

Town of Stafford
Water Pollution Control Authority
 Regular Meeting
 Stafford Senior Center, ZOOM and Call-In
 Monday, May 17, 2021
 5:30 p.m.

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Members Present: Chairman Scott Bonett; Paul Burns; Richard Dobson Jr; Mandy Fisher; Roger Thomas; Dave Walsh; and Allen Warren

Also present: Superintendent Richard Hartenstein, Jr.; Jane LaMorte, Business Manager WPCA; Timothy Webb, Town of Ellington and Dennis Dievert, Wright Pierce

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6. Staff Reports (Superintendent) – Plant Update
7. Collector of Revenue Report – Review of Department Finances
8. Adjournment

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. Minutes of April 19, 2021

Dave Walsh moved to accept the minutes of April 19, 2021. Roger Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 6-0-1 vote, with Chairman Scott Bonett abstaining.

3. Chairman's Comments

- Board Member Comments

No comments.

4. Old Business

- Aeration Tank Paint Failure Discussion

Wright-Pierce prepared an evaluation memorandum regarding the deteriorating coating paint within the aeration tanks. As originally designed, the IFAS treatment process could have created a septic condition at the floors of the tanks. As such a two part coating consisting of a coat of protective paint over a cementitious coating was originally installed to protect against concrete corrosion. The IFAS system has since been removed and sodium hydroxide has been added to the treatment process to raise the pH of the water. The original corrosive conditions that the paint was designed for, no longer exist, and Wright-Pierce was of the opinion that the underlying cementitious coating should provide adequate protection to the tank walls under current conditions. It was recommended by Wright-Pierce to not perform any immediate repairs to the aeration tank walls and to inspect the walls once per year and remove any paint that has lifted so it does not come free and impact downstream processes.

- 3M TSS Limits

Superintendent Rick Hartenstein stated that 3M has implemented a portable clarifier in their process and it is reducing at least 20% of their solids. 3M Officials have been working diligently with the WPCF to rectify the problems being imposed on the Stafford plant. There is another meeting with DEEP this week for further discussions.

5. New Business

- Sewer Manhole Standard Detail

Superintendent Rick Hartenstein referred to the details for sanitary sewer manhole detail for paving projects in the meeting packet for discussion. There is a large paving project, by the State DOT this summer, where approximately sixty (60) manholes will need adjusting. In order to put out an RFP for this project, detailed specs will be necessary.

Roger Thomas made a motion to approve the proposed specifications, referred to as the 'sanitary sewer manhole frame adjustment detail for paving projects', and to send these detailed drawings to public hearing for addition to the WPCA Regulations for the Installation and Connection of Building Sewers and for the use of Public Sewers. Paul Burns seconded the motion. Motion carries with a 6-0-1 vote, with Chairman Scott Bonett abstaining.

- Discussion on BOF Requirement 50 Year Plan

Superintendent Rick Hartenstein stated that at the Town's public hearing on the budget, it was requested by the Board of Finance, that a 50 year plan be submitted in a reasonable timely manner. Meetings with the NCHD occur throughout the year to discuss any potential areas of Town that may have failing septic systems and sanitary sewer would be necessary. There are no areas of concern at this time. It was pointed out that this plan would require a professional study and would have a financial impact to the WPCF.

- Investigating Stimulus Money for Upgrade

There is COVID stimulus money available to the Town of Stafford. A possible project for stimulus money can be sewer related. The roundabout construction project will result in the sewer pipe approximately 400 feet short of the new pavement. A proposal was received from the contractor onsite for \$100,000 to extend the sewer 300 feet to within 100 feet of new pavement. A second proposal has been requested to extend the sewer 400 feet to the end of the new pavement.

This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

- New Employee Hiring

There is an additional employee in the 21-22 budget. Superintendent Rick Hartenstein stated he would prefer someone with experience and will begin advertising.

6. Staff Reports (Superintendent)

- Plant Update

The relining of sewer pipes RFP is expected to be completed and advertised for in mid-June.

7. Collector of Revenue Report

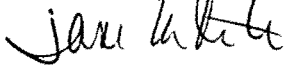
- Review of Department Finances

Total collections for the month of April were \$194,125 and the expenditures totaled \$132,129. The balance of the sewer reserve is \$894,370 and the balance of the sewer fund is \$1,274,305.

8. Adjournment

Paul Burns moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. and Dave Walsh seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 6-0-1 vote, with Chairman Bonett abstaining.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jane LaMorte
Recording Secretary