

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

**Minutes of Meeting of August 26, 2020**

**Members Present:** Paul Anderson, John Mazza and Jim Richards

**Others Present:** WPCA Superintendent E. Arthur Enderle III

The recording secretary was not present for the meeting. The minutes were transcribed from a recording.

**Time and Place**

Paul Anderson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at the WPCA Admin Building, 192 South Water St, East Windsor, CT

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**II. Added Agenda Items**

There were no added items.

**III. Acceptance of Minutes of July 29, 2020**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of July 29, 2020.  
Mazza/Richards  
Motion carries

**IV. Communications**

Mr. Anderson had the legal notice for the FCC billings. The Tax Collector collects the money and puts it into a WPCA account. The WPCA imposes the charge but the Tax Collector collects it.

Mr. Anderson had an article regarding a 50-year-old generator at a pump station in Plainfield, CT that failed after running non-stop for a week because of the power outages. It was explained that they are not doing their job. They released 100,000 gallons of partially treated sewage into waterways. That is a major issue and that is not the way we operate.

The Vernon WPCA held a virtual public hearing during which they approved their schedule of charges. It is a complex billing method. There is a minimum unit charge of \$60.50 for the 1<sup>st</sup> 10,000 gallons, \$5.75 for every 1,000 gallons beyond that. We charge residential properties a flat rate based on 50,000 gallons.

Mr. Anderson brought up First Selectman Bowsza's electric contract issue. It was explained that the WPCA uses CCM to get good electric rates. The Town uses CCM but is thinking of having the Town Attorney negotiate rates. Mr. Bowsza approached Mr. Enderle to convince the WPCA to give up CCM and be included with the Town. The Town has no idea what the numbers will be. Mr. Bowsza wanted to come to tonight's meeting to talk about it but couldn't because of the Covid-19 issue. Mr. Anderson tried to contact Mr. Bowsza but had no luck. He is welcome to attend a meeting. The bottom line is, the WPCA has numbers. We've been doing this for 15 years and have saved huge amounts of money. The Town doesn't have any numbers. Our contract with CCM expires this year. Do we renew or not? The Town has an additional year until their contract expires. Mr. Anderson explained they do not need to make a decision tonight. The WPCA is an incredible electric user. Therefore, we would be a benefit if we went in with the Town, but we don't know if it would be a benefit for our rate payers. Mr. Mazza felt if the contract expires this year, we should renew it regardless of what's going on.

Mr. Enderle explained he was first approached by an email from Mr. Bowsza. He did his due diligence, sent back a long email based on what he knows about this program. The WPCA has done this for 15 years; he's been involved for 10 years. Mr. Bowsza wanted Mr. Enderle to meet with him, Mr. Norton and Mr. Sauerhoefer. Mr. Enderle provided some dates, sent two emails but never heard anything back. Mr. Enderle reached out to people to get professional opinions. Every single one of them said you don't want to do this. Mr. Enderle explained to Mr. Bowsza that this issue needs to come before the Board; he doesn't make the decision. Mr. Enderle is a bit concerned because he doesn't think this is in our best interest. Mr. Mazza said the WPCA

needs to be told upfront what it's savings are going to be. We need to see this. Mr. Richards felt we could use this as a negotiating tool when our contract comes up.

Mr. Enderle reported that the Town and Board of Education currently use CCM. He's been involved with this program for 10 years. It's confusing but he understands just enough to know when someone else is trying to sell him something. He has reached out to people. He has correspondence, emails and phone messages. Mr. Enderle explained that over the last two years the WPCA has saved about \$180,000 on their electric bill through the demand response program. We are a large enough user that we can go off the grid and use our generator. The Town cannot. It's not apples to apples. Mr. Enderle understands that Mr. Bowsza is trying to do a good thing. Mr. Richards agreed. Mr. Enderle has posed his concerns to the Town but hasn't gotten a response. Mr. Anderson explained that both the WPCA and the Town are currently using CCM and both are getting a benefit. CCM, CT Conference of Municipalities, has one purpose, to help municipalities. They don't do anything else. They've got clout because lots of municipalities are involved. They are out for the benefit of the municipality. Mr. Anderson felt by giving this over to Pullman & Comley, the overhead just went up. We have a history with CCM and know what we're paying. We have numbers and know where we stand. Right now, the Town doesn't have any information. Mr. Anderson stated that we have our rate payers to protect and we are going to protect our rate payers. Mr. Enderle explained that the \$180,000 in savings equates to an \$18 per unit rate saving to each of our rate payers. Mr. Anderson felt this takes data and facts. If Mr. Bowsza comes next month and brings information, we will listen to what he has to say. We will have our information available. Mr. Richards feels that Mr. Bowsza is trying to do something good, but we have to look at it from our prospective. Mr. Enderle is concerned with looking out for the rate payers, those currently on the sewer system.

Mr. Enderle explained that they have dealt with Baystate Consultants for 15 years. Their business has grown and they are stepping back from CCM, concentrating on MA. CCM has done an RFP and selected Titan Energy. Mr. Richards asked if they negotiate with CCM or Titan Energy. Mr. Enderle said that Titan Energy will give the price per kilowatt hour but that is not where our saving come from. The savings come from the demand response program. Out of 365 days, the electric company picks one afternoon between 4 pm and 7 pm and hit everyone with a demand charge. We get notice that tells us to shed load; we go off the grid and use generator power. Our demand goes way down because we provide our own power for a certain number of hours and that is our billing for the next full year. Titan Energy has sent a contract to Mr. Enderle. Mr. Enderle has contacted Andy Merola, CCM. He is an attorney and he said you should never have an attorney do this for you. His job with CCM is heading up the energy procurement. Mr. Richards asked Mr. Enderle to provide a copy of Titan's contract to the Town so they can see what we're getting. Mr. Bowsza needs to come prepared; he's got to beat the deal and convince us. Let him see what we're dealing with so when we say no, he'll understand. Mr. Anderson explained that he's not against this idea, he's against the lack of information.

#### **V. Visitors**

There were no scheduled visitors.

#### **VI. Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

#### **VII. Receipt of Applications**

##### **COM2020-005, SL12 South Main Street LLC, 12 South Main St**

Mr. Enderle explained that this is a re-submittal of the Sardelli project by the Silverman Group; the utilities are the same. Flow data has been submitted and Town Engineer Len Norton's memo concurs with it. The estimated flow equates to 6 EDU's. They will be subject to a three year review.

**Motion:** To receive the application COM2020-005, SL 12 South Main Street LLC, 12 South Main St.  
Mazza/Richards  
Motion carries

#### **VIII. Approval of Applications**

**Motion:** To approve the application COM2020-005, SL 12 South Main Street LLC, 12 South Main St.  
Mazza/Richards  
Motion carries

**Motion:** To amend the motion to include: The Silverman Group, 12 South Main St, East Windsor, CT. Map 071, Blk 11, Lot 06A, Map 081, Blk 11, Lot 002, Map 071, Blk 11, lot 3A1, Zone B-1 and M-1 with a revision date of 6/6/2020 by Engineer JR Russo and Associates.  
Mazza/Richards  
Motion carries

**Motion:** To suspend the regular meeting for the purpose of holding the scheduled public hearing.  
Mazza/Richards  
Motion carries

## **IX. Public Hearing**

**Motion:** To open the public hearing for 206 South Main St EW LLC, 206 So Main St through Harvey & Braccialarghe, 27 Rolocut Rd.  
Mazza/Richards  
Motion carries

Mr. Anderson read the public hearing notice that was published in the *Journal Inquirer* on August 14, 2020.

There was no one present for 206 South Main St EW LLC, 206 So Main St. Mr. Enderle explained that this is the ACI Auto Group. This is a new commercial building and none of the FCC has not been paid.

There was no one present for Bass, 148 North Rd. Mr. Enderle explained that this is the gas station/convenience store and the FCC has been paid in full.

There was no one present for Harvey & Braccialarghe, 27 Rolocut Rd. Mr. Enderle explained that this is an existing single-family house. The septic system didn't pass for a mortgage and they were required to connect to the sewer. Half of the FCC has been paid.

**Motion:** To close the public hearing 206 South Main St EW LLC, 206 So Main St through Harvey & Braccialarghe, 27 Rolocut Rd.  
Mazza/Richards  
Motion carries

**Motion:** To resume the regular meeting.  
Mazza/Richards  
Motion carries

## **X. Action on Facility Connection Charges**

**Motion:** To impose the Facility Connection Charges as published for 206 South Main St EW LLC, 206 So Main St through Harvey & Braccialarghe, 27 Rolocut Rd.  
Mazza/Richards  
Motion carries

## **XI. Legal**

This was not discussed.

## **XII. Unfinished Business**

### **a. Paving Contracts**

Mr. Enderle reported that Attorney Lanza has sent a letter to First Selectman Bowsza and Town Engineer Len Norton. This will take time.

### **b. IT Status**

Mr. Enderle reported that all is going well. The front office computer has been updated and he will be getting a new computer. Two new SCADA computers are being built. Mr. Enderle gave Mr. Alibozek credit for all he has taken on.

c. Benefit Assessment Policy

This was not discussed.

**XIII. New Business**

a. Bill Sheet Review

The budget updates for FY2019-20 and FY2020-21 were discussed. FY2019-20 came in approximately \$220,000 under budget. This money will roll over to the Fund Balance. Mr. Enderle asked the Board to look at the electricity line in last year's budget. He had budgeted \$260,000 and spent \$140,000. The reason for the savings is shedding the load. He has to budget for what he expects to spend. They have been lucky and dialed in on this program. Mr. Mazza explained this gives us money if we have an issue, we don't have to borrow. Mr. Richards said this is good business. Mr. Enderle reported that he is working on financials and will have Town Treasurer Amy O'Toole come in during September or October.

b. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Enderle reported that it had been a good month. The plant flow continues to drop. Hurricane Isaias had 9 out of 11 generators running. It kept the staff busy. Source Energy came in and looked for hot spots in the electric panels. Three things were found that immediately paid for him coming out. A day was spent at the plant and a day at pump stations. An electrician was onsite to fix the problems that were found. Staff has been out with the vacu making up for lost time. There has been a lot of training. Two mechanics joined the staff in late June, Julio Abrams and Ken Conley. They along with Jon Ference have been operating the jet truck.

Mr. Anderson asked about the Mill St pump #1 fail. Mr. Enderle explained that they replaced the failed pump with a spare. The failed pump was brought to Reliable Electric Motor; it had a seal failure caused by a rag issue. Mr. Richards asked if there was a way to communicate to the community not to flush wipes, face masks, latex gloves, etc. Mr. Mazza thought they could put it in the quarterly communication that First Selectman Bowsza puts out. Mr. Anderson suggested putting it together now so it can be submitted. Mr. Richards asked Mr. Enderle to send a flyer to him. He will get it out to the public.

c. Transfers

No transfers were made.

**XIV. Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.  
Mazza/Richards  
Motion carries

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Michael  
Recording Secretary