

City of Derby

Water Pollution Control Authority

September 19, 2018

Regular Meeting Minutes

Jack Walsh, Chairman
Robert Miani
Rose Marie Pertoso
Kelly Curtis

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present – Jack Walsh, Kelly Curtis, Rose Marie Pertoso, Robert Miani.

Public Portion

Ted Anglace, 37 Bank Street asked if there were any photos showing 300,000 gallons of sewage going into the Housatonic River. He also stated that there is now a new capital fee. Lindsey King stated that the fee for residential is per dwelling unit with one fee for a one family home and a different one for multi-family. Mr. Anglace stated that he went to the Water Company and his sewer bill was for more than the water used. Mr. Walsh stated that representatives from the Water Company had come to a meeting to explain the billing. He stated that they take the water usage and send those figures to the City. He stated that if someone disagrees with the Water Company they can go to them for an explanation.

Peter (inaudible) Valley Diner asked if there was a rate increase. He stated that he is not a resident of Derby and had no say in the referendum process. He stated that the bill for Valley Diner is very high sewer usage.

Enzio Staffieri and Aldo Staffieri, Sterling Plaza stated that their sewer use bill has doubled and they only have one toilet and one sink. Lindsey King stated that there should be less usage. This is a commercial building and charged per unit.

Brian Cirillo, 19,20, 21 South Division Street stated that the company doing the work for the new pump station damaged his wall to the point where his property has sunk. He stated that they never finished the work on the guard rails or landscaping. He also stated that his fence became detached and they took away parking spaces. He stated that he would like to have the wall repaired. Mr. Walsh asked Robert Tedeschi to get in touch with Mr. Cirillo and prepare a report.

Mary Ann Bower, 10 East Court stated that in 2009 Derby received a large payment from Field Stone Village in Orange to use pipes in Derby. She wanted to know where that money was and what it was used for. L. King stated that at the time the engineer determined that there was adequate capacity for this to be done. She was upset that this was allowed to be done.

Shirley Ash asked when the work began and when it will be finished. J. Walsh stated that at this time the project is on hold and a study is being done to see if regionalization might be a solution for all towns. He stated that the work that is being done at the plant needs to be done. She also asked how many housing units there are in Derby.

Carol Senfield, 38 Hawthorne Avenue stated that Derby received a substantial payment from Fieldstone Village and asked what the funds are being used for. J. Walsh stated that the plant needs some work.

Linda Piccolo, Harold Avenue stated that she has a well and felt that her bill was high and would like to have a meter put on. She stated that she was told to call the Water Company. L. King stated that the City does not allow personal meters. She stated that she was told that the City needs to approve the meter. K. Curtis stated that this is something that should be researched. He stated that Regional water will not install or read a meter. J. Walsh stated that this will be on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Mary Ann Bower asked if there was a report on what was done with the money received from Orange for Fieldstone Village. Lindsey King stated that the payment was over several years. He also stated that with all the condominiums in Derby there are only 5000 units.

Mario (unknown), 4 Brothers Car Wash asked how a commercial bill is figured out. L. King stated that it is based on actual gallons used. J. Walsh stated that the annual bill can go up or down but the capital fee will stay the same. L. King stated that they were previously given an adjustment for the car wash.

Keith McLiverty stated that the payment from Orange was done over time and they actually added units.

A motion to close the public portion was made by K. Curtis, seconded by R. Miani and carried unanimously.

Dispute Bill

a. Sterling Plaza – 101 Elizabeth Street. J. Walsh stated that they are billed by the amount of water useage.

b. Yolanda's Bakery – 17 Hawthorne Avenue. J. Walsh stated that the Water Company made an adjustment to their bill. R. Miani moved to give an adjustment based on the Water Company adjustment. The motion was seconded by R. Pertoso and carried unanimously.

c. Carmelina Properties LLC – 182 and 184 Elizabeth Street.

J. Walsh stated that there was a question on the billing and how it was done. They are getting a bill for two properties. M. McGuire stated that there are two separate meters.

d. Valley Diner – New Haven Avenue.

J. Walsh stated that this will be checked.

e. State of CT DOT properties on Main St. and Caroline St.

J. Walsh stated that there are five properties and they do not want to pay the bills and capital fees because the buildings are coming down. They asked for a refund of last year's fees because they feel that the City of Derby held up the project. He asked what the City's opinion was. K. Curtis stated that the utilities are still all connected and they are still tied in; it has not been disconnected.

Engineers Report – Project Updates.

R. Tedeschi stated that the design work for Route 34 from the cemetery to Camptown is being done. A section will be replaced. He stated that they are working with L. King on the condition of the line and it may end up being a separate project.

He stated that the work on Burtville and South Division Street is done. He stated that the city attorney reviewed the contract for Roosevelt Drive and said that it is fine and it will be going out to bid. He stated that the project is still on schedule. He also stated that the work on Emmett Avenue is completed.

Approval of minutes August 15, 2017

J. Walsh stated that on page one it should be a separate paragraph in the third paragraph beginning with the last sentence. A motion to approve the minutes with that correction was made by R. Pertoso, seconded by K. Curtis and carried unanimously.

Approval of bills for August 17 – September 14 & bills over \$5000.00

K. Curtis moved to approve the payment invoices for 8/17/2018 in the amount of \$22,340.68. The motion was seconded by R. Pertoso and carried unanimously.

R. Miani moved to approve the payment of invoices for 8/24/18 in the amount of \$15,852.93. The motion was seconded by K. Curtis and carried unanimously.

R. Pertoso moved to approve the payment of invoices for 8/31/18 in the amount of \$49,641.13. The motion was seconded by R. Miani and carried unanimously.

K. Curtis moved to approve the payment to True Blue Environmental in the amount of \$50,195.47. The motion was seconded by R. Miani and carried unanimously.

K. Curtis moved to approve the payment of \$321,876.83 to Holzner Electric for Roosevelt Drive. The motion was seconded by R. Pertoso and carried unanimously.

K. Curtis moved to approve the payment of Invoice #485135 in the amount of \$20,000.00 to Weston & Sampson. The motion was seconded by R. Pertoso and carried unanimously. R. Pertoso moved to approve the payment of Invoice #485134 in the amount of \$8,090.00 to Weston & Sampson. The motion was seconded by R. Miani and carried unanimously.

Financial Reports

The Board reviewed the financial reports.

Superintendent's Report

L. King presented his report and stated that with the Route 34 project the police need to be scheduled for traffic control. He stated that there is heavy cleaning involved there.

New Business

a. City owned properties Capital Fee

M. McGuire stated that the bill was given to the City and the corporation counsel advised not to pay any bills because the City should not be paying the City. They will pay the sewer bill but do not feel that they should pay the capital fee bill. Someone will be coming before the Board regarding that.

b. On call engineering services.

J. Walsh stated that that Weston & Sampson are the on call engineers and have been for approximately ten years. He stated that the Board should discuss whether we should go out to bid for this. He will send out information and it will be on next month's agenda for discussion.

11. Old Business

a. Billing

M. McGuire stated that the billing has gone out and they have been receiving a lot of calls regarding the bills.

Transfers

K. Curtis moved to transfer \$3,000.00 from 6200-320-0320 (Business forms) to 6200-270-0271 (Postage and Printing). The motion was seconded by R. Pertoso and carried unanimously.

R. Pertoso moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by K. Curtis and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Maryanne DeTullio

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