

TOWN OF STAFFORD
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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December 12, 2022
Senior Center
3 Buckley Highway
5:30 P.M.

Members Present: Scott Bonett, Paul Burns, Richard Dobson Jr., Mandy Fisher, David Walsh, Allen Warren

Also Present were: Richard Hartenstein, Superintendent, Dan Murphy CDM Smith, WPCA Attorney Edward Muska, and Jane LaMorte, Business Manager

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Minutes of November 21, 2022

Dave Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes of November 21, 2022. Mandy Fisher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0-1 vote, with Chairman Scott Bonett abstaining.

3. Chairman Comments

- Board Member Comments

A member questioned if the newly proposed brewery in Town was operational. Superintendent Hartenstein stated that the brewery was not open yet and nothing was being discharged to the sanitary sewer.

4. Old Business

- SCADA Upgrade Bid Action

Upon evaluation of the received bids, it was discovered that the low bidder had left out a \$37,000 component. This would bring the low bid to \$451,766, still considerably lower than the other bid received at \$607,230. Attorney Edward Muska recommended that the bid be offered to the low bidder at their original price of \$414,776.

Paul Burns made a motion to first offer the low bidder the project amount of \$414,776, if refused then put the package out as a rebid. Dave Walsh seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 5-0-1 vote, with Chairman Scott Bonett abstaining.

- Infrastructure Repair/Replace Update

The relining of Bellrose and Galotto Streets came \$7,000 less than anticipated at \$40,000.

The estimate of \$30,000 to replace the sewer line at Clinton Street was much lower than expected and came in a proposal of \$45,000. This project will be scaled to a spot repair and then looked at again in the Spring.

- Industrial Discharge Upset to Plant Update

There is a meeting on Wednesday with the State DEEP to discuss the discharge from TTM. At this time, it is not accepted at the Stafford facility.

5. New Business

- Ellington WPCA Contribution SCADA Upgrade Project

Attorney Edward Muska will write a letter to the Ellington WPCA putting them on notice of the upcoming capital project and the expected payment of 4% of that project by Ellington WPCA.

- Discussion and Possible Action New Vehicle Purchase

The Board of Selectmen recently met to discuss the purchase of a vehicle for the Animal Control Officer. The pricing of used vehicles were very high. The WPCF Explorer is a 2013 model and could be sold outright for \$15,000. A pickup style vehicle has been determined to be most beneficial when going to job sites, due to the equipment needed onsite and how dirty the equipment gets. A new Ranger is \$38,735.

Paul Burns made a motion to accept \$15,000 from the Town of Stafford for the Explorer and then purchase the new Ranger pickup with bed liner and tonneau cover. Mandy Fisher seconded the motion. Motion carries with a 5-0-1 vote, with Chairman Scott Bonnett abstaining.

6. Staff Reports

- Plant Update

Superintendent Richard Hartenstien stated that OSHA had been at the treatment plant last week. It was an extensive inspection of every aspect of the treatment. All Town facilities were being inspected. A report will be submitted once completed.

7. Collector of Revenue Report

- Review of Department Finances

Report was tabled to next month.

- Sewer Assessment Phase II Action

The property known as 108 Hydeville Road has been deemed uncollectable for Sewer Assessment Phase II project. This property has been abandoned for many years.

Mandy Fisher made a motion to waive property assessment at the location of 108 Hydeville Road as uncollectible. Richard Dobson Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carries with a 5-0-1 vote, with Chairman Scott Bonett abstaining.

- Accounts for Foreclosure Update Possible Action

There has been a great response with payments of delinquent accounts by contacting the mortgage companies. Attorney Edward Muska will now send letters to those accounts that have still not responded.

8. Adjournment

Paul Burns made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. Mandy Fisher seconded the motion. Motion carries with a 5-0-1 vote, with Chairman Bonett abstaining.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane LaMorte". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jane LaMorte
Secretary WPCA