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TOWN OF PUTNAM

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETING

MINUTES- To Be Approved

September 13, 2018

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RESOLUTION
PRESENT:	Chairman Woznicki, Vice Chairman Paquin, & Member Greene	
ABSENT:	Member Stewart	
1.	CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Woznicki	
2.	PUBLIC COMMENT Donna Dumas – 19 Arthur Street Brought a sample of the water from her home. Stated it was unacceptable for her water to be in this condition (brown) on a regular basis. She will not drink or bathe in it. Her clothing gets ruined by it. The flushing only helps for a short period of time, but the condition continues. Jenny King – 268 South Main Street Purchased home two years ago. Thought the brown water was due to old pipes in her home. She replaced all the pipes and still has brown water. The water stains appliances and cookware. They pay a lot for the water and it is not clean. On days when the water is clear it smells heavily of chlorine. They are also buying water to use for drinking. This is an added cost that is difficult to manage.	

		<p>Neil King – 268 South Main Street Voices the same concerns as Jenny King. Wants the WPCA to understand their concerns and hear what they are doing to correct the issue.</p> <p>WPCA Superintendent, Brian Lynch, outlined the cause of the water discoloration. He discussed the manganese treatment facility and the timeline for full implementation. He asked for patience as they look for new methods. He is meeting with everyone that calls and wants to speak with him on the issue. He understands the concerns and takes them seriously. The water is tested continually to assure it is meeting the clean drinking water standards, which it does. However, he also wants to come to a resolution to this long-standing complaint.</p>	
3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	A.	<p><u>August 9, 2018 Water Pollution Control Authority Meeting Minutes:</u></p> <p><i>Chairman Woznicki made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Vice Chairman Paquin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.</i></p>
4.	PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS		None
5.	STAFF REPORTS	A.	<p><u>Revenue Collector:</u></p> <p>Revenue Collector Alden reviewed new reports and discussed the delinquency report that was presented to the commission. Collector Alden discussed that shut off notices were not sent out in June as they normally would have been. This was because of all the transition that was happening. Therefore, the number</p>

		<p>of delinquencies is significantly higher right now. The WPCA did send out shut off notices. This should bring people in to pay their bills and reduce the delinquencies back to normal. They have also started reviewing accounts for the Tax Sale process.</p>	
		<p>B. <u>Finance Director:</u></p> <p>Finance Director Diani reviewed report presented in the package and reported that the finance office was still in the process of year end closure. Figures reported for 6/30/2018 are not finalized and still have some adjustments.</p>	
		<p>C. <u>WPCA Superintendent</u></p> <p>Superintendent Lynch reviewed the report presented in the package. He reported the majority of the customer interactions this month have been on the water side. He outlined the new flushing procedure. They flushed over 4 million gallons during this last flushing event. This required the plant operators to stay late to monitor the plant. They really moved a significant amount of water through the pipes. They will continue with this flushing process three times per year to aggressively scour the pipes.</p> <p>Superintendent Lynch discussed the evaluation of the septage receiving equipment. He will have a cost estimate prepared for next month's meeting. He recommends installing a unit that allows</p>	

		<p>the customer to enter a pin code and discharge independently. This would allow them to dump during off hours which is a benefit to the customers. It would allow for greater utilization and accurate billing.</p> <p>TA Calorio informed the WPCA that the interview panel selected Elaine Sistare for the new position of Town Engineer/Planner. She is well qualified, especially in the water and wastewater areas. The Board of Selectmen will vote in the appointment at their meeting on Monday, September 17th. She will begin work on October 1st.</p>	
6.	UNFINISHED BUSINESS	None	
7.	POLICY & PROCEDURE CONSIDERATIONS	<p>Superintendent Lynch will be bringing forward some recommended revisions to the FOG Ordinance. The current ordinance does not include penalties for failure to comply. He is working on an information package to be sent to all the restaurants that are required to comply with this ordinance. This will be included in next month's package.</p>	
8.	NEW BUSINESS	<p>A. Allocation of Capital Project Funds for Rehabilitation of Aeration Tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Amount of \$60,000.</p> <p>Members discussed the project and the components that would be included in the rehabilitation. Superintendent Lynch also discussed the timely adding of the</p>	

		<p>Pomfret Sewer connection and additional flows from Pall Corp.</p> <p><i>Vice Chairman Paquin made a motion to approve the allocation of the capital funds for the rehabilitation of the aeration tanks in the amount of \$60,000. Member Greene seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.</i></p>	
9.	PUBLIC COMMENT	None	
10.	ADJOURNMENT	<p><i>Chairman Woznicki made a motion to adjourn the Water Pollution Control Authority meeting at 7:38PM. Vice Chairman Paquin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.</i></p>	