



City of Derby WPCA
Regular Meeting
July 18, 2012

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00pm

Roll Call: Leo DiSorbo, Chairman, John Saccu, James Gildea, Carolyn Duhaime and Richard Bartholomew. Also present Lindsay King, Plant Superintendent, Dan Lawrence and Anthony DiSimon from Weston and Sampon.

Public Portion

James Robinson -250 Hawthorne Ave. stated he had a swimming pool that had to be filled two and half times this year, he thinks his bill should be adjusted.

Dominic Thomas for Mr. Taverner of 49 Anson Street. The usage has remained the same in the past four years. The bill has gone from \$2,522.00 to 3,626.62 to \$7,931.18. There is only a convineance store. How do you justify a 120% increase. What is the relationship of going to \$6.00. What is the backup for doubling the commercial rate?

Todd Ressler – Archie Moores Their bills have been \$3,800 in 2008, \$4,000 in 2009, \$5,300 in 2010, \$6,900 in 2011 and \$13,000 in 2012. They have a resturant in Milford and their bill there is \$1,800. same usage. How do you justify that? Where was the money going in the past?

Maureen Monaco one of her buildings has 11 units with a mom and pop store. She got a \$11,000.00 bill. The indication she got was to evict the mom and pop store and make that space into apartments, then she will be charged the residential rate. That is not the direction that Derby needs to go. You should want to keep these businesses open. If you make the policy in May you should put it in effect the next July so you could submeter the store.

Joseph Driscoll- Garden Homes, 50 Olivia Street . Last years bill was \$30,000.00 this year \$62,000.00. If we submeter the commercial space will it be retro for this year or will we have to pay for this whole year?

Barb Degenarro- 51 Paugassett Rd. she has well water. They get the average of all the homes in Derby. She would like to meter her home. She would like to see a gradual increase.

Susan Birdsell 115 Shagbark Drive, she did not get a bill. Mail her a bill.

Sue Malloy – 88 Indian Ave. On Ansonia line. They are billed a inter-municipal 25% surcharge. Mr. Saccu said we are responsible for the pipes in the road by her house.

Tom Lionetti – Sunset Drive. He heard that Derby may merge with Ansonia Treatment Plant. Is this rate increase to fix up our plant then down the road merge with Ansonia and all the money we put into ours will be for nothing?

Dan Lawrence from Weston and Sampson said that the work we are talking about now has to do with Derby's collection system, your pipes and the pump stations.

Norma Giordano – 196 Elizabeth St. and 65 Elizabeth St. their bill went from \$5,500.00 to \$14,000 this year. The economy is bad. They can't get people to rent.

David Simonetti – 45 Minerva Street. His bill went from \$6,000. To \$16,000. He has two small commercial spaces that uses very little water. He will convert the commercial space to residential units. He will have to raise rents and people will move out.

Gino DiGiovanni – 77 8th Street. His bill went up \$254.00. Wanted to know how we caculate the bill.

Robert Arndt of 2 Ferrara Court. Also concerned about his bill.

Tom Harvenson – IDA International -200 Roosevelt Dr. Old Hull Die property. They don't use any water at all in their industrial process their water consumption went down 8% this year. Their sewer bill went up 49% this year. Derby's sewer budget is \$3,227,000. City of Derby WPCA served 11,200 customers. Shelton their entire budget is \$2,494,000. Shelton serves 24,000 customers. He would like to know why Derby's cost is so much higher.

Jimmy Robinson said when your going to upgrade the system, the plant and the pump stations. It is suppose to be bonded, that benefit gets shared with all the tax payers in the City of Derby as a bond issue on behalf of the sewage treatment plant, the assessment is stricely due to water flow.

Dominick Thomas said Boards don't speak to each other. You don't want to see someone with commerical space go away. Your forcing someone like Dave Simonetti who's commercial space might be turned into residential.

Marc Garofalo 95 Academy Hill Rd. Asked why the Board is asking for telephone numbers. He said there is no reason that justifies the increase the rate for commercial. He understands that for years nothing has been done it has been the montron of the Tony Staffieri administration has been his fault. The minutes of these meeting is not very clear that the rates were going up. He thinks you only need one person in the office.

Barbara DeGennaro is on the Alderman said she agrees that the boards in this City do not communicate. We need to be open.

Mario from 4 Brothers Car Wash wanted to express his concern, 2009 the multiplier is 2.8 and today it is 6.00 it went up 175% in four years. He's been here 20 years.

Tom Harvenson said we all looked at our previous bills, the percentage of increase for these past years, we are very aware of our costs. This came to us out of the blue, he would like to know what do you do to measure yourself against others.

Jay Patel LLC in 2010 he paid \$1,052.00, in 2011 he paid \$1,375.00 and in 2012 its \$3,350.00. it doesn't make sence to him.

Peter Weitzler of 211 Elizabeth Street. Same as Mr. Patel. He said we should send a mailer out.

Mr. Gildea said when he first served on the Board he was concerred about the condition of the facility and vehicles that didn't work. Its not an eight year problem or a ten year problem. When we did go thru the budget this year we selected commerical buildings is where the impace would be. When you think commercial you don't think of a lot of water being used and you think that going from 3.36 to 6.00 won't be that much of an impact. He thinks that there are things the Board can do. He doesn't want people to leave here tonight thinking the Board isn't going to do anything.

Presentation from Weston and Sampson

See appendix

Dan Lawrence explained all the projects that need to be done.

We have been working on a resource facitly plan which is a twenty year plan to identify the needs for the induction system, pump stations. Lindsay will ge a final draft of the plan this month.

Inflowtration Study, in bad weather our flow can go from 1 million gallons to 10 million gallons. When this happens you can get backups, sometime overflows. Your equipment runs harder. There might be catch basins still connected, and private connections, yard drains and sume pumps. There will be projects annually for the next twenty years.

As roads are repaved we will replace lines in the road such as Rt 34, Caroline St and Hawthorne Ave.

Sewer system extentions to Derby Hill Rd, Derby Neck Rd, McConney Grove, and Silver Hill Road.

Pump Station Improvements for Patty Ann Terr., a small station the WPCA will be doing the work themselves to keep the cost down. South Division St., we hope to get a Grant for that. Roosevelt Drive that pump station is in desperate need of replacement. Burtville Ave. not until 2018. There are siphon pipes under the Naugatuck River not in good condition one thing that we are considering is abandoning the siphons and put pump stations to move the flow more efficiently, the worse thing you can have is siphon backup under the river and have no flow go from east Derby across. DEP has told us to get rid of those siphons long term.

Most WPCA's nationwide are being forced into an enterprise fund account. Everything is paid for by them, so if that is the case the bond is not in there. Ansonia has a \$285.00 special assessment per user. North Public Utilities has a similar fee.

We have some things in this year's budget like Patty Ann Terr. that would have cost \$450,000 but we found a less expensive way to do it.

This year we have a vector truck in the budget that will impact the rate.

Mr. Saccu said we have to look at the ability to pay.

What is the long term solution? Maybe you should look into connecting with other communities. Look into a 2 pay system. Before we connect to another town we would have to take care of the infiltration flow first.

Plant was built in 1964 as a primary treatment to pull solids out. Upgraded in 1972 to secondary treatment which was a part of the clean water act. In 2000, kind of an upgrade to pull nitrogen out but did not upgrade any equipment this cost was 3 million dollars. Now most of the equipment needs to be replaced within the next five to ten years. Lindsay's guys do most of their own welding. We have tanks that are sinking an inch a year, we have tanks we can't even use.

We are looking to create revenue for the City, take in septic take in grease and turn that to energy, and that will offset the energy cost.

The WPCA was approached last year about doing Rt. 34 the pipes in that portion are under capacity, while the State is coming in and doing all the pavement the WPCA is going to adjust and increase the capacity of these sewers from RT 8 to Bridge Street, so we will only have to pay for the cost of the pipe. The project is from 6 to 8 million dollars, if you don't do it when the state does the work the cost could go up to 15 million dollars.

Ms Duhaime said that Hawthorne Ave. sewers have to be repaired. The WPCA portion of that grant was forgotten.

Mr. Giordano owns the building on Third Ave. he bought the building in 1992. Since then he's been paying sewer taxes. Last year he found out that his sewage was not going into the sewer system. Since 1992 he's been dumping sewage into his parking lot. He

wanted to know if there was anything the Board could do for him. Leo said they would take that into consideration.

Next meeting is August 15, 2012.

Motion by Carolyn Duhaime to add to the agenda mixed use and commercial payments be delayed until September 1. During that time the WPCA will be meeting again and will be revisiting. During that time no interest would accrue. Second by Jim Gildea.

Richard Bartholomew said he thought that was a state statute that we were not allowed to waive interest.

Mr. Gildea said that interest will not be waived but will be credited to the bill.

Motion by Carolyn Duhaime that due dates be adjusted for mixed use and commercial, until September 1, during which time interest will accrue as normal however on the amount originally sent out but that interest amount will then be kept toward any adjusted amount. The bills will then be revisited for commercial and mixed use all individuals will be communicated with by mail prior to September 1. And the Board will be meeting during that internal period. Second by Jim Gildea. All in favor.

Mr. Bartholomew said its going to require making a new budget. The percentage of money that comes from the commercial as compared to the percentage that comes from the residential stayed the same from last years budget to this years budget. As long as your not talking about sending additional bills out. Otherwise your going to have to cut things out of the budget and the projects that need to get done are not going to get done, and we will be in a worse situation next year.

Mrs. Piccolo of 123 Harold Ave has well water complained about her bill, she is one person in the house.

Motion to close public portion by Mr. Gildea second by Mr. Bartholomew.

Mohamed Awan 10 Rockwell Place. Health department had approved additions to this house based on two bedroom one bathroom. The City of Derby building department approve 4 bedroom two bathrooms, he is being requested to connect to the city sewer. He is getting prices on connecting of about \$6000.00 aside from material and labor. He is requesting the impact fees be waived. The WPCA doesn't waive impact fees. He doesn't have septic it is a cesspool. Lindsay will check for the location of the sewer.

Robert Stynas from Adams Super Food. Adams has a sewage bill based on a water bill, Adams uses the water to water plants in front of the store, plus they use the water to cool down the condensing units on top of the store. They are asking for a concession for the water that does not go into the sewer system. It was explained to him that we don't use the summer months in the calculation of the consumption.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve of April 30, 2012 minutes by Ms. Duhaime, second by Mr. DiSorbo. Jim Gildea abstain. All in favor.

Motion to approve May 3, 2012 minutes by Jim Gildea, second by Richard Bartholomew. All in favor.

Motion to approve May 22, 2012 minutes by Mr. Saccu, second by Mr. DiSorbo. Mr. Gildea's name spelled wrong. All in favor.

Motion to approve June 20, 2012 minutes by Mr. Gildea, second by Mr. Bartholomew. All in favor.

Approval of expenditures June 1, 2012 to June 29, 2012. Ms. Duahime second by Mr. DiSorbo. All in favor.

Budget Transfer

\$1021.66 from 6200-490-0498 working balace to 6200-400-0434 collection system maint
\$9822.43 from 6200-490-0498 working balance to 6200-460-0461 BFI Rags Grit grease
\$ 200.00 from 6200-150-0153 accounting to 6200-330-0330 office supply
\$ 300.00 from 6200-150-0152 accounting to 6200-270-0271 postage & printing

Motion to approve transfers by Mr. Gildea, second by Mr. DiSorbo. All in favor.

Superintendent's Report

We have a storm drain on private property 28 Cedric Ave. that is connected to the sewer. The homeowners have been notified to correct it, but we might have to fine them.

Mr. Lawrence said there will be more like this, there should be a timetable established. Ninty days seems reasonable. Then if the homeowners need more time they can come to the Board and request more time.

Hawthorne Ave repairs have been started. We have heard nothing on the loan from the City, we did not budget for this.

Access Road pump station we just got the re-engineered plans for this yesterday, it's currantly under construction. The plan has no review from the Authority. It has not been reviewed. Originaly we received plans for a sub-standard pump station, we requested that they get----- we paid for the redesign about \$20,000.00 and they agreed to pay us back with extra money from the project.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Gildea, second by Mr. Bartholomew at 8:34pm.

