



Stamford Water Pollution Control Authority Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2013 – 5:30 PM
Stamford Government Center – Democratic Caucus Room
888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT
Voting Minutes
(The meeting was videotaped.)

Attendees

Ernie Orgera	Chairman, WPCA Board
Tim Abbazia	WPCA Board Member
Cristina Andreana (absent)	WPCA Board Member
Daniel Capano	WPCA Board Member
Michael Handler	WPCA Board Member
Donald Huppert	WPCA Board Member
Mitchell Kaufman	WPCA Board Member
Dan Schwartz	WPCA Board Member
William Brink	Executive Director, WPCA
Rhudean Bull	Administration Manager, WPCA
Prakash Chakravarti	Supervising Engineer, WPCA
William Degnan	Plant Supervisor, WPCA
Marie Sabo	Laboratory Director, WPCA
Mark Turndahl	Accountant, WPCA
Daniel McCabe	WPCA Legal Counsel

Call to Order, Pledge and Roll Call

Chairman, E. Orgera, called the meeting to order at 5:34PM with Roll Call. The Pledge of Allegiance was not recited since a flag was unavailable. A quorum was present (5 Board Members).

Public Participation

There were no speakers for Public Participation.

Minutes Approval

D. Huppert made a motion to approve the April 10, 2013 Full Board Meeting Minutes; seconded by D. Schwartz. There was no discussion. **Vote:** 4-0-1 (abstention: D. Capano); the motion carried.

Note: Board Member Michael Handler arrived at 5:38 pm; (6 members present).

Board Member Tim Abbazia arrived at 6:00 pm; (7 members present).

Discussion & Vote: 37 Lincoln Avenue

T. Banas of Ackerly and Ward explained that the above property owners, owing \$4,699.59, have filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy and as a result, received a restructuring plan. The plan allows the owners to pay \$74.22 over a period of five (5) years; \$3,000 of the amount is secured debt and ~ \$1,600 unsecured—

consisting of unfiled lien amounts and fees. T. Banas recommended that the SWPCA accept the Chapter 11 terms, as the courts could enact the plan without Board's approval. D. Huppert made a motion to approve the restructuring plan for 37 Lincoln Avenue; seconded by M. Kaufman. There was no discussion. **Vote:** 7-0-0.

Discussion & Vote: City of Stamford and SWPCA Memorandum of Agreement

B. Brink stated that the final document was e-mailed to the Board after changes were incorporated and that the MOA captures thoughts and concerns about issues between the City and the WPCA. After an explanation of handling costs going forward for the storm related part of future projects, T. Abbazia made a motion to accept the MOA; seconded by D. Capano. There was no discussion however, M. Handler stated that the MOA was a well-balanced agreement. **Vote:** 5-0-2; (abstentions: E. Orgera, M. Handler).

Discussion & Vote: Synagro Contract Extension

B. Brink explained, after his discussions with OPM, the reasons why the contract can only be extended for term. He strongly recommended that the Board extend the contract saying that Synagro has been gracious enough to continue operating, as the contract expired in February. He informed the Board of Synagro's Chapter 11 filing in order to reorganize their debt and clean up their books, allowing them to continue in a healthier financial state. He mentioned the buyer acquiring them—EQT and that their name will change to Synagro Technologies but all else will remain the same. He also informed the Board of the agreement between the City and Teamster's Union whereby the Dryer operators and mechanics would become WPCA/City employees after the fifth year of the contract. He stated that HR is working on an agreement that would satisfy the Union for the extension period.

T. Abbazia made a motion to extend the Synagro contract for the six-month period until August 2013; seconded by D. Huppert. There was no discussion. **Vote:** 7-0-0.

Executive Session:

At 6:58 pm, D. Huppert made motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss legal strategy and negotiations for the BLT connections appeal and the Darien Agreement, as well as the SWPCA reorganization as a result of OSS—B. Tate's special request; seconded by D. Capano. There was no discussion. **Vote:** 7-0-0.

At 7:40 pm, D. Capano made a motion to exit Executive Session; seconded by M. Handler. **Vote:** 7-0-0. Chairman Orgera stated that no action was taken during Executive Session.

Regarding Executive Session item a, D. Huppert made a motion to authorize Attorney Ward to contact BLT on the Board's behalf to agree to enter into mediation regarding the connection charges dispute; seconded by T. Abbazia. There was no discussion. **Vote:** 7-0-0.

Regarding Executive Session item b, there was no vote.

Regarding Executive Session item c, D. Huppert made a motion to approve the reorganization of the SWPCA Administration Office, eliminating two (2) Office Support Specialist positions and creating the classification and two (2) positions of Administrative Account Clerk-WPCA; seconded by T. Abbazia. There was no discussion. **Vote:** 7-0-0.

At 7:42 pm, D. Huppert motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by M. Handler. There was no discussion. **Vote:** 7-0-0.