should control all water in the Town per concern for the deteriorating water lines.

q. Payment of bills

1. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES to pay bills in the amount of Four Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$495.00), per the attached Schedule B.

SAR NO. 2016-73 THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES to pay bills in the amount of Four Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$495.00), per the attached Schedule B. Motion made by Commissioner Thorn; seconded by Commissioner Schober. Discussion, none. Roll Call vote, all in favor, Commissioners May, Murphy, Schober, Siragusa, and Commissioner Thorn, 5-0. **Motion approved.**

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 Murphy; seconded by Commissioner Schober to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.; discussion, none; voice vote, 4-0, all in favor. **Motion approved.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Gloria J. Gathers
Recording Secretary, Town of Montville

Suisman, Shapiro, Wool, Brennan et al

Schedule B
\$495.00