

LITCHFIELD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting
29 Stoddard Road, Bantam, CT 06750
March 8, 2012 ~ 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman David R. Wilson called the regular meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman David R. Wilson, Christian Bratina, and William Buckley. C. Bratina was seated as a voting member.

Absent: James Koser, David Geiger (William Hartman has resigned)

Others Present: Plant Superintendent Ted Legendre, Jack Healy, Director of Public Works and Ann Curtis, Recording Secretary.

MINUTES

a) Regular 2/9/12 Minutes: Motion: W. Buckley moved to approve the regular 2/9/12 minutes as presented and C. Bratina seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Public Requests: None

a) Tom Bouchard – 71 South Street (EDU Charge for Out Building): Mr. Bouchard was not present. T. Legendre will follow up to see if he will attend the April meeting.

2. Safety: There were no injuries in February. J. Healy is creating a matrix of all employees with training logged in to serve as a working document that will be available for OSHA inspections.

3. Commissioner's Requests: None

4. Morris

a) Meter/New Meter and Assessment Cost: D. Wilson said that Morris has received their bills this past Monday for the plant upgrade costs. The charges will be a one-time catch-up payment, 7.9% of what we spent on the upgrade after we bonded (\$24,000), a catch-up payment from 2005 until now at the same percentage (\$214,583), and then the annual bill (\$23,000). These monies will go into the Capital account, as it is debt service. The usage numbers were put together with some troubles. The backup will be accompanied by a narrative with explanation on variances.

b) Invoice: The invoice was sent but should be based on the non-resettable counter plus the calculated flow for the days in question plus the penalty flow. They will make a note explaining what was determined after reviewing the data. When the bill is corrected it will be calculated using data from Morris's trapezoidal flume; then they will continue with the negotiation process.

5. I & I

a) Sheldon Lane: J. Healy said the issue is what he thought would happen -- when the hole was plugged the water backed up into the house. American Rooter will come in to correct it and run a relief pipe out to the storm drain.

6. Budget: The WPCA scrutinized the revised budget in every area. It was agreed to add a capital expense line, and drop 51202 – Repairs Contracted to \$6,500. Under Revenue, they projected septic dumping at \$60,000 instead of \$45,000 and accordingly reduced Revenue from Fund Balance to \$74,000. T. Legendre will update with changes for the next meeting.

7. Public Works Director Priority List of Items

a) Easements: J. Healy said all the temporary easements for Contract 18 were finalized. Atty. Simoncelli sent letters to the property owners. T. Legendre's list of unsecured easements will be compared to Mr. Simoncelli's list for finalization.

b) FEMA: J. Healy said generator expense during the storm outages have been sent to FEMA for reimbursement. The pipe installation for the Buckley property will be finished in March.

c) EDU Definition: Mr. Healy is looking at a base charge with a per 1,000 gallon charge above the annual per household amount. This would make charges among businesses and commercial users uniform.

d) SCADA: No information.

e) NIC: NIC has been called to discuss changing the proposal to reflect a permanent method of repair.

f) Bids – West Street, Route 202 Manholes: Will address next month.

g) Well System: J. Healy explained the three quotes for installation. **Motion:** W. Buckley moved to award the bid to Sima Drilling for \$7,362.02, on the condition that the funds are available in the Capital account. C. Bratina seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

h) Litchfield Court: J. Healy reported that he and T. Legendre met with the Court staff, who is working with local contractors to install the line at the Court. They will relocate the line to avoid the Kreonides property.

i) West Street Sewer Line Replacement: One of three bids has been received. They hope to have the work done after the asphalt plant opens in April.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Treatment Plant Report: T. Legendre reported the plant ran well in February, although nitrogen level was at 30 lb/day. Town and Aurell and Knox will also submit quotes for the replacement line in front of the Litchfield Firehouse. He and J. Healy met with Arethusa Dairy and they will install a Ph probe to note changes on a daily basis. They are also working toward filing for their discharge permit with the DEEP. Grease trap inspections continue on a weekly basis. He is working on the four areas of question on the Morris flow data to explain discrepancies. He also noted he inspected eight manholes. Two need service and he is tracking the results.

2. Adjournment: Motion: W. Buckley moved to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. and C. Bratina seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Curtis, Recording Secretary

