



Water Pollution Control Authority

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2019

MINUTES

- Members Present:** Daniel Parisi-Chairman, Jeremy Galeota, Shawn Koehler
- Members Absent:** Paul Gilbert
- Others Present:** Timothy Webb-WPCA Admin., Marshall Gaston-Fuss & O'Neill, Robert Grasis-Vernon WPCA

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dan Parisi called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

2. Citizen's Forum/Public Comments - None

3. Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2019 Special Meeting

MOVED (GALEOTA) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING AS WRITTEN.

4. New Business:

1. Update Sewer Projects, High Ridge and Stein

Tim Webb told the board that Gerber placed the last manhole today on Stein Rd and that three homes are considering connecting. They did encounter some rock that had to be removed. Next week they are planning on doing the reclamation of the road and paving the week of October 28. High Ridge Rd was started yesterday and 80 feet was put in.

2. Budget Discussion, User Fee's

Tim Webb stated that the budget will be \$534,799 per year for the Vernon Plant Upgrade. The WPCA will do a true budget including salaries and

other expenditures going forth. The WPCA needs to consider the user fee being increased again; there is a reserve for sewer projects but the need is to save for future while meeting the current demands. He is recommending that wells be increased as well as the fixed rates. The Tax Collector's report shows a 95.6% collection rate which is very good. We don't want to raise the fees so high that people don't pay. Felicia LaPlante and Greg White will attend next month's meeting to go over the budgeting.

The members agreed that saving for future capital improvement projects is in the town's best interest but that some borrowing has been and will continue to be necessary.

5. Old Business:

1. Fuss & O'Neill, Project Updates

As discussed earlier, the projects on Stein Rd and High Ridge Rd are progressing nicely. The Wet Well Investigation at Vernon Pump Station resulted in some next steps to proceed. Marshall Gaston brought an estimate for the repairs in the range of \$20,000 to \$43,000. This will be budgeted for in the next fiscal year. Tim Webb would like to see the electrical analysis done by the end of October. The second pressing item should be the Flow Allocations.

Marshall Gaston presented an invoice for the wet well investigation and Task Authorization #2 for additional anticipated tasks for Stein Rd and High Ridge Sewer Design. These will be addressed under administrative.

6. Administrative:

Design, Construction & Maintenance Reports

i. Pump Station & Meter Updates

The Meadow Brook Rd PS transducer problem was repaired. Forty grinder pumps were serviced.

ii. Other – None

iii. Fuss & O'Neill billing

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GALEOTA) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF INVOICE 0216278 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,454.50 FOR THE VERNON WET WELL INVESTIGATION.

MOVED (GALEOTA) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED TO APPROVE TASK AUTHORIZATION NO. 2 FOR \$9,400 IN ANTICIPATED ADDITIONAL TASKS FOR STEIN RD AND HIGH RIDGE ROAD SANITARY SEWER DESIGN.

7. Misc. Communications

Tim Webb confirmed that the members would continue to meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and would send the meeting schedule as such for posting with the Town Clerk.

Adjournment

MOVED (KOEHLER) SECONDED (GALEOTA) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lori Smith, Recording Secretary