

CITY OF MILFORD  
SEWER COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
February 27, 2019

The Sewer Commission of the City of Milford held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 in Conference Room C of the Parsons Government Center, 70 West River Street, Milford, CT.

The following Commissioners were in attendance:

*Chairman Lee Cooke*  
*Vice Chairman Edmund Collier*  
*Commissioner Vito Castignoli*  
*Commissioner, Vacant*

Commissioners and others not in attendance:

*Commissioner Bradford Hubler*  
*Jay Tranquilli, Board of Alderman Liaison*

Others in attendance:

*Lindsay King, Wastewater*  
*Mark Davis, Westcott & Mapes*  
*Beverly Hayes, Recording Secretary*  
*Justin Rose, Assistant Mayor*  
*Jon Berchem, City Attorney*

Chairman Cooke called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Beverly Hayes asked for a nomination for Chairman. Commissioner Collier made a motion to elect Lee Cooke as Chairman. Commissioner Castignoli seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations, the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Carroll asked for a nomination for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Castignoli made a motion to elect Edmund Collier as the Vice-Chairman. Chairman Cooke seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations, the motion passed unanimously.

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION - City of Milford vs. C.J. Fucci litigation**

*Chairman Cooke called for a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:06 pm.*  
*Commissioner Collier made a motion to go into Executive Session with*  
*Commissioner Castignoli seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

The Sewer Commission and Jon Berchem, City Attorney, were the only members present.

Chairman Cooke called for a motion to exit Executive Session at 6:15 pm. Commissioner Castignoli made a motion to exit Executive Session with Commissioner Collier seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Cooke asked for Citizens Comments and reminded everyone that statements are limited to the legislative functions of the Sewer Commission and the time limit granted to each speaker shall be 3 minutes, residents, taxpayers or electors may address the Commission.

3. **CITIZENS COMMENTS**-None

4. **APPLICATIONS ( PETITIONS):**

a.) 204 Melba Street – Proposed Restaurant where Milford Fire Department previously existed - the proposed flow exceeds the allowed flow.

Chairman Cooke called for a motion to table to vote at end of meeting under voting. Commissioner Collier made a motion to table with Commissioner Castignoli seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

b.)16 Red Bush Lane, Unit 4 – Proposed Massage Spa where the proposed flow exceeds the allowed flow.

Craig Beers accompanied by the owner of the Massage Spa, Yanxia Wang, explained that she will be taking the space of a former music store. Currently there are 2 restaurants, 1 hair salon, a smoke shop, a chiropractor, a vacant store and this space. This unit has one sink and one toilet and they are not proposing to add more flow to the existing flow. Mark Davis explained this application will bring the flow to approx. 120 GPD over allowed flow.

Chairman Cooke called for a motion. Commissioner Collier made a motion to approve with Commissioner Castignoli seconding the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding the high water use. The commission will have a letter sent to the owner of the property from the commission regarding the high water usage and that no more applications will be approved till brought into compliance with the Sewer Commission Allowable Flow.

The motion carried unanimously.

c.) 400 Boston Post Road, Unit H – Proposed lobster wholesales where the existing/proposed flow exceeds the allowed flow

Christina Erzen and Matthew Reale, explained that they are a wholesale lobster company. They bring the lobsters in from Maine and keep them in holding tanks

for sales to restaurants and fish markets. The tanks are filled up once and the water is filtered and remains in tanks. The only water usage will be from the use of the restroom by the two employees. The space was formerly a print shop.

Discussion ensued regarding the high water usage. The commission will have a letter sent to the owner of the property from the commission regarding the high water usage and that no more applications will be approved till brought into compliance with the Sewer Commission Allowable Flow.

Chairman Cooke called for a motion. Commissioner Collier made a motion to approve with Commissioner Castignoli seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. WESTCOTT & MAPES, INC. – Mark Davis**

**A. Rock Street and Welch's Point Road Pump Stations**

Mr. Davis reported that both the Rock Street and Welch's Point Road Pump Stations continue to be on-line with the new pumps in operation. He further reported that installation of the odor control system at the Welch's Point station has been completed and that bypass chamber installation, paving, and landscape restoration work are planned for the spring. The Contractor, Kovacs Construction Corp., has submitted Payment Application #29 which has been reviewed and certified by W&M in the amount of \$48,080.10.

A letter was received from Kovacs Construction Corp. requesting a time extension to July 15, 2019 with no additional cost to the City. Additional time has been requested based upon the unexpected work needed to repair the failed force main at the Welch's Point Road Pump Station which delayed completion of paving, landscaping, and perimeter fence modifications prior to winter. W&M has reviewed the letter and recommends approval of the requested time extension.

Chairman Cooke called for a motion. Commissioner Collier made a motion to approve the extension of time to July 15, 2019. Commissioner Castignoli seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Additionally, Mr. Davis reported that Invoice No. 2000169657 from AECOM for review of proposed structural work and the electrical system study for the project in the amount of \$515.00 has been received and reviewed by W&M.

Chairman Cooke called for a motion to approve the payment to AECOM. Commissioner Collier made a motion to approve with Commissioner Castignoli seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Edgefield Avenue Pipe Lining**

Mr. Davis reported that National Water Main Cleaning Company has substantially completed the project and submitted in accordance with the Contract Documents, the Waiver of Lien and the Certificate of Final Payment. Mr. Davis further reported

his office has reviewed their request and recommends the Commission approve closing the project out with a credit of \$74,495.01 back to the City.

Chairman Cooke called for motion to approve the change order for the \$74,495.01 credit to the City. Commissioner Castignoli approved the change order with Commissioner Collier seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Contractor's Application for Payment No. 5 is for all work completed and release of their retainage in the amount of \$12,583.81. After review by W&M, Mr. Davis respectfully requested approval of the payment.

Chairman Cooke called for motion to release the retainage and close the project out. Commissioner Castignoli made a motion to approve with Commissioner Collier seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **C. Beaver Brook WWTP Aeration Line Replacement**

Mr. Davis reported that the Contractor: B&W Paving & Landscaping, LLC, has completed work on the project and is awaiting return of the grit chamber raw sewage sampler controller unit that is currently being repaired by the manufacturer.

Mr. Davis recommends that Substantial Completion be approved for the project subject to completion of repairs to the grit chamber raw sewage sampler. This will initiate the 1-year guarantee period required under the Contract. Mr. Davis added that this will allow B&W to reduce their retainage in half to 2 ½%

Chairman Cooke called for a motion to approve substantial completion. Commissioner Castignoli made a motion to approve with Commissioner Collier seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **D. Viscount Drive Sanitary Sewer Force Main Replacement**

Mr. Davis reported that the mandatory pre-bid conference was held on February 14<sup>th</sup> with seven Contractors attending and eligible to Bid on the project. The Bid opening took place at 3:00 pm today with B&W Paving & Landscaping, LLC being the only Bidder on the project. The bid came in over budget at \$4,032,050.00. Mr. Davis recommended that the Commission reject the bid.

Chairman Cooke called for a motion to reject the bid from B&W Paving & Landscaping, LLC. Commissioner Castignoli made a motion to reject the bid with Commissioner Collier seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **E. Sailors Lane Pump Station Generator Replacement**

Mr. Davis reported that Contracts for the project are being circulated for signature.

### **6. CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT – Mark Davis**

Mr. Davis reported that public hearings for the Housatonic WWTF Primary Digester project and the Sanitary Sewer Force Main Repair and Replacement project will be scheduled to occur just before the March 27<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** - None

8. **WASTEWATER REPORT**– Lindsay King

**Wastewater Treatment Plants**

Both Wastewater Plants performed well in the month of November, producing a high quality effluent. We treated 283 million gallons at the Housatonic Plant and 83 million gallons at The Beaver Brook Plant for a total of 366 million gallons.

At the Housatonic Plant normal monthly maintenance was performed. A worn pipe was replaced on the Grit system and a rebuilt septage pump was installed. RAS Pump #2 was repaired and put online while RAS Pump #5 taken offline for repairs. Troubleshoot and repaired polymer system after a series of blockages were creating operational issues. Average Effluent Nitrogen was 366 lbs/day for the month of January (permit limit = 307 lb/day).

At the Beaver Brook Plant normal monthly maintenance was performed. Replaced steam radiator in Main office, replaced belt on waste activated sludge blower and lubricated bearings on RAS 1-3. Average effluent nitrogen was 121 lbs/day in January (permit limit of 94 lbs/day).

**Collection System**

**Pump Stations**

Scheduled maintenance was performed at the following pump station: Boston Post Road, Mathew and Rock Street. Some maintenance items were not completed due to limited staffing.

Other Duties Performed:

1. Replaced #2 soft start and both generator batteries at Viscount Drive.
2. Repaired #1 compressor at Live Oaks
3. Replaced bubbler compressor at Sailors Lane
4. 11 Generators were load tested successfully
5. Cleared a clogged pump at Rodgers Ave

There were 3 alarms at pump stations; 2 for power outage and 1 for control power.

**Sewer Maintenance**

Sewer Maintenance answered 6 complaints.

Sewer Maintenance crews performed scheduled maintenance at 5 trouble sites cites: T-2, T-3, T-4, T-5 and T-49.

There were two sewer excavations in December at the following locations: 4 Meeting House Lane and 65 tower Street.

Other duties performed were:

1. Root-cut morning Mist manhole
2. CCTV inspected a new development for acceptance at 92 Plains Road
3. Cleared sewage back up on Harkness drive
4. Added sewer solvent to Captains Walk PS, Adams PS, Wanda PS, Waltrus PS, Morningside PS, Roses Mill PS and Sailors PS
5. Jetted WAS pipe in solids building
6. Took care of the Friday T-sites.

A total of 15,610 ft. were jet flushed, 3,225 ft. televised, 1,480 ft. were spy tv'ed, 620 ft. were hand rodded, and 1250' were hydraulically root cut.

Additionally there were problems this week with the West Avenue Pump Station regarding lost pump due to the Junction Box on the pump buring up; the pump was shipped out Monday for repair. Also, Flax Mill Lane Pump Station lost both pumps after becoming plugged up with grit, the wetwell was cleaned just last spring so they will investigate to identify the source of the grit.

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

**10. VOTING**

- a.) Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2019

There were not enough members present to vote on the minutes. They will hold off till next Sewer Commission meeting.

- b.) Approval of Payments

Chairman Cooke called for a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$61,178.91. Commissioner Castignoli made a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$61,178.91 seconded by Commissioner Collier. The motion carried unanimously.

- c.) Public Hearing - Melba Street Special Sewer District, special sewer district rate of 5,000 gallons per day per acre. This district would include properties located in the BD Zone on Melba Street and Platt Street.

Chairman Cooke called for a motion to create the Melba Street Special Sewer District. Commissioner Collier made a motion to create the Melba Street Special Sewer District with Commissioner Castignoli seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- d.) City of Milford vs. C.J. Fucci litigation

Chairman Cooke called for a motion regarding City of Milford vs. C.J. Fucci Litigation. Commissioner Castignoli made a motion to approve the recommendations of the City Attorney with Commissioner Collier seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## 11 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### a.) Administrative Approvals

Chairman Cooke stated there were 20 Administrative Approvals through February 27, 2019.

Chairman Cooke called for a motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Commissioner Collier made a motion to adjourn with Commissioner Castignoli seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Beverly A. Hayes, BS  
Recording Secretary