

CITY OF MILFORD
SEWER COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
March 24, 2021

The Sewer Commission of the City of Milford held a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, held at 6 PM. This meeting was held by videoconference via Zoom.

The following Commissioners were in attendance:

Chairman Lee Cooke
Vice Chairman Edmund Collier
Commissioner Vito Castignoli
Commissioner Brian Bier
Commissioner Bradford Hubler

Others in attendance:

Lindsay King, Wastewater
Mark Davis, Westcott & Mapes
Steven Johnson, Asst. Director Public Works
Beverly Hayes, Recording Secretary

Commissioners and others not in attendance:

Chairman Cooke called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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.

1. **CITIZENS COMMENTS** - None

2. **APPLICATIONS/PETITIONS** - None

3. **SEWER ASSESSMENTS**

a.) **54 Wilson Street – Lift Sewer Assessment – Property has been sold**

Commissioner Castignoli made a motion to lift the Sewer Assessment with Commissioner Collier seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

A. Viscount Drive Sanitary Sewer Force Main Replacement

Pay Application No. 8RR was received from the Contractor, Empire Paving, Inc., requesting release of retainage for the project. Although the warranty period for the project ended on February 27th, defects to the concrete repairs performed on Naugatuck Avenue and permanent pavement repair of the patch where a section of the sanitary force main serving Trolley Hill Condominiums was repaired remain to be completed. W&M recommends that retainage for the project not be released until the outstanding corrective work is finished.

Commissioner Collier made a motion to not release the retainage upon the recommendation of the consultant with Commissioner Castignoli seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Sailors Lane Pump Station Generator Replacement

The Contractor, Kovacs Construction Corp., has completed the project and submitted in accordance with the Contract Documents, the Waiver of Lien and the Certificate of Final Payment. W&M has reviewed their request and recommends the Commission approve closing the project out with a credit of \$3000.00 back to the City.

Commissioner Collier made a motion to approve the closing of the project and the release of retainage. Commissioner Castignoli seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Contractor's Application for Payment No. 10 is for release of their retainage in the amount of \$6018.52. The Payment Application has been reviewed and certified by W&M, and approval of the payment is recommended.

C. Housatonic Wastewater Digester Gas Piping Repairs

No change since last report.

D. Repair/Replace Sanitary Sewer Force Main Failures at Various Locations

No change since last report.

E. Gulf Pond Sanitary Pump Station Repairs

Work on the project is awaiting receipt of the gate and plug valves for installation on the force main header and suction piping.

F. Lower Wepawaug "Stonebridge" Pond Sewer/Manhole Lining

The Contractor, Kovacs Construction Corp., completed lining of the sanitary sewer and manholes on March 10th. Final inspection of the manhole lining will be conducted in early April, once it has fully cured. Payment Application No. 2 has been reviewed and certified by W&M in the amount of \$77,372.96.

5. CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT –Mark Davis

Based on the February 22nd Zoom meeting with the City Attorney's office, Public Works Director, and Wastewater Superintendent; W&M is preparing an outline for a program to administer the notifications now being received related to the Connecticut DEEP's new *General Permit for Discharges from Miscellaneous Industrial Users*. Development of the program outline is ongoing.

6. WASTEWATER REPORT – Lindsay King

Wastewater Treatment Plants

Both Wastewater Plants performed well in the month of February, producing a high-quality effluent. 226 million gallons was treated at the Housatonic Plant and 49 million gallons at the Beaver Brook Plant for a total of 304 million gallons. The Housatonic Plant's monthly average

effluent nitrogen was 233 lbs/day (annual average is 238 lbs/day and is under the 307 lb/day permit limit). The Beaverbrook Plant's monthly average effluent nitrogen was 65 lbs/day (annual average is 67 lbs/day and is under the permit limit of 94 lbs/day).

At the Housatonic Plant normal monthly maintenance was performed:

1. Replaced failed heating recirculation pump for main building.
2. Greased and adjusted belts on RAS pumps; serviced clarifiers
3. Greased belt press bearings and rollers
4. Replaced lights and fixtures in septage receiving bay.
5. New rooftop units were installed on the solids handling building.

At the Beaverbrook Plant normal monthly maintenance was performed:

1. The boiler in the main control building underwent emergency repairs after a large leak was found. Additional work is needed to replace a condensate line in a difficult location.
2. The generator was exercised under load.
3. Maintenance was performed on Step Screen.
4. Changed oil in effluent submersible pump.

Collection System

Pump Stations

Scheduled maintenance was performed at the following pump stations: Milford Point, Welches Point, Sailors Lane and Old Gate Lane Pump Stations.

Other Duties Performed:

1. Generators were exercised on full load at Naugatuck, Mathew, Concord, Holly, Mayflower, Pumpkin Delight, Cricklewood, Ford, Flax Mill, Zion Hill, Kinlock, Sailors, Crowley, Captains Walk, Old Field, Ryders Woods, Welches Point, Rock, Gulf Pond, New Haven, Watrous, Anderson and Adams
2. Currently Adams is still hooked up to a portable generator waiting for a permanent generator replacement. Wanda, Kurt Volk and White Oaks are also without permanent generators.
3. Gulf Pond's generator was having fuel supply issues during exercise. The fuel pump had to be sent out to be rebuilt. In the interim a portable generator was brought in for standby power.
4. Cleaned out spent activated carbon in West Ave odor control unit and replaced with new activated carbon. There was some odor breakthrough at the pump station while waiting for the replacement carbon. Additional carbon will be ordered and stored onsite to minimize this delay in the future.

There were 3 alarms at the pump stations:

- 3 for Power Outage
- 0 for High Wet-well
- 0 for Control Power
- 0 for Station Trouble

Sewer Maintenance

Sewer Maintenance answered 4 complaints.

Sewer Maintenance crews performed scheduled maintenance at the following T-sites:

T-25, T-37, T-40, T-41 and carry over T-sites T-2, T-3, T-4, T-5, T-49, T-51

There were sewer excavations at the following locations:

4 Beacher Road

Other duties performed were:

1. Replaced broken frames from plow damage at Joyce Ct, Christine Terrace, Rivercliff Rd, Oronoque Rd & Tomahawk Rd.
2. Cleared blockage at Hackett St. (no wastewater left collection system)
3. TV inspection camera was out of service waiting on a part to replace a broken cable.
4. Friday T-sites

A total of 12,450 ft. was jet flushed, 0 ft. televised, 1,815 ft. spy tv'ed, 930 ft. hand rodded, 680 ft hydraulically root cut, 0 ft smoke tested, 355 ft root treated and 295 ft. dye tested.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**– None

8. **OLD BUSINESS** – Car Washes

Commissioner Castignoli inquired as to the car wash that was on the table last month. Chairman Cooke explained he authorized Mr. King to sign off on the DEEP Application due to notice from State. He went on to explain that he had a discussion with Mr. Davis, Mr. King and Mr. Berchem on how to move forward on these car washes as we have to address this type of use. Discussion ensued.

9. **VOTING**

a.) Regular Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2021

Commissioner Castignoli made a motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2021 with Mr. Bier seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Mr. Hubler abstaining from voting.

b.) Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2021

Commissioner Hubler made a motion to approve the minutes of February 24, 2021 with Commissioner Bier seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Castignoli & Collier abstaining.

c.) Approval of Payments

Chairman Cooke called for a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$90,356.48 Commissioner Hubler made a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$90,356.48 seconded by Commissioner Bier. The motion carried unanimously.

10. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

a.) Administrative Approvals

Chairman Cooke stated there were 10 Administrative Approvals through March 24, 2021.

The Chairman spoke to the Commission about the Public Hearing to approve the Capital Improvement - Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Upgrades No. 1 – Various Locations. He explained that the hearing was scheduled for last month and Mr. Davis was contacted by the Mayor to cancel the meeting and remove the voting on the project from the Sewer

Commission Agenda. He has spoken with the Mayor and was told that they may have the use of the Federal Funds but has not heard back from him and expressed concern as to the design. Discussion ensued.

11. ADJOURN

Chairman Cooke called for a motion to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. Commissioner Castignoli made a motion to adjourn with Commissioner Collier seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly A. Hayes, BS
Recording Secretary