

Agenda
Tolland Water Pollution Control Authority
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Zoom Remote Meeting

1. Begin recording
2. Call to Order
3. Public Comment (2 minute limit)
4. Operator/Staff Report
5. New Business
 - 5.1 Preliminary Budget Discussion
6. Old Business
 - 6.1 Santini Project Update
7. Approval of Minutes
 - 7.1 October 17, 2023 Regular Meeting (motion needed)
8. Adjournment

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Topic: WPCA January 2023 meeting

Time: Jan 16, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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AGENDA ITEM

5.1

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2024 07								
ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT	
6051 SEWER OPERATIONS FUND	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET			BUDGET	USED	
60510072 SEWER OPERATIONS - EXPENSES								
60510072 722000	PROFESSIONAL SE	0	2,500	2,500	600.00	1,600.00	300.00	88.0%
60510072 722200	SERVICE CONTRAC	0	1,000	1,000	102.06	.00	897.94	10.2%
60510072 722300	UTILITIES	0	38,000	38,000	9,564.42	.00	28,435.58	25.2%
60510072 722410	ADVERTISING	0	650	650	.00	.00	650.00	.0%
60510072 722600	DUES & MEMBERSH	0	75	75	.00	.00	75.00	.0%
60510072 722710	CONTRACTED SERV	0	41,000	41,000	21,359.00	.00	19,641.00	52.1%
60510072 722720	LEGAL SERVICES	0	20,000	20,000	.00	.00	20,000.00	.0%
60510072 722800	TRAINING & DEVE	0	100	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
60510072 733100	OFFICE SUPPLIES	0	200	200	.00	.00	200.00	.0%
60510072 733300	MACHINERY & EQU	0	15,000	15,000	.00	.00	15,000.00	.0%
60510072 733320	REPAIRS	0	13,000	13,000	368.96	.00	12,631.04	2.8%
60510072 733330	MISC MAINTENANC	0	17,500	17,500	5,731.45	.00	11,768.55	32.8%
60510072 733331	PREVENTIVE MAIN	0	15,000	15,000	.00	.00	15,000.00	.0%
60510072 733600	AGRICULTURAL &	0	19,000	19,000	3,045.00	.00	15,955.00	16.0%
60510072 744910	BAD DEBT EXPENS	0	6,876	6,876	.00	.00	6,876.00	.0%
60510072 777400	OPERATING EXPEN	0	137,000	137,000	.00	.00	137,000.00	.0%
60510072 790000	TRANSFER OUT	0	11,425	11,425	11,425.00	.00	.00	100.0%
60510072 792701	VERNON TREATMEN	0	20,200	20,200	.00	.00	20,200.00	.0%
TOTAL SEWER OPERATIONS - EXPENSES		0	358,526	358,526	52,195.89	1,600.00	304,730.11	15.0%
TOTAL SEWER OPERATIONS FUND		0	358,526	358,526	52,195.89	1,600.00	304,730.11	15.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES		0	358,526	358,526	52,195.89	1,600.00	304,730.11	

AGENDA ITEM

7.1

**TOWN OF TOLLAND
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Zevetchin, Chair
Vincent Stetson
Bruce Allen

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Lappen, Public Works Director
John Reagan, Town Council Liaison
Rob Grasis, Director, Vernon Water Pollution Control

1. BEGIN RECORDING

2. CALL TO ORDER: John Zevetchin, Chair, called the remote meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

4. OPERATOR/STAFF REPORT

Scott Lappen reported that everything is functioning as it should.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Pump Station Cleaning

Scott Lappen said four of the five pump stations have been cleaned recently. They skipped doing the highway garage pump station because it was done not that long ago when they had an impellar replaced. Environmental Services cleaned the pump stations, floats, pumps, etc., and Blake monitored them and made sure that the pumps came back on.

They had a problem with the muffin monster at the pump station across from the Big Y. With a muffin monster, influent goes through it and it gets ground up. The manhole at the street had been stubbed off for future development, and his guess is that it wasn't capped correctly. Stones ended up working their way into the manhole and pipe causing the teeth of the muffin monster to get destroyed. They had to replace the mechanical grinding part of the machine and they had Blake Equipment put a mechanical plug in the pipe so this won't happen again. This all came to an expense of about \$14,000.

Bruce Allen asked if they have any insurance coverage from the town for any of the work. Scott Lappen said he would not think so. He said there was probably wood over the end of the pipe that may have shifted from the heavy rains, and as a result stones and other material worked their way in. He said, however, he would check with Mike Wilkinson in risk management if they could put in a claim.

John Zevetchin asked if mud and dirt could have washed into the sewer lines as a result of the project behind the Big Y. Scott Lappen said it was unlikely.

5.2 Xtra-Mart Discussion

Scott Lappen said there was a discussion back in 2009 about whether Xtra-Mart was hooked up to the public sewer system. He said they recently learned they have been hooked up since 2007. Scott said about two weeks ago there was a backup and water and other materials flowed back in. He said they jetted the lines.

Scott Lappen said the stub goes into the main near CNC Software. They got out about 110 feet where the problem occurred.

Scott Lappen said in 2015, they were doing some environmental testing and drilled two wells. They ended up drilling through the pipe. When they filled the holes, they were filled with concrete. It's a type of grout concrete and so now they have that in their pipes. Scott said he told them to run a camera from CNC out to the main on Route 30 and to open the line again and cut through it. Then put in a mechanical plug.

Scott Lappen added that when Xtra-Mart hooked up to the sewer, they also connected to CT Water for public water. He noted that Vernon bills off of the gallonage used. He said Xtra-Mart never paid the \$10,000 sewer assessment nor for the connection fee, and they will need to have a discussion about how this will be collected. Scott said he has talked to the Town Manager about it and may need to talk as well with the Town Attorney. Scott said the original owners sold the Xtra-Mart to a national company. He believes it is Drake Petroleum.

Rob Grasis, Director of Vernon Water Pollution Control, said he saw no reason why they could not bill them for the connection fee. He said they can only go back three years on uncollected usage fees. John Zevetchin said there may be monies in escrow.

Bruce Allen asked when the sale of the business happened. Scott Lappen said he was unsure and would have to look into it. Bruce asked if there was any reason they could not present Xtra-Mart with the entire bill. Scott said legally they can collect the assessment. He said he did not know how to proceed with inspection fees. Scott Lappen said he thought they were originally looking to dewater their facility, and he noted there was some paperwork from Water Planet. John Zevetchin said he never gave up any financial rights for the WPCA. Scott Lappen noted that there were no mark-outs down, so they cored into the pipes.

Scott Lappen said he would wait for Rob Grasis to discuss the issue on his end, and get his information. He said he's already briefed the Town Manager, and will likely get the Town Attorney involved.

Rob Grasis said his question would be—do they charge them the current rates or what the rate would have been when they connected. He said he will give Scott Lappen his assessment and total for usage.

5.3 New sewer applications at 59 and 61 Belvedere Drive

Scott Lappen said he will be inspecting #59 and #61 this Thursday.

5.4 Approve 2024 meeting schedule

The WPCA reviewed and agreed to continue with the quarterly schedule presented with meetings in January, April, July and October. Scott said the dates were all checked against holidays and are all good.

MOTION: Vincent Stetson/Bruce Allen to approve the meeting schedule as presented. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Scott Lappen reported that the College View development behind Headliners is going up for auction. He said some local firm might take it over and continue the project, but time will tell.

Bruce Allen reported that the Town Council approved him for another term on the WPCA.

John Reagan, Town Council Liaison, said this will be his last meeting as liaison. The election will be in three weeks and he is not running for office again. The members thanked him for his six years' of involvement with the WPCA and for his service to the Town.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7.1 July 18, 2023 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Bruce Allen/Vincent Stetson to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of July 18, 2023 as written. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vincent Stetson/Bruce Allen to adjourn the meeting and pay the clerk at 6:28 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Gentile
Clerk