

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

Minutes of Budget Workshop April 23, 2014

Members Present: Paul Anderson, Tom Davis, Chuck Riggott and Kirk Montstream

Members Absent: Dave Tyler

Others Present: Superintendent E. Arthur Enderle III, Chief Operator Ed Alibozek, Paul Dombrowski, Woodard & Curran and Recording Secretary Laura Michael

Time and Place

The Budget Workshop was held at 4:00 p.m. at the WPCA Admin Building, 192 South Water St, East Windsor, CT

Mr. Enderle went over items on the agenda he presented. It was agreed, as stated in Item #1, that the approximately \$25,000 in retained earnings and \$16,000 from the delinquent sewer fees from La Renaissance will be used to start a Capital Reserve Fund, not buy down the rate. It was also agreed, as stated in Item #2, that the sewer rate for 2014-15 will be \$356.00.

Mr. Enderle went over Item #3, STIF Funds. A breakdown of the funds was provided along with proposed future allocations. There is approximately \$142,000 in STIF Funds. Mr. Enderle explained that this is misleading since \$110,000 is designated for Perri Lane and Canyon Ridge pump stations. This leaves \$32,000 to reallocate. Mr. Enderle would like to designate a WPCA Capital Fund and a WPCA Pump Station Capital Fund. These designated funds would have controls as to how the monies can be spent. Mr. Dombrowski pointed out that \$142,000 doesn't go far when there is \$8.5 million in capital improvements. Mr. Enderle explained that the Perri Lane and Canyon Ridge replacement accounts are for replacement parts; they will not fund a new pump station. The Perri Lane and Canyon Ridge Operating accounts are funds for the operating costs of the pump stations. Mr. Enderle plans to use the Perri Lane funds to purchase a replacement pump and to make improvements to the pump station. At the Canyon Ridge pump station, Mr. Enderle plans to make parking lot improvements and install a fence.

Mr. Dombrowski explained that they have a revised Capital Improvement Plan in the amount of \$8.4 million. He and Mr. Enderle will explore how to fund the projects and will develop a rate projection. Mr. Enderle suggested that the WPCA adopt a 5 year rate resolution. Mr. Dombrowski explained there is funding available through the Clean Water Fund, which has funding available for pump stations, 20% grant with 80% loan at 2% interest or packaging the projects and bonding through the Town. Mr. Enderle explained they would need a debt service line item which will affect the budget. He suggested issuing a work order to Woodard & Curran to develop a rate projection. Mr. Dombrowski explained that by bonding the CIP projects, the WPCA will be paying for a ten year plan over 20 years. Some components may exceed their life span. Mr. Anderson stated that they can't ignore the projects because they can't afford them. If the rated had been raised 3% each year, the WPCA would have some money for doing these projects. Mr. Alibozek asked Mr. Dombrowski if they could be given 4 or 5 options for funding the projects. Mr. Alibozek asked if looking at the FCC rate could be part of the plan. Mr. Dombrowski answered that it could, but East Windsor's connection rate is a little below the median rate of surrounding Towns. Most towns increase their connection charge yearly; East Windsor's has remained the same for 18 years. Mr. Dombrowski will have 3 or 4 options for Wednesday night's meeting.

The workshop adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Michael
Recording Secretary