The Sewer Commission of the City of Milford held a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 7, 2013 in Conference Room A of the Parsons Government Center, 70 West River Street, Milford. Chairman Robert J. Carroll opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

The following Commission Members were present:

Chairman Robert J. Carroll, Vice Chairman Anderson, Commissioner

Lee Cooke and Commissioner Edmund Collier

Excused: Commissioner Brad Hubler

Also Present: Mr. Raymond Macaluso, President of Westcott and Mapes, Inc. and

Mr. Charlie Smith of AECOM

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Carroll announced the meeting was being held per the legal notice published in the New Haven Register. Chairman Carroll read the following legal notice as it appeared. "The City of Milford hereby gives notice of a public hearing to be held on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room "A" on the second floor of the Thomas Parsons Government Complex at 70 West River Street, Milford, CT. 06460 by Mayor Benjamin Blake and the City of Milford Sewer Commission with reference to installing a force main and sanitary sewers on the following streets: A portion of New Haven Avenue from Anderson Avenue to the West Haven Municipal boundary, including Grove Street and Rosemary Court. The City of Milford is also constructing a sanitary sewer pump station at 18 Grove Street. Information on the project will be available at the public hearing."

Chairman Carroll instructed the audience that anyone wishing to speak to the Commissioners should state their name and address and limit their comments to 3 minutes. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Macaluso, President of Westcott and Mapes for a presentation regarding the Grove Street Pump Station.

Chairman Carroll asked if anyone had a particular question that Mr. Macaluso could answer before presenting the project as there have been several Public Hearings for this project.

<u>Jordan Marrone of 146 Midwood Road</u> stated that he had some concerns. He stated that the project was a pump station in Woodmont near the West Haven Line.

<u>Commissioner Cooke</u> responded that the project was a pump station, a force main and a sewer main to bring sewers to serve homes where they currently don't have sewers available but need them.

Mr. Marrone responded are they pumping it to Shadyside Lane?

Commissioner Cooke responded "No".

Mr. Macaluso responded that we are having this public hearing for bonding purposes. The Board of Aldermen and the Board of Finance have already approved the project. The project has already gone out to bid and the apparent low bidder is Ralph Camputaro and Son. Mr. Macaluso showed a map of the project area as he explained the project to everyone. He explained to Mr. Marrone that this pump station at 18 Grove Street would be pumped to the Anderson Avenue trunk line. All the other pump stations that will be involved in carrying the flow to the Housatonic Treatment Plant are already in operation.

Mr. Marrone asked where the treatment plant was. Was it on Shadyside Lane?

Mr. Macaluso responded that the city has two treatment plants. One on Bic Drive and the other one, the Beaverbrook Plant is on Deerwood Ave for the Devon section of town. He explained to Mr. Marrone that the one on Shadyside Lane is the Gulf Pond Pump Station not a treatment Plant.

Mr. Marrone asked if this would take the load off of the pump station on Shadyside Lane.

Mr. Macaluso responded "No".

Mr. Marrone replied that there is an odor at the Gulf Pond Pump Station.

Mr. Macaluso and the Commissioners all responded that they have never heard that before.

Mr. Marrone responded that it happens at different times of the day. Not always present.

Mr. Macaluso explained the route that the sewage travels in the sewer mains from Shadyside Lane down Buckingham Ave to West Avenue Pump Station to the Housatonic treatment plant.

Mr. Marrone stated he came tonight to make sure that no more sewage would be put on the Shadyside Lane Pump Station (Gulf Pond).

<u>Commissioner Cooke</u> asked Mr. Marrone if maybe the odor he smells is the marsh which can become very odorous sometimes.

<u>Mr. Marrone</u> responded that he knows the difference in the two odors. He stated he has lived there a little over two years. Sometimes in the summer when he opens his windows he can smell the sewage.

Mr. Macaluso told Mr. Marrone that this project has been in the works for about 10 years and the gentleman sitting next to him has been having problems with his septic system,

he can't wash his clothes at home or have the family take showers on the same day. He and other neighbors really need this sewer line. Mr. Macaluso went on to explain that they do a facility plan and they look at the entire city. This Sewer Commission is very hard on people who use more water than they are allowed. We run the sewer flow at half full. Mr. Smith of AECOM has been doing an upgrade of the Gulf Pond Pump Station. "Charlie have you ever heard of any odor problems at the Gulf Pond Pump Station" Mr. Macaluso asked. Charlie responded "No".

<u>Commissioner Collier</u> thanked Mr. Marrone for informing the Commission of odors coming from the Gulf Pond Pump Station as no one had ever said anything before. He assured Mr. Marrone that this new project would not have any increase in load on the Gulf Pond Pump Station. He told him if there are any problems the Commission wants to know.

Mr. Marrone stated that now it was on the record that there is an odor problem at Gulf Pond Pump Station.

Mr. Macaluso responded that when Mr. Cooper arrives they will discuss this odor problem with him.

<u>Craig George</u>, <u>Foreman at Wastewater</u> asked Mr. Marrone if there was a particular time of day that he noticed an odor.

Mr. Marrone responded that it happens at all different times of day.

Mr. Macaluso told Mr. Marrone that we just replaced the entire Indian River Interceptor that went through the Indian River from across Shadyside Lane to Old Gate Lane. That interceptor will be decommissioned. The new interceptor runs from Old Gate Lane down Pond Point Avenue to behind the houses on Shadyside Lane along the back. The new location is easier for Wastewater to access the interceptor and make any repairs if that should become necessary.

<u>Chairman Carroll</u> stated that he would inform Mr. Cooper what Mr. Marrone said about the odors at Gulf Pond P.S.

Chairman Carroll asked if anyone else would like to address the Commission.

<u>Sean Dolan - 4 Grove Street</u> thanked the Commission for all their efforts in getting this project off the ground. It has been in the works for a long time.

Mr. Macaluso stated that the contracts were being signed tonight. The City Attorney has already signed off on them. Mr. Macaluso informed everyone that the State of CT DOT has asked the Sewer Commission to delay construction on New Haven Avenue because they are working on the bridge at the West Haven Town Line. Mr. Macaluso continued that we will start our project on Grove Street to give them time to finish up on New Haven Avenue.

Chairman Carroll thanked everyone for coming. Chairman Carroll asked if anyone had any more questions. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Commissioner Cooke made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 6:49 pm. Vice Chairman Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Public hearing adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Lynch

Recording Secretary