

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM B
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015

PRESENT: William Brennan, Eric Fanwick, Andrea Preston, David Taylor, Rick Tomasetti;
Absent: Bill Follett

OTHERS: Sandra Dennies, CFO; Tom Thurkettle, Director of Public Works; Mike Ahern,
Field Engineer; Pete Lucia, Manager Integrated Systems

PUBLIC HEARING

Call to Order

Mr. Brennan called the Public Hearing to order at 5:00 p.m. No citizens were present but Mr. Brennan held this Hearing open for ten minutes in the event someone wished to attend. He commented that the user rate, which is the same as last year, was very favorable compared to surrounding communities. At 5:10 p.m. Mr. Brennan declared the Hearing closed.

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order

Mr. Brennan called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:10 PM.

Approve the Minutes for the April 8, 2015 Regular Meeting

Mr. Brennan asked for a motion to approve the Minutes. Eric Fanwick so moved, David Taylor seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

User Charges and Budget for FY 16

Sandra Dennies provided a quick summary, inasmuch as it was discussed in detail at last month's meeting. Based on the budget and the number of those user units, the user fee will remain the same if accepted. Once the rate is approved a Legal Notice is published. She then requested a vote. Eric Fanwick made the motion to approve the budget as presented and approve the user rate of \$214 per unit. Bill Brennan seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Dennies will prepare the Legal Notice for newspaper publication.

FOG Program

Mike Ahern stated that 72% of the establishments in the program have renewed. The consultant is at 36% completion of testing with good results. He expects that within the next couple weeks all should be tested, and a full report could be available for the next meeting. Mr. Brennan asked about any follow-up with Norwalk, to which Mr. Ahern replied that Norwalk is satisfied with what we are doing. This is a good cooperative relationship. Mr. Brennan elaborated on the extent of various cooperative endeavors that exist among the towns, to the mutual benefit of all.

Generator Request

Tom Thurkettle presented a summary of costs from two quotes for a natural gas vs. diesel generator. Because the town has been using diesel, equipment is already here to transfer fuel from the large tank at the Highway Garage to the smaller one for the new generator. The DPW Garage tank holds 10,000 gallons so we have plenty of diesel fuel. Currently the generator only uses 4.2 gallons per hour. If there were a power outage, the diesel fuel could be supplied by DPW.

Eric Fanwick asked if there were any environmental issues or exposure from the in-ground tank. Tom said it has to come out and the new one will be housed above ground in a small building with a concrete curb around a 275 gallon double-lined steel tank. Mr. Ahern said the risk is manageable. Mr. Fanwick then asked if there would be more maintenance on something as described instead of using natural gas, to which Mr. Ahern replied yes, but it was incremental. Rick Tomasetti commented that he felt it was a non-issue and that diesel was more reliable. Mr. Ahern also informed the Authority that, per Tom's request, reference checks have been made on the two contractors under consideration.

Mr. Thurkettle then commented that there were still a lot of components to this. He has to speak with the people removing the in-ground tank and to the electrical contractor. Mr. Brennan suggested since there is adequate time, Tom should compile all the numbers including some contingency amount and then present it to the Authority at next month's meeting vs. approving a not-to-exceed amount of \$60,000. After further discussion, it was decided Tom will present his recommendation at next month's meeting.

Other Business

Mr. Brennan brought up scheduling the visit to the Norwalk Water Treatment plant. Those who have not yet visited would take the tour: Andrea Preston, Bill Follett and David Taylor. Tom Thurkettle will contact Hal Alford to get some dates for late May/early June. He will give the dates to Kris Fager who will send the proposed visit times via email to them to select a mutually agreeable date.

Closing Comments

None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 PM.

Kris Fager
Recording Secretary