

THOMASTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MEETING AUGUST 18, 2009

Present: Ch. Mueller, Comms. Piscopo and Chiarlo, Plant Supt. Rich Tingle and Patricia Bidmead, secretary WPCA.

Ch. Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Chiarlo, it was voted to accept the minutes of July 28, 2009 as amended.

REPORT BY RICH TINGLE:

MAIN PLANT: The process is running good. We cleaned our finish sludge holding tank down to approximately one foot.

PUMP STATIONS: The #2 pump at Hickory Hill had a mechanical seal failure along with an impeller failure. We will need to replace the impeller and order some spare parts in the near future. Rich will have a list of the spare parts for the next meeting.

While changing the pump at Woodbridge we noticed that the low float was not working. The problem appeared to be in the PLC. A new pump was ordered and the check valves were changed from ball to flapper checks.

COLLECTION SYSTEM: On Friday, 07/31/09, we responded to 27 Tracy St. for a partial blockage. American Rooter jetted and TV'd our line and found 2 breaks in our line as well as roots. Touponse replaced 35' of 4 inch clay tile pipe SDR 35 PVC sewer pipe. The Highway Dept. repaved that section of the road.

S&S Paving milled one of our manhole frames which we replaced temporarily that day. The next week we secured it to the manhole cone with mortar. Humiston Circle, Hill Top and Senior Ave. have been paved and the manholes are marked for Desell Construction to adjust the frames and covers.

We received a \$2,000 benefit connection fee from Michael Brasche of 144 Elm St. He converted a garage into a small apartment.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following paperwork was passed around to the Board.

1. A check from CTDEP in the amount of \$7,884 for the sale of 2008 nitrogen credits.
2. A letter and booklet from the Water Planet Company regarding phosphorus removal.
3. A letter from CT Water regarding a \$10.00 cost increase for the inspection of the WPCF backflow prevention devices.

OLD BUSINESS:

QRD: The low levels of nickel continue.

Kennedy Drive PS: No issues this month.

Conservation & Development: We are still waiting for the maps from COG with the last changes made by Mary and Rich.

Capital Improvements: Tom will draft something up for the Finance Board.

User Fee review: We will discuss this under Budget.

F.O.G. Program: No new information.

List of Equipment needed for Sewage System: Rich contacted the Torrington WPCF and looked at their used DO Analyzers and sensors. They have 7 working analyzers, 1 spare for parts and 6 probes with extension poles. They are asking \$2,800 for everything. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Piscopo, seconded by Ciarlo to make this purchase from Torrington in the amount of \$2,800.

State DOT Claim: A letter was received from Asst. Attorney General Charles H. Walsh stating that they are willing to discuss settling this matter but need additional information. Rich is working on getting all this information together and Tom is in the process of looking over the interrogatories.

State DOT Road Paving: We have 8 manhole adjustments that need to be made. Desell lowered the manholes that the DOT requested be lowered after milling. Desell will contact Rich with a date for the adjustments.

Phosphorus Update: Rich emailed the monthly reports to Tom showing the flows from our POTW.

Amendments to Sewer Rules & Regs: No new information.

New Business: No new business this month.

Budget: No concerns with the new budget at this time. On a motion by Piscopo, seconded by Ciarlo, it was voted to accept the bills presented. Rich passed around an updated History of Sewer Use Collections & Expenditures. A discussion ensued on these figures which lead to a discussion on the sewer user fee for the 2009 year. Rich will put together some figures for the next meeting regarding a new fee for the 2009 billing.

Adjournment: On a motion by Ciarlo, seconded by Piscopo, it was voted to adjourn at 8:56PM.

Patricia Bidmead, Secretary
Thomaston WPCA