

### City of Derby – WPCA Wednesday, July 20, 2011

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance** - all rose and pledged allegiance.

Roll Call - Leo DiSorbo, Richard Bartholomew, James Gildea, Carolyn Duhaime and John Saccu.

Also present: WPCA Superintendent - Lindsay King, WPCA Assistant - Denise Cesaroni and Weston & Sampson Engineers - Tony DeSimone.

### Additions, Deletions and Corrections to the Agenda

Ms. Thompson representing New England Sheet Metal has decided not to appeal the sewer use fee.

**Public Portion** - no one from the public spoke. Public portion closed.

## Approval of Minutes – June 22 2011

**A MOTION** to approve the minutes by Mr. Gildea, second by Mr. Bartholomew, all in favor, **motion carried**.

#### Approval of Expenditures – June 24 2011 to July 08 2011

A MOTION to approve by Mr. Bartholomew, second by Mr. DiSorbo, all in favor, motion carried.

### <u>David Rutigliano - 258 Olivia Street - requests sewer use adjustment</u>

Mr. Rutigliano stated a pipe froze and broke during the winter which increased his sewer bill. Mr. Rutigliano presented repair bills and the fire department came to pump out the water. **A MOTION** by Mr. Bartholomew, second by Mr. Gildea to take the average of the previous two quarters from 2010 and 2009 pending verification by the fire department, all in favor, **motion** carries.

# <u>Peter Pappas - 19 Prospect Street - requests sewer use adjustment</u> Not present.

# <u>Stan Love - Director Store Development Bozzuto's Inc. (Adam's Super Foods) - 656 New Haven</u> <u>Avenue- requests sewer use adjustment</u>

Based on Mr. Love's calculation on real usage, they are being charged for 1.45 million units of water, when in fact the actual sewer usage is 37% of that. There are plants that are watered and four large roof top condensers that are being cooled off by spraying water on them in the summer time to make them work efficiently. Mr. DiSorbo stated the WPCA will make their inspection, and call the water company regarding the readings and revisit the issue at next month's meeting.

## John Tilki - 1 Franklin Avenue - requests sewer use adjustment

Mr. Tilki received a water bill in March that was higher than usual. The water company explained he used more water last summer than normal, and estimated his reading lower than that and doubled up his March bill. This year's sewer bill is higher than usual due to the estimated reading. **A MOTION** by Mr. Saccu with a second by Mr. Gildea to add 20% to last year's 2010 sewer use bill and charge him that for July 2011, all in favor, **motion carries.** 

### Save Associates - 72 Chapel Street - requests sewer use adjustment

Save Associates had a water line break in the basement. It occurred in the fourth quarter which is doubled. Repair bills were presented. **A MOTION** by Mr. Bartholomew with a second by Mr. Gildea to have an inspection done and have the owner present at the next WPCA meeting, all in favor, **motion carried**.

### George Wright - 5-7 Fifth Street - requests sewer use adjustment

Mr. Wright stated it seems with his second floor gone, and only three people, his bill seems extreme. His next door's neighbor is \$177.00. Mr. Wright would like to put a meter on his sewer. Mr. DeSimone stated the meter is approximately \$7,000.00. Mr. Wright stated there is one outside faucet which is for three rose bushes. Mr. Wright has used it to mix mortar to lay 3,000 brick. Ms. Cesaroni will check to see how many legal units the building is. Mr. Wright will look into the water company to see if his bills were estimated and come back to the WPCA.

#### William Bracci - 231-237 Elizabeth Street - requests sewer use adjustment

Mr. Bracci stated the hot water heater failed, and there was a tenant who had a toilet running. The water heater was replaced on March 23rd. There are eight apartments of which two apartments were vacant. The water heater was supplying one of those apartments. The water didn't go through the sewer system. There is a space between the concrete floor and the foundation wall. The toilet was discovered running approximately on February 1st. Mr. Bartholomew would like an inspection to see if there is a drain there. **A MOTION** by Mr. Bartholomew with a second by Mr. DiSorbo to table until next month and have Ms. Cesaroni contact the water company to see if it was an estimated reading, all in favor, **motion carried**.

#### Frederick Knize - 135 Minerva Street - requests sewer use adjustment

This is a five unit building. There was a water break where the meter head is. Mr. Knize fixed it. Mr. Gildea wants to see repair bills. **A MOTION** by Mr. Gildea with a second by Mr. Saccu to table this item until further investigation, all in favor, **motion carried**.

#### Grace Torres - St. Mary's Parochial School - requests sewer use adjustment

Linda Coppola submitted a request for a sewer use adjustment, due to an estimated bill. Mr. Bartholomew noted their bill was low last year and are most likely adjusting this year's bills. **A MOTION** by Mr. Gildea with a second by Mr. Bartholomew to table until further investigation, all in favor, **motion carries**.

#### Amedeo Durante - 182-184 Elizabeth Street - requests property reclassification

Mr. Durante requests one of his properties be classified as residential. There are two separate buildings and are classified as commercial. The store has apartments on top. The coffee shop has a back apartment attached to it. The owner has the property classified as two separate businesses in the assessor office by filing two separate property declarations. **A MOTION** by Mr. Gildea to deny a property reclassification in an effort to stay consistent, second by Mr. Saccu, all in favor, **motion carried.** 

# **Budget Transfers 2010-2011**

From Acct No.	Name	Amount	To Acct No.	Name	Amount
6200-110-0111	Plant Wages	\$834.32	6200-120-0120	Overtime Wages	\$834.32
6200-110-0110	Plant Wages	\$56.68	6200-160-0164	Vehicle Maint	\$56.68
6200-110-0110	Plant Wages	\$7,364.65	6200-220-0220	Electric	\$7,364.65
6200-110-0110	Plant Wages	\$280.10	6200-230-0230	Gas Heat	\$280.10
6200-320-0320	Business Forms	\$372.75	6200-330-0330	Office Supplies	\$372.75
6200-110-0111	Plant Wages	\$353.14	620-440-0440	Pump Sta Maint	\$353.14
6200-110-0111	Plant Wages	\$1.00	6200-400-0431	Plant Maint	\$1.00
6200-400-0400	Chemicals	\$1,717.50	6200-400-0433	DEP Fees	\$1,717.50
6200-110-0111	Plant Wages	\$692.73	9200-480-0482	BFI Sludge Disp	\$692.73

A MOTION to approve by Mr. Saccu, second by Mr. Bartholomew, all in favor, motion carries.

### Office Report -

Collections for the 2010 is at 93.03%, the overall collection percentage for everything and including 2010 is 97.72%. June dollars collected were \$38,700.31.

Correspondence was received from St. Mary's St. Michael's thanking us for the donation on behalf of Mr. Chris Carloni's deceased father along with a thank you card from the family as well.

**A MOTION** to accept the office report by Mr. Bartholomew, second by Mr. Gildea, all in favor, **motion carried**.

## **Superintendent Report**

### Collection system

There was a call out on 7/15/11 which can be considered as a nuisance problem and has been a call out on two other occasions. This is a homeowner problem. The future regulations will charge the homeowner in the future.

#### Waste Water Treatment Plant

An odor violation was received from the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection. A draft response letter is before the board and will be sent to them.

The sludge processing has been changed. If it works there will be no liquid sludge shipped out.

**A MOTION** to accept the Superintendent report by Mr. Bartholomew, second by Mr. Gildea, all in favor, **motion carried**.

#### Engineer Report - Weston & Sampson

The existing conditions of the waste water facilities plan have been completed. The flow data is back. The big issues are in East Derby in the Two Mile Brook area regarding extraneous flows with sump pumps and roof leaders. The next step is to go into the area and do smoke testing. The W.P.C.A. staff should be able to handle this.

If there is no extra flow, the treatment plant doesn't need any new tanks, just strictly equipment replacements.

Mr. DeSimone and Mr. King met with Seymour regarding Route 34. They will be getting flows by month end to Derby. They are interested into tying in the whole Route 34 past Villa Bianca and

down to the Oxford line. Impact fees could range from \$800,000 to \$1,500,000 for that connection.

The next meeting of the Mayors of Derby and Ansonia will be sometime in August. Mr. DeSimone will let everyone know the date.

The draft regulations discussed at the earlier meeting have been edited and presented to the board. Mr. DiSorbo would like to have a meeting in August to finalize the regulations and impact fees. Defining billing quarters and flat fees regarding mixed use should also be looked at for the regulations.

**A MOTION** to accept the Engineer report by Mr. Gildea, second by Mr. Bartholomew, all in favor, **motion carried**.

### **Adjournment**

**A MOTION** by Mr. Bartholomew with a second by Mr. Saccu to adjourn at 7:58 p.m., all in favor, **motion carried**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Cesaroni Recording Secretary

\*\*\*These minutes are subject to the approval by the Water Pollution Control Authority at their next regular meeting.