

CITY OF MILFORD
SEWER COMMISSION REGULAR
February 4, 2015

The Sewer Commission of the City of Milford held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, in Conference Room B of the Parsons Government Center, 70 West River Street, Milford, CT. Chairman Robert Carroll opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

The following Commissioners were in attendance:

Chairman Robert Carroll
Vice Chairman Donald Anderson
Commissioner Edmund Collier

Commissioners not in attendance:

Commissioner Lee Cooke
Commissioner Bradford Hubler

Others in attendance:

Chris Saley, Public Works Director
Jim Cooper, Wastewater
Ray Macaluso, Westcott & Mapes
Beverly Hayes, Recording Secretary

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Beverly Hayes asked for a motion for Chairman. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to elect Robert Carroll as Chairman. Commissioner Collier seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Carroll asked for a motion for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Collier made a motion to elect Donald Anderson as the Vice-Chairman. Chairman Carroll seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

2. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Philip Solito, 45 Grassland Road, owner of the property located at 254 Naugatuck Avenue, explained he owns the property where Papa's Pizza resides. The owner of this establishment has not installed an exterior grease trap as required by State Statute, however, Mr. Solito has installed his own for his restaurant. He inquired as to the violation notices stating that he cannot make improvements to his property till this grease trap is installed. Chairman Carroll responded that the City Attorney is working on enforcement for those establishments that have not installed the required exterior

grease trap. He added that he would speak to City Attorney's office to follow up on what the next step for enforcement and get a plan of action.

William Colombo, 103 Erna Avenue, explained that he is before the Sewer Commission to get the ball rolling to have sewers installed down Erna Avenue. Chairman Carroll referred to Mr. Macaluso who explained that the property owners have to petition to the Sewer Commission to have them installed. He went on to explain that the bond for sewer projects for 2015 is closed, however, the residents and owners of the businesses can petition to be put into the bonding projects for 2016. Mr. Colombo responded that the businesses are on cess pools, and none of the businesses can expand without the sewers. He added that he will get the required signatures.

3. APPLICATIONS (PETITIONS)

14 Gulf Street – 15 Units

Atty Thomas Lynch, stated he represents the applicant/owner Two-NinetySix, LLC. Ronald Wassmer, CCG Engineering and Angelo Lisi, member/owner are also in attendance for this petition. Mr. Wassmer explained he completed the calculation page for sewer use following the instructions attached to the application. The total sewer use allowed is 1,672 gallons per day(gpd) and this proposal is 1,620 gpd. He noted that the application from Sewer calculates the allowed gallons as 600 gpd. Atty Lynch referred to case law explaining that it is illegal to calculate sewer usage based on square footage, rather zoning consideration and the capacity at the treatment plant is a determinant.

Commissioner Collier made a motion to table the application. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The Chairman added that this will give the Commission time to review the calculations and the next meeting is in three weeks from now. The motion carried unanimously.

4. TABLED APPLICATIONS

Warren Field, applicant along with Atty. Thomas Lynch asked that the application for 335 Meadowside Road be removed from the table. Chairman Carroll explained that Commissioner Cooke is not present and specifically asked that he be present when this is removed from the table. He suggested that the meeting in three weeks this could be removed from the table. The applicant and attorney both agreed that this would be fine. The item remained tabled

335 Meadowside Road – 18 Units.

5. WESTCOTT & MAPES, INC.

- A. **New Haven Avenue/Rosemary Court/Grove Street Infill**
No change.

B. Infill Project No. 1

Mr. Macaluso reported he is in receipt of the cost estimate from Complete Construction for the repair of the sanitary sewer in Seabreeze Avenue. His Company is currently reviewing it.

C. Infill Project No. 2

Mr. Macaluso reported Westcott and Mapesis preparing the as-built sanitary sewer plans. Mr. Macaluso further reported W&M is finalizing the design for the proposed drainage and sidewalks on Wilson St. Once completed, VMS Construction will prepare a cost estimate for W&M's review. Once reviewed, W&M will present to the Commission at their meeting on February 25, 2015.

D. Edgefield Avenue Pipe Relining

Mr. Macaluso reported that, at the request of the Mayor, the project has been postponed until later this year.

E. Edgefield Avenue Interceptor Replacement

Mr. Macaluso reported that, at the request of the Mayor, the project has been postponed until later this year.

F. Indian River Interceptor

Mr. Macaluso reported that, at the request of the Mayor, he met with the Board of Finance, the Ordinance Committee and the Board of Alderman and they approved the funding of \$1,650,000 to complete the remaining construction of the project.

Mr. Macaluso further reported a public hearing must be scheduled. He respectfully requested the public hearing be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. before the Sewer Commission meeting.

Chairman Carroll called for a motion to schedule the public hearing for Infill Project No. 2 and the Indian River Interceptor project. Commissioner Collier made a motion to schedule a public hearing for February 25, 2015 before the Regular meeting of the Sewer Commission at 6 pm. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT-

Mr. Macaluso reported Westcott and Mapes reviewed the Pre-Qualified Sanitary Sewer Contractors for projects that will be bid in 2015, and found seventeen (17) have the qualifications. Mr. Macaluso distributed the list to the Commission and respectfully requested their approval in order for the Purchasing Agent to notify each of the firms.

Chairman Carroll called for a motion. Commissioner Collier made a motion to approve the list of Pre-Qualified Sanitary Sewer Contractors for projects to be bid in 2015. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Macaluso further reported at the request of the Mayor, he met with the Board of Finance, the Ordinance Committee and the Board of Alderman and they approved an Ordinance appropriating \$6,050,000 for renovations and repairs to the Rock St. and Welch's Point Rd. Pump Stations.

Mr. Macaluso further reported the Board of Finance, the Ordinance Committee and the Board of Alderman also approved an Ordinance appropriating \$550,000 for the Darina Place Sanitary Sewer replacement.

Mr. Macaluso added the Sewers on Darina Place are from the 1930's, based on his company's evaluation and not increasing the size of the sanitary sewer, the design will be pipe lining the existing sanitary sewer, manhole's and laterals. If the design is removing and replacing the sanitary sewer, it will require more bonding because the appropriation was based on the lining method. This is a very tight street, there are the utilities that are a concern and very disruptive and the street will have to be closed for the project, adding that this is in the best interest of the City to line the pipe. He continued that he does not want to use the prequalified contractors for 2015, rather get a list of prequalified pipe lining contractors. C. Saley asked that this project not be put out to bid so that he has time to become familiar with pipe lining and the project, adding he would like to meet with a pipe lining contractor, which he discussed with Mr. Macaluso. He would also like the Darina Place owners invited to the public hearing. R. Macaluso responded that pipe lining requires no dig and last over 50 years and the technology is very reliable and he cited the sanitary sewers under the Wepawaug and Buckingham Avenue as past pipe lining projects. He added that Darina Place property owners will get notice of this public hearing as well as legal notice to the newspaper.

Mr. Macaluso further reported that a public hearing must be scheduled. He respectfully requested the public hearing be held on Wednesday, February 25 @ 6:00 p.m. before the Sewer Commission meeting.

Chairman Carroll called for Commissioner Collier to amend his previous motion for scheduling of public hearing for Infill Project No. 2 and the Indian River Interceptor project to include the Darina Place Sanitary Sewer replacement. Commissioner Collier amended the motion to include the Darina Place Sanitary Sewer replacement with Mr. Anderson seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** - None
8. **WASTEWATER REPORT**— James Cooper

Plants

The Housatonic performed well in the month of December, as did the Beaverbrook Treatment Plant.

At the Housatonic Plant normal monthly maintenance was performed. At the Beaverbrook Plant normal monthly maintenance was performed.

Collection System

Pump Stations

Scheduled maintenance was performed at the following pump stations: West Mayflower Pump Station.

Other Duties performed by Pump Station crews:

1. The #1 grinder motor was rebuilt and re-installed at the Gulf Pond pump station.
2. A new generator amp gauge was installed at the Wanda Road pump station.
3. The #3 starter coil was replaced at the Viscount Dr. pump station.
4. New anodes were installed at the West Mayflower pump station, a new generator battery was installed at White Oaks Terr. Pump station.
5. The generator alternator was repaired at the Captain's walk pump station.
6. The force main in the Rock Street pump station was temporarily patched.
7. Two clogs were cleared and five wet wells were cleaned, float switches were cleaned at six pump stations.
8. All generators were load tested successfully, all grounds were maintained.

There were two (2) alarms at pump stations in December: (1) one for power outage, and one for high water.

Sewer Maintenance

Sewer Maintenance answered three (3) complaints

Sewer Maintenance crews performed scheduled maintenance at five (5) trouble sites citywide: #12, #27, #39, #44, and #50.

Scheduled maintenance performed by Sewer Maintenance crews on the following equipment: 5 HP Honda smoker (oil change and run test), 14 HP Briggs generator (oil and filter change, test run).

There was one sewer excavation in December: 53/55 Green St.

Other duties performed by Sewer maintenance crews:

1. Root treating took place during the week of Dec. 1 – Dec. 5.
2. Worked with paving crew on Revere Place.
3. Jacked out 6 storm drain manholes, for PW.
4. Checked/walked several easements – Roses Mill Area, Carmen Road, Elbon St., West Mayflower, Swanson Dr., Calf Pen Meadow, found two manholes that needed to be repaired.
5. Witnessed pipe bursting demo on Plymouth Court.
6. Assisted in cleaning wet wells at 5 pump stations.
7. Cut roots at Dalton and Cornflower, also New Haven Ave.

8. Tv'ed main line on Beachland Ave. to locate lateral of demolished house.

Total of 9,750 feet were jet flushed 3,110 feet were TV'ed with our standard TV equipment, and 1,825 feet were tv'ed with the spy eye camera. We also hand rodded 385 ft, used the hydraulic jet root cutter to relieve 776 feet, root treated 295 ft. we dye tested 670 ft and smoke tested 615 feet to check sewer connections.

I want to announce to the Commission my retirement after 28 years with the City of Milford, all in the Wastewater Division, initially as a mechanic, then as Beaverbrook Plant Foreman, and for the last 13 years as Superintendent. It has been my pleasure to work with the Commission, the Professional personnel, and all of the City staff. I have tremendous respect for all of the Commissioners past and present who donate their own time to the greater good of the City, and appreciate the work you do.

11. **VOTING**

a. Meeting Minutes December 17, 2014

Chairman Carroll asked for a motion to approve the minutes of December 17, 2014

Commissioner Collier made a motion to approve the corrected minutes of December 17, 2014, with Commissioner Anderson seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Payments.

Chairman Carroll asked for a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$ 61,009 scheduled.

Commissioner Collier made a motion to approve the payments in the amount of \$61,009. seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried unanimously.

12. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman stated there were 20 Sewer Commission Administrative Approvals for the month of December.

Chairman Carroll called for a motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm.

Commissioner Collier made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly A. Hayes, BS,
Recording Secretary