

CITY OF MILFORD
SEWER COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
June 26, 2019

The Sewer Commission of the City of Milford held a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 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 Brian Bier
Commissioner Vito Castignoli
Commissioner Bradford Hubler

Commissioners and others not in attendance:

Others in attendance:

Lindsay King, Wastewater
Mark Davis, Westcott & Mapes
Beverly Hayes, Recording Secretary

Chairman Cooke called the regular 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): -

a.) 34-40 Gulf Street – Affordable 8-30g for 12 - two bedroom units

Ron Wassmer of CT Civil Group, explained he represents Two Ninety Six, LLC, explaining there are two properties in the SFA-10 multifamily zone, next to an existing 8-30g project. They are proposing 12 –two bedroom 8-30g affordable units. The units will look similar to the existing units at 26 Gulf Street. The allowable gallons per day are 1,430 and they are proposing 1,380 GPD so they are below the allowable gallons per day.

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

3. TABLED ITEM

a.) 328 Meadowside Road – Affordable 8-30g for 8 one bedroom & 4 two bedroom units (previously approved for 12-one bedroom).

4. 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 the Contractor, Kovacs Construction Corp., is finishing up sidewalk, paving and fence installation.

B. Beaver Brook WWTP Aeration Line Replacement

Mr. Davis reported no change since the last report.

C. Viscount Drive Sanitary Sewer Force Main Replacement

Mr. Davis reported that the mandatory pre-bid conference was held on June 11th with seven Contractors attending and eligible to Bid on the project. The Bid opening took place at 3:30 pm today with B&W Paving & Landscaping, LLC being the apparent low Bidder at \$2,020,800. Mr. Davis requested award of the Contract to B&W Paving & Landscaping, LLC contingent on W&M's review of the Bid.

Chairman Cooke called for a motion. Commissioner Castignoli made a motion to award the contract to B&W Paving & Landscaping, LLC. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion.

Mr. Davis noted that B&W Paving and Landscaping, LLC had also been the contractor for which the Laborers' International Union of North America had provided documents claiming rejection of apparent low bids, non-completion of work, and assessment of liquidated damages. He reported that he had contacted all of the several communities and agencies involved in the projects cited in documents provided. Mr. Davis submitted a memorandum detailing the conversations with the officials with whom he was able to speak. He explained to the commission that B&W was the Contractor on the Beaverbrook WWTF Aeration Line project which was successfully completed and now in its guaranty period. He also noted that they had been pre-qualified for sanitary sewer construction projects. Discussion ensued as to full time inspections with Mr. Davis explaining that full time inspection, review of certified payrolls, and all other construction administration tasks would be provided by W&M. In response to question, he stated that the next low bidder was \$49,000 more than the B&W Bid.

Commissioner Castignoli withdrew his motion to award the contract to B&W Paving & Landscaping, LLC. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion. Commissioner Collier made a motion to table awarding the contract to B&W Paving so Mr. Davis can review the bid and then the commission can vote on this in July. Mr. Bier seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Sailors Lane Pump Station Generator Replacement

Mr. Davis reported the new generator is in production and that the contractor, Kovacs Construction Corp., reports delivery to be on schedule for early August

E. Housatonic Wastewater Digester Gas Piping Repairs

Mr. Davis reported that preparation of specifications and plans for the project is ongoing.

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

Mr. Davis reported that survey for replacement of a section of the Boston Post Road force main is underway and that a boring contractor is being selected. He noted that

another break had been repaired near the previous locations two weeks ago.

5. **CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT** – Mark Davis

Mr. Davis submitted a memorandum listing the Sanitary Sewer Projects that are requested to be considered for funding under the 2020 Capital Improvements Program.

Additionally, Mr. Davis submitted a memorandum requested by the Wastewater Superintendent describing the twenty-two sanitary sewer projects the City has completed since issue of the Wastewater Facilities Plan in May 2003. Mr. Davis added that he and Mr. King will be going to DEEP this week to discuss concerns at the Beaverbrook Treatment Plant, and DEEP capacity changes hoping to address any misunderstandings. He added that 20% of the city sewage goes to this plant with almost all homes in the Plant's service area connected.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** - *None*

7. **WASTEWATER REPORT**– Lindsay King

Wastewater Treatment Plants

Both Wastewater Plants performed well in the month of May, producing a high quality effluent. 261 million gallons was treated at the Housatonic Plant and 77 million gallons at The Beaver Brook Plant for a total of 338 million gallons. Both plants performed extremely well considering the high flows. The Housatonic plants average effluent nitrogen was 263 lbs/day (permit limit = 307 lb/day) and the Beaverbrook Plants average effluent nitrogen was 67 lbs/day (permit limit of 94 lbs/day).

At the Housatonic Plant normal monthly maintenance was performed. A relief valve was replaced on the polymer system and the digester boiler flame/temperature control was repaired. The sodium hydroxide transfer pump (odor control) was disassembled and sent out for repair.

At the Beaver Brook Plant normal monthly maintenance was performed. Changed oil on WAS blower and lubricated step screen. All air conditioning filters were checked and cleaned.

Collection System

Pump Stations

Scheduled maintenance was performed at the following pump stations: Viscount Drive and Adams Avenue. Some maintenance items were not completed due to limited staffing.

Other Duties Performed:

1. Installed new generator battery and pump at Kurt Volk
2. Repaired #4 VFD at Gulf Pond
3. A new UPS was installed at West Mayflower
4. Six Wet-Wells were cleaned
5. Cleared clog at Gulf Beach
6. Installed pump #1 at West Ave

There were 2 alarms at the pump stations for High Wet-Well.

Sewer Maintenance

Sewer Maintenance answered 9 complaints.

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

T-10, T-12, T-14, T-16, T-34, T-35 and T-44

There were sewer excavations at the following locations:

15 Canterbury Lane

182 Bryan Hill Road

Other duties performed were:

1. Mainline blockages were cleared on Maddox and Pearson Avenue– the backups were contained to manholes - no by-pass occurred
2. Slurried Wet-Wells at Adams, Gulf Beach, Roses Mill, Sailors and White Oaks Pump Stations and worked with Williams septic to pump out the wells.
3. Located and jet-rodded easement behind Dan Perkins Subaru. The easement will require regular cleaning in the future.
4. Milling and Paving Start Up
5. Friday T-Sites

A total of 18,910 ft. was jet flushed, 6,425 ft. televised, 1,655 ft. spy tv'ed, 380 ft. hand rodded, 0 ft hydraulically root cut and 275 ft root treated.

8. VOTING

a.) Regular Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2019

Chairman Cooke called for a motion to approve the April 24, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Castignoli made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Bier. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Collier and Bier abstaining.

b.) Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of May 29, 2019

Chairman Cooke called for a motion to approve the May 29, 2019 public hearing minutes. Commissioner Castignoli made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Bier. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Collier and Hubler abstaining.

c.) Regular Meeting Minutes of May 29, 2019

Chairman Cooke called for a motion to approve the May 29, 2019 regular minutes. Commissioner Castignoli made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Bier. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Collier and Hubler abstaining.

d.) Approval of Payments

Chairman Cooke called for a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$20,705. Commissioner Collier made a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$20,705 seconded by Commissioner Castignoli. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

a.) Administrative Approvals

Chairman Cooke stated there were 22 Administrative Approvals through June 26, 2019.

Chairman Cooke called for a motion to adjourn at 6:36 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