

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

July 29, 2015

PRESENT:

Director, Guy Russo

Chief Engineer, Joseph Fazzino

Assistant Chief Engineer, Christopher Holden

Accounts Supervisor, Jerome Bruton

Chairman, Dale Aldieri

Vice Chairman, Scott Bishel

Councilmatic Representative, David Bauer

Councilmatic Representative, Hope Kasper

Commissioner, John Giuliano

Commissioner Emanuel DiMauro

Director Russo wanted to introduce the new staff member of our department, who replaced Naveen Macherla, as Engineer/Informational Analyst by the name of Yevgeniya Zhukova. Ms Zhukova has a master's degree from the University of New Haven and is a native of Ukraine. At our next scheduled WPCA meeting in September, since she was unable to be present she will be present to introduce herself.

I. New Business (started at 12:05pm)

1. Route 66 Repair

Director Russo indicated that CT DOT contacted our office about the catastrophic failure of a water main on Route 66 by Mienke Muffler and they are requiring our department to repair this road as soon as possible since CT DOT would like to have this section be milled and paved by this fall, as early as September. Director Russo indicated that since the water main pipe in this area has failed three times and is a pre-1900's water main it makes no sense to repave Route 66 over an aging pipe. Our department will come up with a plan to replace the water main in the vicinity of Bernie O'Rourke Drive in a more direct path, and remove the vintage pre-1900 water pipe from service and then make the repair to Route 66.

Director Russo would like to set funds within the Capital Non-Recurring Budget to address a third-party contractor for installing a new cross-over from Route 66 to tie in to Bernie O'Rourke Drive, and abandon the current pre-1900 water pipe, and repave Route 66 in the area per CT DOT.

Director Russo would like to ask the WPCA to request to the Council the creation of a new line item in the Water CNR Account entitled "Route 66 Washington Street Repaving Water Main Repairs" in the amount of \$100,000.00.

A motion was made by Councilmatic Representative Bauer and seconded by Councilmatic Representative Kasper to accept the Washington Street repair as presented in the memo and then forward it to the Common Council with the WPCA's favorable recommendation. Motion was approved unanimously.

2. Cimarron Road Tank Site Improvements

Director Russo stated that since there was lack of funding in the past there were a number of items that were not completed at the tank site that still need addressing. Director Russo explained in his memo that was handed to all WPCA Commissioners the items that still needed to be fixed. Director Russo is looking for prices from on-call contractors and would like to fund \$100,000.00 into a new line item in the CNR entitled "Cimarron Tank Repaving, Fencing, Site-Improvements." Director Russo indicated in his memo that not all the funds will be used but still wanted that much to make sure the project is complete and finalized and there is enough money in the CNR Fund Balance.

A motion was made by Councilmatic Representative Bauer and seconded by Commissioner Giuliano that the WPCA accept the draft report for repairs for the Cimarron Road Tank and its surroundings and forward the repair memo to the Common Council with the WPCA's approval. Motion was approved unanimously.

3. Purchase of a Combined Sewer Cleaning Truck

Director Russo gave a brief update about the purchase of a Combined Sewer Jet Vac Cleaning Truck that is needed now because the two trucks we currently have are in critical condition as explained by Deputy Director Young in his memo handed out to all WPCA board members. Director Russo indicated that EPA was at our department for an audit and when we got the results back from the audit, EPA's intention was to put our department under a Federal Compliance Order in regards to comprehensive maintenance and oversight program. This maintenance and oversight program will have us improve our documentation for all of our sewer calls, sewer cleaning, inventory of pipe, maintenance schedules, and a critical component will be to show that we are doing the proper cleaning so we need equipment that is reliable. Director Russo indicated the next piece of equipment that will be needed will be a TV truck in the near future.

Director Russo further stated that Deputy Director Young and our staff took a look at a piece of equipment that was purchased by another municipality, which was Waterbury, and saw that we could piggy back off their bid with VacAll since this particular machine was exactly what our department needs. VacAll is willing to extend their bid they gave Waterbury to us with some exceptions as noted in Deputy Director Young's memo like extended warranties and etc. Deputy Director Young indicated in his memo that the unit would cost \$349,100.00 and delivery will take almost 9 months from date of order. Deputy Director Young would like the department to recommend the amount of \$352,000.00 to allow for the installation of both fixed and portable two way radios and charges. Deputy Director Young would like to take advantage of this bid and would like to receive formal approval from the WPCA to utilize the Waterbury bid and provide the requested funding for the purchase from a non-referendum borrowing. Deputy Director Young attached the Waterbury bid documents to his memo that was given for review to all WPCA Commissioners. There were some further discussions on this matter.

The WPCA members expressed consensus to continue to pursue the utilization of Waterbury's bid for the purchase of a new jet vac and that the department will seek quotes from the awarded bidder. There was also a consensus of the WPCA to fund the purchase of the jet vac utilizing GSIF Funds.

Director Russo indicated that he will have Deputy Director Young prepare the quote with the supplier based on the Waterbury bid and bring it to the next scheduled WPCA meeting in September and then take the next action to fund it out of the GSIF, as discussed.

4. Youth Education Approval of Finances

Director Russo stated that Councilmatic Representative Bauer had mentioned at a previous meeting that the two of them had agreed to bring this issue up to the WPCA board commissioners that they like the idea that they would like to engage Youth Education by informing them about City water as opposed to bottle water. Director Russo indicated that he spoke briefly with the Superintendent of Schools. Director Russo further indicated that the camp his granddaughter goes to they were offering a special grant for the Youth Leadership Camp held for six, seven, and eighth graders at Middletown High. Director Russo stated that the camp was asked to come up with a project pertaining to the environment and the project they came up with was trying to provide water bottles to students and make them be interested in aluminum water bottles instead of plastic water bottles.

Director Russo further stated that the students went to the trash museum and a couple of other places to stop sending trash just to bring bottled water around that is why they came up with the aluminum bottle idea. The camp was trying to come up with ways on how to raise the finances and where they could order these bottles from and then come up with a logo. Director Russo stated that he spoke with Councilmatic Representative Bauer and one of the camp advisors and indicated that if it was possible the WPCA could buy the bottles and put the Middletown Water Department logo on one side of the bottle and then let the student council sell them to students for future environmental projects. Director

Russo indicated that with the six, seventh, and eight graders within a year or two will get well established in High School it would only make sense, as indicated by Councilmatic Representative Bauer, to dig deeper and get more in-depth with this project. Councilmatic Representative Kasper indicated that this idea should also go to all the coaches at the schools, as well.

Director Russo has looked at water bottles with the Barker Company and the bottles were at about \$2.50 each on a minimum of 2,000 so it would be like \$5,000 and that is for one color and with our color logo you would add another \$.05 or \$.10 to the bottle. The school students only need 1,000 bottles since there would be around 900 or a little more students in the first year so maybe Barker can negotiate or other water bottles companies to see who is willing to negotiate the price and amount of bottles needed. Director Russo stated that we are going to be over \$2,000 so the department will need to get three quotes. Director Russo is asking for the WPCA's approval if they would like to proceed forward with this Youth Education Program and get the junior high school launched as soon as possible. Director Russo stated again that our logo would be on one side and the student's leadership logo would be on the other side of the water bottle. There were some further discussions and opinions on this matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Giuliano and seconded by Vice Chairman Bishel to give the Director up to \$6,000 to fund this Youth Education Program Campaign. Motion was approved unanimously.

Director Russo wanted to let all WPCA Commissioners know that Deputy Director Young could not write purchase orders for Kleen Energy even though we have a CNR Account. The Finance Department wants our department to set up line items so this has to go to Finance and Government's meeting tonight and everything is operating as an emergency account. Director Russo is recommending to Finance and Government that we setup one line item in the CNR just entitled "Kleen Energy Capital Repair, Replacement, Improve". Director Russo also is going to ask the WPCA at its next scheduled meeting on how to handle the Finance and Purchasing Department because Kleen Energy is a private entity that our department is bending over backwards and we are treating them like a municipal account. The downside of this is we are missing a supply of water, which would have us placed under a penalty clause so if we don't get the maintenance done our department will be paying dearly for this missing supply of water. There were some further discussions on this matter and the WPCA Commissioners gave their opinions on this issue and that this will further be discussed at the next scheduled WPCA meeting in September.

II. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Bishel and seconded by Commissioner Giuliano to adjourn the Special Meeting. Motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____

Guy P. Russo
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Acting Secretary for the W.P.C.A.