

CITY OF MILFORD
SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Sewer Commissioners was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, in Conference Room "A" of the Parsons Complex, 70 West River Street. Chairman Carroll called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Robert Carroll, Vice-Chairman Donald Anderson, Commissioner Lee Cooke, Commissioner Edmund Collier and Commissioner Bradford Hubler

OTHERS PRESENT: Consultant Raymond Macaluso, of Westcott and Mapes, Inc., Gary Wassmer, City Engineer and James Cooper, Superintendent of Wastewater

EXCUSED: None

Chairman Carroll asked if there was anyone who was a resident, taxpayer, or elector that would like to address the Commission under Citizen's Comments and reminded everyone that they are limited to three minutes.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Nick Patel – 5-21 Pond Point Avenue – was before the Commission to inquire about the Indian River Interceptor Project. He was concerned that the City would need to excavate in the easement through his property to decommission the old Interceptor line. Mr. Macaluso explained the procedure for abandoning in place the interceptor line and that once the new line was constructed and operational the old line would be abandoned in place and the sewer easement could be released. Mr. Macaluso informed Mr. Patel that the decommissioning of the old line would not be done this year it would probably happen next year and that they do not have to remove the pipe. Mr. Macaluso offered to show Mr. Patel the project plans.

PETITIONS ACCORDING TO DATE & TIME THEY WERE SUBMITTED

None

NON-CONFORMING APPLICATIONS (PETITIONS)

None

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TABLED APPLICATIONS

460 Bic Drive – Chairman Carroll asked for a motion to take this project off the table. Commissioner Cooke make a motion to take this project off the table, Vice Chairman Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Carroll asked Mr. Macaluso to refresh the Commissioners memory regarding this project.

Mr. Macaluso stated he was asked by the Commission to look at the sewer capacity in the area of this project. Mr. Macaluso showed the Commissioners a plan of the route the sewage would take from this property to the Beaverbrook Treatment Plant. He explained that they would connect into the Naugatuck Avenue gravity sewer and that it would be carried by gravity all the way to the Beaverbrook Plant. He informed the Commissioners that no pump stations would be involved in this route. The pipe sizes would be 10" to 18" then into 36" pipe into the plant. He advised the Commissioners that in looking at this sewer evaluation this project would have no impact on the sewer system or the Beaverbrook Treatment Plant.

Commissioner Hubler inquired about the project as he was not in attendance when they presented the project to the Board.

Chairman Carroll informed him that it is an apartment complex with studio and 1 bedroom apartments.

Mr. Macaluso explained that the developer proposes to use more stringent water saving devices than we recommend.

Commissioner Cooke stated this is a two step application. One of the requests was to combine their extra water allotment from their Cascade Boulevard Project with this project to get more water allotment and the second step was to use their water usage records instead of our regulations of water usage per bedroom.

Mr. Macaluso responded that we only allow allotments to be borrowed with contiguous parcels that are under the same ownership not from across town as these two properties are.

Commissioner Collier inquired if the City had anything in place to guarantee low flow devices are put in and that they are not later removed by a tenant or someone else.

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Mr. Macaluso responded we have the water usage records and the Sewer Commission approval letter will state approval contingent on the installation of the flow restrictors and water saving devices and that they stay in.

There was much discussion regarding flow restrictors and allowed gallonage. Commissioner Collier made a motion to approve the project using their flow restrictors and gallonage records not including any borrowing of allotment from Cascade Boulevard. Vice – Chairman Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention from Commissioner Hubler who did not attend the project presentation meeting.

WESTCOTT AND MAPES, INC.

New Haven Avenue/Rosemary Court/Grove Street Infill

Mr. Macaluso reported that there was no change in status since the last meeting.

Infill Project No. 1

Mr. Macaluso reported that there was no change in status since the last meeting.

Commissioner Cooke asked Mr. Macaluso to refresh their memory as to what streets are included in Infill No. 1 project.

Mr. Macaluso responded that back when Mayor Lisman was in office they were getting requests from people in various areas all over town that did not have sewers but that had surrounding streets with sewers so they decided to come up with the Sewer Infill Projects which entails all different areas of town in the same sewer project. This one includes Jennifer Lane, Roller Terrace, Dunbar RD, Kerry CT and New Haven Avenue from Brewster Road to Dunbar RD. The Infill Projects were created by priority areas being in the first project and then in order by priority for the next projects.

Infill Project No. 2

Mr. Macaluso reported VMS Construction Co. is coordinating with Westcott and Mapes, Inc. to begin construction within the next week. W&M and the City Engineer started meeting with property owners for lateral locations. Test pit investigation began yesterday to determine existing utility locations because of problems in the past. Mr. Macaluso explained that this

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project includes Wilson ST, a portion of White Oaks Ter, a portion of High Street, Plains Road from Harvest Lane past the Railroad, Raton Drive and Tranquility Way.

Edgefield Avenue Pipe Lining

Mr. Macaluso reported design work is underway. This project includes relining 2,500 LF of 8 inch pipe instead of removing and replacing it.

Edgefield Avenue Interceptor Replacement

Mr. Macaluso reported design work is underway. This project is to replace 1,700 LF of pipe and to increase its size.

Indian River Interceptor Rebid Phase 2A

Mr. Macaluso reported contract agreements are being circulated for review and approval by City Departments.

Consulting Engineer's Report

Mr. Macaluso reported he met with Mr. Cooper and Mr. Wassmer and they discussed revising the sewer capacity for the Devon/Westshore Sewer District. Mr. Macaluso reported after his office reviewed the capacity and determined Naugatuck Avenue from Cottage St. South to Old Point Road can be increased from 3,000 gallons per acre per day to 5,000 gallons per acre per day. Mr. Macaluso recommended that a public hearing to increase the capacity should be scheduled.

Commissioner Cooke inquired if the sewer allocation is in line with the Planning and Zoning zones or are they two separate entities.

It was decided that the Commission would vote on increasing the capacity of this area after the public hearing was held.

Chairman Carroll asked for a motion to approve having the public hearing to increase the capacity of this area on Naugatuck Ave from 3,000 gpd to 5,000 gpd. Commissioner Collier made the motion to hold the public hearing to determine if they should increase the sewer capacity along Naugatuck Avenue from Cottage Street south to Old Point Road. Vice Chairman Anderson seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

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Commissioner Hubler asked what was the motive to increase this sewer district's water allotment? Mr. Macaluso responded that Mr. Saley came before the board looking to increase the sewer capacity in that area so that property owners could fix up their properties and build larger scale projects than they are allowed to do now. Mr. Macaluso said that the purpose of these special sewer districts is to help property owners with postage stamp lots be able to build on their property. Commissioner Hubler asked if this new district would also include all the side streets with houses. Would the houses get more allotment? Mr. Macaluso responded that the houses would remain 300 gallons per day (gpd) like all residences in town. Only the Commercial properties would be increased. Commissioner Hubler responded that is good for business. He asked Mr. Macaluso what size sewer pipe was in that area. Mr. Macaluso responded 18 inch pipe. Mr. Cooper explained to Commissioner Hubler that each lot would not be flowing 5,000 gallons per day but it would be a fraction of that based on property size. Chairman Carroll asked for a vote. The motion was approved unanimously to hold the public hearing next month.

USER FEE REVISIONS/ASSESSMENT REVISIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

WASTEWATER REPORT

James Cooper, Superintendent of Wastewater presented the following report to the Commissioners and stated that the UI is prepared to reimburse for the damages to the Gulf Pond Pump Station as soon as the City signs the release, I believe the City Attorney has all of the necessary documentation and that should be done soon. The UI Company reconnected the change of rotation electric control charging station back to the way it was before. Their contractor said it was okay now. The City can sign the release and then UI will send the City the payment check.

Plants

Both Wastewater Plants performed well in the month of March producing a good effluent.

At the Housatonic Plant normal monthly maintenance was performed. We are looking into some chemical addition to improve nitrogen removal at the Housatonic Plant. We just received the new nitrogen monitoring equipment, and will get it installed as soon as possible.

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At the Beaverbrook Plant normal monthly maintenance was performed, and we are working on the screenings removal system.

Collection System - Pump Stations

Scheduled maintenance was performed at the following pump stations: Sailors Lane, Live Oaks, Pumpkin Delight, and Carriage Drive.

Other Duties performed by Pump Station crews:

- UI and Addison Electric corrected wiring and phase reversal issues at Gulf Pond pump station.
- The generator fuel pump was replaced at the New Haven Ave. pump station.
- A valve pit check valve was replaced at the Morningside pump station.
- The radio CPU at the Rock St pump station was replaced.
- A new surge protector was installed at the Holly St. pump station.
- All generators were load tested, all grounds were cleaned and maintained, float switches were cleaned at 5 stations, and wet wells were cleaned at 6 stations.

There were four (4) alarms at pump stations in March: two (2) for power outages, one (1) for low air, and one (1) for high water

Sewer Maintenance

Sewer Maintenance answered eight (8) complaints.

Sewer Maintenance crews performed scheduled maintenance at nine (9) trouble sites citywide: #7, #8, #9, #26, #27, #29, #33, #38, and #39.

Scheduled maintenance performed by Sewer Maintenance crews on the following equipment: Cleaned sewer maintenance bays, washed and cleaned jet trucks, maintained Copco compressor and hoses.

There were seven (7) sewer excavations in March: 83 Sawmill Rd., 34 Tippy Road, 37 Elm St., 142 Welchs Point Rd., 106 Maple St., 485 Pond Point Ave. and 10 Wilshire Blvd.

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Other duties performed by Sewer maintenance Crews:

- Root cut on Edgefield Ave.
- Set 12" clean out in driveway at 110 Hawley Ave.
- Tv'ed 8" sewer main line on Edgefield Ave for relining project.
- Helped Pump Station crews clean out wet wells with the jet truck.

Total of 9,855 feet were jet flushed 5,170 feet were Tv'ed with our standard TV equipment, and 1,430 feet were Tv'ed with the spy eye camera. We also hand rodded 815 ft, used the hydraulic jet root cutter to relieve 1,670 feet, root treated 775 ft. we dye tested 530 ft to check sewer connections.

VOTING

A. MEETING MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 26, 2014 REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Carroll asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2014 regular meeting. Commissioner Cooke made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2014 meeting. Vice Chairman Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention from Commissioner Collier as he was not in attendance.

B. PAYMENTS

Chairman Carroll asked for a motion to approve the following payment list for this month in the amount of \$40,780.00 as follows. Vice Chairman Anderson made a motion to approve this month's payment list. Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

To Westcott and Mapes, New Haven Ave Infills/Rosemary CT/Grove ST, P.O. 12-0059562-001, Account No. 0026-4154-0038-4993-0000 in the amount of \$960.00;

To Westcott and Mapes, Infill Project No. 2 – Construction P.O. 14-0066342-001, Account No. 0026-4154-0051-4993-0000 in the amount of \$13,000.00;

To Westcott and Mapes, Edgefield Ave Pipe Replacement Project, P.O. 14-0066318-001, Account No. 0026-4154-0052-4993-0000 in the amount of \$13,670.00;

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To Westcott and Mapes, Edgefield Ave Pipe Lining Project, P.O. 14-0066317-001, Account No. 0026-4154-0052-4993-0000 in the amount of \$13,150.00.

The total of the approved Payment List for the April 23, 2014 meeting is: \$40,780.00.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Carroll informed the Commissioners that there were five Administrative Approvals this month.

1. 827 AKA 829 Bridgeport Avenue – Building Permit to renovate old Nail Salon fka Planet Fitness to occupy a new hair salon that will apply for approval after the renovation is complete. This property is allowed 3,870 gallons per day and they are currently using 802 gallons per day. Contractor is installing 3 hair washing sinks for perspective tenant a hair salon. This property has 3,068 gallons per day available.
2. 734 Bridgeport Avenue – Proposed Wellness clinic with 2 nurse practitioners offices in an existing CVS Pharmacy. They will also have a public bathroom. This property is allowed 5,880 gpd. They are currently using 551 gpd. The proposed new water usage including the prior water usage is 966 gpd which is far below the allowed 5,880 gpd.
3. 205 Research Drive – Proposed Dental Lab tenant Fit-out in an existing mixed business use building. This property is allowed 3,210 gallons per day and they are proposing to use 1,060 gallons per day for the entire building.
4. 230 Cherry Street – Proposed new Shop-Rite Grocery Store, Retail Space and Restaurant at the old Cinema site. This project is to construct a new grocery store, retail space and a restaurant with 80 seats. This project is projecting to use 15,508.54 gallons per day. They are allowed 16,275 gallons per day. This approval is contingent on the grocery store with deli and bakery and the restaurant both being connected to an exterior grease trap.

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5. 128 Bridgeport Avenue – Al Dente’s Restaurant – Proposing to construct a new bar for customers. They already have a service bar too. They are eliminating 10 dining room seats and propose 10 new bar stools. The prior water usage was 454 gallons per day. There will actually be a reduction in water usage by swapping dining room seats for bar seats. The new proposed water usage is 394 gallons per day. This restaurant already has an exterior grease trap with a capacity of 1,000 gallons.

Being no further business to discuss:

Chairman Carroll asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Vice-Chairman Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Lynch
Recording Secretary
Sewer Commission