

**Town of Stafford**  
**Water Pollution Control Authority**  
 Regular Meeting  
 Stafford Senior Center  
 Monday, October 17, 2022  
 5:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None

Also present: Superintendent Richard Hartenstein, Jr.; Jane LaMorte, Business Manager WPCA; Ken Radziwon, Town of Ellington and Dan Murphy, CDM Smith

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**1. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. A quorum was established.

**2. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

*Paul Burns made a motion to nominate Scott Bonett as Chairman of the WPCA for 2022-2023, Dave Walsh seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations, motion carried with a 6-0-1 vote, with Scott Bonett abstaining.*

*Dave Walsh made a motion to nominate Paul Burns as Vice Chairman of the WPCA for 2022-2023, Richard Dobson seconded the motion. Hearing no other nominations, motion carried with a 5-0-2 vote, with Scott Bonett and Paul Burns abstaining.*

**3. Minutes of September 19, 2022**

*Mandy Fisher made a motion to accept the minutes of September 19, 2022. Richard Dobson seconded the motion. Motion carries with a 6-0-1 vote, with Chairman Scott Bonett abstaining.*

**4. Chairman's Comments**

- Board Member Comments

Scott Bonett thanked the board for the opportunity to service as Chairman for the upcoming year. All board members thanked Scott Bonett and Paul Burns for their service in the past and looked forward to another positive year.

## 5. Old Business

- SCADA Upgrade Update

The SCADA Upgrade with Cybersecurity has been discussed at previous meetings. Superintendent Hartenstein worked diligently with the CDM Smith team to establish a value engineered estimate, including a partial blower upgrade.

Dan Murphy of CDM Smith, presented a description and explanation of the proposed work. It included updating the software (brains) at the plant along with layers of cybersecurity. Discussion included a SCADA rack to be located in the electrical room, new workstations, remote site routers for the pump stations, PLC panels, blower upgrade and cybersecurity. The original estimate, almost one year ago, was \$975,000, the new estimate proposed was \$1,218,000, with a 10% contingency. ARPA funds in the amount of \$488,000 have been approved for this project. The timeline to complete the project is nine months.

Members of the board felt the price was significantly higher than expected and wondered if this project was put out to bid, could the project be rejected at that point.

Members were reassured that by putting the project out to bid, they were not committed to completing the project and that all bids could be rejected.

***Paul Burns made a motion allow CDM Smith to put the project out to bid. Roger Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carries with a 6-0-1 vote, with Chairman Scott Bonett abstaining.***

- Industrial Discharge Upset to Plant Update

For years, TTM Printed Circuit Group has been discharging a waste that hinders the nitrification process at the treatment by killing its good bacteria. The industrial waste also leaves a film on the UV bulbs, which can render them inoperable. The waste comes into the plant and goes out of the plant and is not able to be treated. CT DEEP has been notified and is working with Superintendent Rick Hartenstein to remedy the situation. The Board all agreed that the industrial waste should not be allowed in the sanitary sewer and make all efforts to stop the waste discharge.

***Mandy Fisher made a motion to add Parkess Street paving project cost to the agenda. Dave Walsh seconded the motion. Motion carries with a 6-0-1 vote, with Chairman Scott Bonett abstaining.***

- Parkess Street Paving Project Cost

The overall project cost came in over budget. The remaining bill for milling and paving Parkess Street, that was split with the Town DPW, is \$16,600.

***Paul Burns made a motion to approve the \$16,600 to be paid for milling and paving Parkess Street. Roger Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carries with a 6-0-1 vote, with Chairman Scott Bonett abstaining.***

## 6. New Business

***Dave Walsh made a motion to add WPCA Attorney to the agenda. Mandy Fisher seconded the motion. Motion carries with a 6-0-1 vote, with Chairman Scott Bonett abstaining.***

- WPCA Attorney

Superintendent Hartenstein stated that the Town has procured a new attorney with Halloran & Sage. The contract is for \$185/hour for work performed. Attorney Ed Muska also

bid but came in at a higher hourly rate. The WPCA could be included with the Town contract, if desired.

All Board members felt that since Attorney Muska, was local, and has always done a good job in the past, and is very attentive to the WPCA's needs, the WPCA should continue with support from Attorney Muska and ask for a retainer through 6/30/23, at which time the Attorney could be revisited.

#### **7. Staff Reports**

- Plant Update

Staff has been working diligently cleaning sewer lines. In their efforts, they have located breaks and cracks in the lines. There is 1,000 feet of sewer line on Bellrose and Galloto Streets where roots have broken through the clay pipe. The Board asked Superintendent Rick Hartenstein to obtain a quote for relining these streets.

#### **8. Collector of Revenue Report**

- Review of Department Finances

Total collections for the month of September were \$26,650 and the expenditures totaled \$251,807. The balance of the sewer reserve is \$896,159 and the balance of the sewer fund is \$1,846,690.

- Accounts for Foreclosure

The amount collected in delinquent fees has declined over the last several months. A list of unresponsive delinquent users was distributed. Staff will follow the policy of collection procedures and will submit those accounts that have made no efforts to pay or establish a payment plan to the Attorney for foreclosure proceedings.

#### **9. Adjournment**

*Dave Walsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. and Allen Warren seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 6-0-1 vote, with Chairman Scott Bonett abstaining.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Jane LaMorte  
Recording Secretary