

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM B  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2012

PRESENT: William Brennan, Don Grunewald, Rich Tomasetti,  
Andy McNee, Al Stauderman

ABSENT: Eric Fanwick,

OTHERS: Sandy Dennies, CFO; Tom Thurkettle, Director of Public Works;  
Mike Ahern, Field Engineer; Pete Lucia; Finance (please see other  
attendees on list attached herewith).

1. **Call to Order.**

Chairman Brennan called the Special Meeting to order at 5:00 PM

2. **Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2012**

Mr. Tomasetti made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 11, 2012 Meeting.  
The motion was seconded by Mr. McNee and carried.

3. **Wolfpit Road Sewer Project**

Mr. Thurkettle handed out a timeline and reviewed the Wolfpit Road Sewer Project with the members of the Authority. He said that the reason for running the sewer line on the west side of Horse Shoe Road, as opposed to the east side, was because running it on the east side would cost \$260,000 more. Therefore, that option was eliminated.

Mr. Thurkettle said that he recommended taking the bids for the sewer on June 15<sup>th</sup> and requested moving the WPCA meeting scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup>, to June 20<sup>th</sup>, so that the members of the Authority could hear the recommendations and award the contract at that meeting. The members concurred with the date change. Mr. Thurkettle added that the plan is to have construction begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Brennan added that they submitted an \$8-24 for land use through P&Z and P&Z had approved the plan. Mr. Thurkettle said that a Public Hearing would be scheduled for approval at the Inland Wetlands Commission next week.

Members of the public addressed the Authority saying that it would present a hardship for some of the residents on the west side of Horseshoe Road to have to pay for the sewer assessment. A discussion ensued about alternative routes for the sewer and it was finally determined that the best route would be the one that is on the plan.

Mr. Thurkettle pointed out that the assessment could be paid off over a 20-year period and fortunately, current interest rates are at historically low levels.

#### **4. Infiltration Flow Study and Report**

Mr. Thurkettle said he felt it was important to do this Study as it hadn't been done for 14 years. He said that it will cost \$40,000 to do it, (\$25,000 for the Study and \$15,000 for the TV inspection, to look through the existing sewer pipes). He added that this expense is very important and essential for sewer maintenance planning. It will be a onetime cost and added to the miscellaneous costs in the budget.

#### **5. WPCA Budget Discussion**

Ms. Dennies and Mr. Lucia handed out the proposed WPCA budget for FY 13 and reviewed it with the Members of the Authority. Ms. Dennies said that as far as purchasing insurance for repair and replacement of the lines, she had looked into insurance for the sewer and had asked H. G. Segar about it but was told that it wasn't available.

A discussion on the budget ensued. Ms. Dennies said that the proposed budget for FY 13 was \$562,251, which means the proposed user fee per unit will be \$214. Chairman Brennan pointed out that while this was an increase over last year, it is still much lower than the user fees for surrounding towns. A public hearing was set for June 20, 2012 at 5 PM in Meeting Room B on the WPCA FY 13 proposed budget and user fees.

#### **6. Policy on Look Back Credits for Supplemental Assessments**

Ms. Dennies said that after consulting with the attorneys the suggested policy regarding capital sewer assessments for buildings or improvements, constructed or reconstructed after an initial capital sewer assessment would be: *"Anything previously included in the calculation of an initial capital sewer assessment shall not be included in the calculation of any subsequent capital sewer assessment"*.

A brief discussion ensued. Chairman Brennan made a motion to adopt this policy (as written above). The motion was seconded by Mr. Stauderman and carried.

#### **7. Supplemental Sewer Assessments for 40, 60, 116 Danbury Road**

Ms. Dennies handed out the Sewer Assessments for 40, 60 and 116 Danbury Road and reviewed them with the Authority. It was decided that a Public Hearing would be held on these properties on June 20<sup>th</sup> prior to the Special Meeting to allow the property owners an opportunity to speak.

8. **FOG Program Update**

Mr. Ahern said that 76% of the institutions were registered now and 61% were in compliance. He said that the DEEP requires that those who haven't responded be reported to them; this requirement has been relayed to non-responsive facilities. He feels that this will increase the response.

9. **Other Business**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mariana Corrado  
Recording Secretary