



Stamford Water Pollution Control Authority Special Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 19, 2013 - 5:30 PM
Stamford Government Center – 10th Floor Operations Conference Room
888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT
Full Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Ernie Orgera	Chairman, WPCA Board
Tim Abbazia	WPCA Board Member
Cristina Andreana (via conf call)	WPCA Board Member
Daniel Capano (absent)	WPCA Board Member
Michael Handler	WPCA Board Member
Donald Huppert (absent)	WPCA Board Member
Mitchell Kaufman (via conf call)	WPCA Board Member
Donald Rullman (absent)	WPCA Board Member
Dan Schwartz (absent)	WPCA Board Member
William Brink	Executive Director, WPCA
Rhudean Bull	Administration Manager, WPCA
Prakash Chakravarti	Supervising Engineer, WPCA
Mark Turndahl	Accountant, WPCA
Joe Capalbo	Director of Legal Affairs /Corporation Counsel
Dan McCabe	SWPCA Attorney

Call to Order, Pledge and Roll Call

E. Orgera, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:38PM with Roll Call. Due to the absence of a flag, the Pledge of Allegiance was not recited. There was a quorum (5 Board Members).

M. Handler requested to make a motion to take agenda item # 4 out of sequence due to time constraints; seconded by T. Abbazia. Unanimously approved. **Vote:** 5-0-0.

Discussion & Vote: Increase User Charge for April '13 Billing Cycle

B. Brink supplied a handout outlining the final rate based on updated consumption and differing Capital Reserve set aside at \$500,000, \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 at a 94 percent collection rate. M. Turndahl mentioned that the collection rate was based on an average of the April and October 2012 cycle billing collection rate of 95.2 and 93.7 percent respectively.

B. Brink explained that the required Capital reserve set aside and \$1.25 million pooled cash repayment amount to the City were the driving forces for the increase. He recommended that the increase be implemented in increments or stepped and stated that page two (2) of the handout shows the cumulative increase in cash flow of \$2,009,604 with an eight (8) percent increase for the April '13 cycle billing and a four (4) percent increase for the October '13 and April '14 cycle billing. After more discussion, T. Abbazia stated that he would rather see incremental rate increases and that he believes an eighteen (18) percent increase, as depicted on the Rate Model sheet, would be difficult for the Board to approve in this economy.

Note: M. Handler left the room at 5:53 pm and returned at 5:54 pm.

C. Andreana stated that she would like to relieve the burden to the rate payers as much as possible and from her quick calculations mentioned that taking out the Capital Reserve and the Pool Cash payment would increase the

user rate by two (2) cents. She mentioned that B. Brink and his team made a concerted effort to keep cost down and asked M. Handler how soon the pool cash payback needs to occur. M. Handler replied that the goal is to make the SWPCA self-sufficient and B. Brink stated that ultimate goal is to have \$4-5 million in Capital reserves.

After continued discussion, T. Abbazia asked how much would an eight (8) percent increase be for the average rate payer; B. Brink replied approximately \$16.32 for the average resident for the April bill. T. Abbazia made a motion to approve as recommended the eight (8) percent increase for the April '13 cycle billing to \$4.21; seconded by C. Andreana. **Vote:** 5-0-0.

Adjournment

M. Handler made a motion to leave all the other agenda items for the next meeting and to adjourn the meeting; seconded by C. Andreana. Discussion: none. **Vote:** 5-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:00PM.