

CITY OF MILFORD
SEWER COMMISSION REGULAR
February 22, 2017

The Sewer Commission of the City of Milford held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 in Conference Room A of the Parsons Government Center, 70 West River Street, Milford, CT. Chairman Robert Carroll opened the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The following Commissioners were in attendance:

Chairman Robert Carroll
Vice Chairman Lee Cooke
Commission Vito Castignoli
Commissioner Edmund Collier
Commissioner Bradford Hubler

Commissioners not in attendance: *None*

Others in attendance:

Ed Kozlowski, Wastewater
Ray Macaluso, Westcott & Mapes
Beverly Hayes, Recording Secretary

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

Chairman Carroll 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-

Kim Soto, Queen Zuri, 248 Bridgeport Avenue, explained that she owns a small business and came before the commission for a waiver an exterior grease trap, however, she was denied. She has since changed her menu and is now a class 3 which requires an exterior grease trap. She stated that she wants to comply, and she had a contractor come to give her a price and he felt an exterior grease trap size of 1,000 gallons was too large a capacity for her size business. She added that this policy is a hardship to those with small businesses. She also stated that the state does not require the exterior grease trap, just a grease trap. She added that even her water use is not high, her bill being only approx. \$52 a month. Chairman Carroll explained that this is Sewer Commission Policy and there is room for the exterior grease trap. Commissioner Collier added that this is not an application, but felt that the commission needs to look into this and maybe could approve a smaller grease trap. Commissioner Cooke agreed. Chairman Carroll explained that they will have to discuss with the consultant. R. Macaluso added that this is Sewer Commission Policy and that policy would have to be changed by the Commission. Ms. Soto also expressed concern over her license not being issued due to the lack of the grease trap. Commissioner

Collier explained that they cannot do anything about the license as the Health Department handles this.

2. APPLICATIONS (PETITIONS):

a.) 42 Naugatuck Avenue & 35 Park Avenue – Recreational Cooking School

Ray Macaluso, consultant, explained that he is not representing Atty. Curseaden on this application for a cooking school, however, Atty Curseaden could not attend so he offered to present his application to the commission. He went on to explain that this is a very small property and the plan initially showed a 500 gallon grease trap, however, they are proposing an interior AGRU, which has been signed, sealed, properly calculated and sized by a Connecticut Licensed Engineer. There is a two bedroom apartment on the second floor. They also exceed the gallonage by approx. 147.94 GPD for the business during peak winter months. The cooking school proposed 150 GPD, the apartment 115 GPD for a total of 265 GPD where 150 GPD is allowed. Mr. Kozlowski did not see any problem with the flow.

Chairman Carroll called for a motion. Commissioner Hubler made a motion to approve the application with Commissioner Cooke seconding the motion. Mr. Macaluso suggested they add to the motion the requirement for quarterly water records submission. Commissioner Hubler amended the motion to include the quarterly water records submission, with Commissioner Cooke seconding the amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

b.) 65 Plains Road – Affordable Housing 8-30g 12 Unit Townhouses

Attorney Thomas Lynch with his client Andrei Piatrevich explained that he would like to amend the application for 24 bedrooms to 12 bedrooms, 12 dens similar to the development on Gulf Street near intersection of Cherry Street. The Commission had him change the application to reflect the change. Atty. Lynch explained the allowed flow at this site is 825 GPD and the proposed flow would be 900 GPD. Commissioner Hubler so the 2nd bedroom becomes a den because you remove the closet? Commissioner Cooke explained that the Commission just decreased the design criteria for applications and this application is still over the allowed use. Atty Lynch cited case law with regards to zoning density and the gallonage which is over by about 75 GPD. Commisioner Collier explained this is about gallonage not density.

Chairman Carroll called for a motion. Commissioner Castignoli made a motion to approve the application with Commissioner Collier seconding the motion. Mr. Hubler asked the consultant if he felt there is a problem with this. Mr. Macaluso responded that the den could be construed as a bedroom. The motion carried unanimously.

3. WESTCOTT & MAPES, INC.: None

a.) Indian River Interceptor - Phase 2A & 2B

Mr. Macaluso reported in accordance with the Contract Documents Change Orders 2A-5 and 2B-9 are presented for approval to finalize the contract quantities and schedule of values as presented at the January 4, 2017 Sewer Commission Meeting.

Chairman Carroll called for motion to approve the change orders presented at the January 4, 2017 Sewer Commission meeting. Commissioner Collier made a motion to approve with Mr. Hubler seconding the motion. Commissioner Cooke abstained from voting. The motion carried unanimously.

b.) Rock Street and Welch's Point Road Pump Stations

Mr. Macaluso reported the contractor Kovacs Construction Corp. continues to submit shop drawings for review and approval. He further reported HVAC, VFDs, piping and order control equipment and material are stored at the Contractors yard. All equipment and material stored has insurance coverage and an agreement for stored material submitted and accepted by Westcott and Mapes, Inc. in accordance with the Contract Documents. Payment application #5 has been reviewed and certified by W&M in the amount of \$417,574.40.

Mr. Macaluso introduced Mr. Dennis Setzko, Assoc. V.P of AECOM, the design engineers for the project, to discuss the environmental abatement proposal from Kovacs Construction Corp.

Mr. Setzko explained that there is a PCB regulation regarding how PCB waste when found is to be treated. He stated that they discovered flaking paint on the concrete walls and ceilings at both pump stations on Welches Point Road and Rock Street. There was a site visit with the Mr. Macaluso, Commissioner Cooke, Ed Kozlowski and Lou Lanzaro, Wastewater. There are several ways to deal with it as it was not part of the original proposal and the regulations allow for either of these solutions. In the interpretation of the regulations it can be left alone and not tested at no cost. Once tested and found to contain PCB's it can be scraped for \$20,500 but it will keep flaking or it can be totally blasted off and abated for \$98,464. He went on to explain that this is \$5 million project and must be addressed. The contractor cannot continue until a decision is made. Chairman Carroll responded that this should have been included in the original contract documents as designed by AECOM. They already bonded the project and now the commission is being asked to approve the extra money and change order for this. Mr. Setzko responded that the flaking is cosmetic and AECOM did not include the removal in their contract documents. Commissioner Collier added that the problem is the commission is being asked to have the city bear the cost of this, when it should have been included in the bid so it could have been bonded. Commissioner Cooke explained that after the site visit, the blasting appears to be the best solution. Can we approve the remediation without approving the change order? Mr. Macaluso responded that you need to approve the change order and then discuss where the money comes from adding that this is a \$5 million dollar project and we need to correct this. Also the contractor cannot continue till this is resolved. It is not a contractor error or problem, as he just bid on the specifications. Chairman Carroll recommended

the commission table it so they can discuss with City Attorney Berchem adding that he agrees with that we aren't writing check because it was left off the project.

Chairman Carroll called for a motion to table the item. Mr. Macaluso explained that the contractor may need an extension of time because of the delay. Chairman Carroll added that they may have to schedule a special meeting to handle this. Commissioner Hubler made a motion to table the matter with Commissioner Castignoli seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

c.) Edgefield Avenue Pipe Lining

No change.

d.) Beaver Brook WWTP Aeration Line Replacement

Mr. Macaluso reported plans are complete and the project will be advertised on March 3rd with a mandatory pre-bid meeting on March 15th and the bid opening at 3:00 p.m. on March 30th.

e.) Edgefield Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement

No change.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pending litigation C. J. Fucci

Chairman Carroll called for a motion to enter Executive Session, which included in addition to the members of the Sewer Commission, R. Macaluso, E. Kozlowski at 6:50 pm. Commissioner Hubler made a motion seconding by Commissioner Collier to enter Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hubler made a motion to exit Executive Session at 6:56 pm with Commissioner Cooke seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT -

Mr. Macaluso reported his office received and reviewed the 2017 Sanitary Sewer Contractor's Pre-Qualification Submittals and submitted the recommendation for approval to the Commission. He added that only one contractor was exempt for pre-qualification.

Chairman Carroll called for a motion to accept the 2017 Sanitary Sewer Contractor's Pre-Qualification Submittals with the one exemption. Commissioner Cooke made a motion to approve the list with Commission Hubler seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

7. WASTEWATER REPORT– Ed Kozlowski

Plants

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

At the Housatonic Plant normal monthly maintenance was performed. Generator was run at West Avenue pump station and the Housatonic plant. Installed new gravity thickening belt and gaskets. Installed new GC Pro chemical feed machine. Installed new hydraulic piston and valve for belt filter press #1. Installed new hoist for UV system and replaced bulbs. Installed new sample tree in digester building. Average effluent nitrogen was 216 pounds per day. The State limit is 307 pounds.

At the Beaver Brook Plant normal monthly maintenance was performed. Serviced WAS blowers and changed belts. Serviced polymer feed machine. Removed step screen and sent to manufacturer for over-haul. The plant did the monthly emergency generator test run. Average effluent nitrogen was 65 pounds per day. The State limit is 94 pounds.

Collection System

Pump Stations

Scheduled maintenance was performed at the following pump stations: Matthew Street, Boston post Road, Rock Street and Anderson Avenue.

Other Duties Performed

1. Generator block heater was replaced at Watrous Lane.
2. The #2 level probe was replaced at Live Oaks.
3. Made repairs to the generator fuel line at Ryder Woods.
4. A new unit heater was installed at Naugatuck Avenue.
5. 5 wet wells were cleaned.
6. All grounds were cleaned and maintained.
7. All emergency power generators were load tested successfully.

There were 0 alarms at pump stations.

Sewer Maintenance

Sewer Maintenance answered 4 complaints.

Sewer Maintenance crews performed scheduled maintenance at 8 trouble sites cites. T-2, T-3, T-4, T-5 and T-49.

There were 3 sewer excavations in January at the following locations: 86 Wayne Road, 155 Shadyside Lane and 47 Nutmeg Lane.

Other duties performed were:

1. Cleared sewer back-up at West Shore Rec.

2. Dye tested Munson Street.
3. Started Duke's chemical root control.
4. Cleared main line blockages at Shadyside Lane, Springdale Ave and Mills Ave.
5. Root cutting Shadyside, Dolphin, Cricklewood, Mills and Springdale.
6. Took care of T sites, Buckingham and Cherry Street.
7. Did routine maintenance on sewer line equipment and vehicles.

A total of 10,840 ft. were jet flushed, 3,710' televised, 1,675 ft. were spy tv'ed, 855' were hand rodded, the hydraulic jet root cutter was used to relieve 2,710', Root treated 825' for laterals and dye tested 650' to check sewer connections and smoke tested 0' to identify various problems.

8. **VOTING**

- a.) Meeting Minutes of Meeting January 25, 2017

Chairman Carroll called for motion to approve the minutes of January 25, 2017. Commissioner Collier made a motion to approve with Commissioner Castignoli seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- b.) Approval of Payments

Chairman Carroll called for a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$430,721.90. Commissioner Cooke made a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$430,721.90 seconded by Commissioner Collier. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Carroll stated there were 10 Sewer Commission Administrative Approvals for the period January 26, 2017 thru February 22, 2017.

Chairman Carroll called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Commissioner Collier made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm seconded by Commissioner Cooke. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly A. Hayes, BS,
Recording Secretary