



WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION MINUTES May 1, 2002

Present: G. Konow, R. Regan, D. Stroetzel, D. Pattee, P. Moisio
Also present: Jorge Pereira of OMI

Mr. Konow called the May 1, 2002 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: That the Water Pollution Control Commission approve the minutes of the April 3, 2002 meeting as corrected. Stroetzel, Pattee. Approved, Unanimous.

Correction: page 1, paragraph 2, line 2, delete "to" following enable

OMI REPORT

Mr. Pereira presented the OMI written report.

- UV system: the UV system is on line, but OMI was unable to seal the channels. Alternate sealants are being tried. Mr. Pattee suggested another sealer that should be tried.
- Influent: flows were heavy during the first week of April. The illegal loading of the system appears to be continuing. The Commission discussed the matter to try to pinpoint when these events are taking place.
- Flow Meter: Mr. Pattee reviewed the specifications provided by Knapp Engineering and feels the flow meter was not installed correctly. Mr. Pattee was asked to contact Malcom Pirnie who designed the system and discuss the problems.
- Meter Readings: Mr. Konow reported that OMI will not be conducting the meter readings and it is not in the contract. Mr. Konow has contacted OMI's Denver office in an attempt to resolve the issue. The meter readings were a part of the initial contract with OMI and Ms. Succow regularly did the meter readings as part of the contract. When the most recent contract was signed, it was with the understanding that the only change was the fee for services. Mr. Konow stated that the contract would need to be re-negotiated. Mrs. Moisio reported that the meters have not been read for the past two months, and billing is being done based on historical data.

DISCUSSION OF NOISE ISSUES

Another option for baffling the noise has come up. The Community Center has a number of gymnasium wall mats that are available. These mats did not meet the Connecticut Fire Code for use in the gymnasium. These mats will be used as insulation in an attempt to eliminate the noise.

DISCUSSION OF DEFECTIVE OR MISSING METERS

Mr. Konow followed up on Mr. Campbell's letter to Eastern Water requesting a proposal to do meter maintenance/inspections on existing meters. A proposal was being prepared by them. Regarding the reading of meters, Easton Water estimated a cost of \$1400/year to do quarterly reading of meters. Mr. Konow will follow up regarding the maintenance proposal.

Commission members discussed contracting with Easton Water to do the meter readings at this time. Mrs. Moision noted that accurate meter readings are needed prior to June 25, 2002. This would enable her department to do the billings based on actual reading, rather than estimates.

Motion: That the Water Pollution Control Commission authorize the chairman of the Commission, George Konow, to negotiate a contract with Eastern Water to read the water meters in the Georgetown Sewer District and to enter into discussions for a contract for meter servicing/maintenance/inspection. Pattee, Stroetzel. Approved. Unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

Contract for Plant Operation: Mr. Konow noted that there are other firms in the area interested in a contract for the Sewer Treatment Operations. The Commission discussed this at length and will discuss this further at future meetings.

Grainger bills: The Town of Ridgefield has re-imbursed Redding for the Grainger invoices that were paid by Redding in error.

Non-payments: Mrs. Moision reported that two properties are in the process of tax sales. Payments on these properties for the usage and the assessment are not being made.

Survey: the survey, along with a postage paid return envelope, was mailed out with the April billings. To date, no surveys have been returned.

ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary