

June 17, 2015

Call to Order: The quarterly meeting of the Sterling Water Pollution Control Authority was called to order at 6:30 pm. Members present-Russell Gray, John Firlik, C. Peter Rabbitt. Members absent-Dale Clark and Neil Cook.

Staff Present-Lincoln Cooper and Dale Boisselle.

Audience of Citizens: No Comment.

Approval of Minutes: J. Firlik made a motion, seconded by C. Rabbitt to approve the 3/18/2015 minutes with the correction to New Business Item a. Quarterly Report from the Treasurer Sewer Authority should read ... Sewer Authority lost \$34,799.71 instead of Sewer Authority "earned" lost. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

a. Sewer Infiltration: R. Gray reported that Jeff Young of the Plainfield Sewer Authority believes that the pipes need to be checked as they may be allowing water to infiltrate the system. The Plainfield Sewer Authority plans to have cameras come in to check the pipes. R. Gray spoke with church leaders regarding getting downspouts rerouted. The duplexes between the churches have the same issue.

b. Water System Issues: In the area of Grove Street there has been a frequent issue of blackish water. The water is heavy with manganese which causes the discoloration but is not harmful. When this issue occurs, Connecticut Water comes to flush the system to clear the lines. The solution to this issue would be to install a water filtration system that would cost roughly 1.5 million dollars.

c. Sewer Pump Station: The check valve that was leaking has been replaced. They pulled the pump and the volute was worn through and it was repaired. Plainfield Sewer Department would like to see us redo the sewer pump station and install submersible pumps and bring the electronic controls (currently 33' down) out of the pump hole to the surface. They also recommend we purchase a spare pump which would cost roughly \$20,000.

New Business:

a. Quarterly Report from Treasurer: This report covering the quarter 1/1-3/31/2015 showed the Sewer Authority earned \$55,119.66 and the Water Company earned \$10,329.35. As of 3/31/15 Sewer owes General Fund \$120,000.00 and Water owes General Fund \$45,000.00. Discussion followed that the Water Pollution Control Authority continues to lose money and what changes could take place to improve the cash flow.

b. Sterling Industrial Park Lot #11- Hook-up Water and Sewer Lines (C. Corson, III): Sharon Chviek, (former) Economic Development Coordinator, submitted a letter dated May, 2015 to the Sterling Water Pollution Control Authority regarding water and sewer hookup for Lot #11 in the Sterling Industrial Park, stating that this property is at the point in their development to hook into the Town of Sterling's city water and sewer lines. The property is exempt from paying for Sewer Assessment (hookup) fee. Connecticut Water will install water lines; however, they have concerns regarding being paid for the work and the water lines need to be five (5) feet underground with the hole being dug six (6) feet deep but there is only about a four (4) feet of dirt before ledge in that area. There was also discussion regarding petitioning the Economic Development Commission to change their policy of businesses not paying for Sewer Assessment. The policy was to help encourage economic development but at this point there is not much development left in the park. C. Rabbitt made a motion, seconded by J. Firlik, to have the Economic Development Commission review the Covenants and remove the language that exempts the Sewer Assessment fee. All voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment: R. Gray made a motion, seconded by C. Rabbitt, to adjourn 6:58 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Dale Boisselle, General Office Assistant