



FARMINGTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY MEETING
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 14th, 2024
Farmington WPCF, 1 Westerberg Drive

A. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

B. **REGULAR MEETING**

Vice Chairman Kevin Ray called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 14th, 2024.

Members Present: Vice Chairman Kevin Ray, Phil Cordeiro, Phil Dunn, Jigesh Shah.

Members Attending Remotely (Zoom): N/A

WPCF Staff Present: Mark Batorski, WPCF Superintendent, Russell M. Arnold, Jr., P.E. Public Works Director/Town Engineer.

C. **NEW BUSINESS**

D. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Motion: To accept the Minutes of the Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 meeting.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, (Cordio/Dunn) the Authority

Voted: To accept the Minutes of the Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 meeting.

Motion Passed

E. ORAL PETITIONS – PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

F. COMMUNICATIONS / REPORTS

- A. WPCF Monthly Operating Report Summary January 2024. Mark Batorski informed the Authority that operations met all monthly regulatory requirements.

F. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS / PROJECT ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Current reported dated January 2024 – Mark Batorski WPCF Superintendent briefed the Authority on the following projects:

Private Sewer Construction

1. Yorkshire Condominiums:

Developers Sewer Permit Agreement for Phase 2 and payment have been received. Work continues as necessary.

Main line has been completed; developer is making connections to buildings as they are being built.

2. Willow Brook Estates

Intermunicipal Agreement with Town of Plainville and Developers Sewer Permit Agreements have been completed and payment has been received. Work on Phase 3 (connection to Farmington) is ongoing. Connection to Farmington Sewer in Laurel Lane has been completed. Working on remaining phase.

Main line and laterals have been completed through Phase 3. Fourth phase commenced in spring 2023. Lateral connections are being made as the homes are being built.

3. Trumpf Group

Work has started on the sewer realignment.

4. Dominique's Court

Work has started on the construction of the sewer mainline of Dominique's court.

Public Sewer Construction & Repair

1. None

Sewer Pump Station Construction and Repairs

A. Devonwood Pump Station

1. On January 2nd, operators noted high hours on pump #2 at the Devonwood Pump Station. It was discovered that rags were stuck in the check valve. Operators cleaned the pump and returned it to normal operation.

B. Centerbrook Pump Station

1. On January 5th, operators responded to a generator fail alarm at the Centerbrook Pump Station. After inspection, it was noted that the factory inline block heater had failed. A new block heater was replaced, and the generator ran without incident.

C. Oakland Garden Pump Stations

1. On January 10th at 2:15 A.M., a high wet well alarm came in at Oakland Gardens Pump Station. Due to the heavy rains, operators were already at the plant. After arriving at the pump station, it was noted both pumps were running as expected but were maxed out due to the heavy flow rates.

D. Stanley Pump Stations

1. On January 11th, operators installed a new touchscreen at the Stanley Pump Station. The touchscreen was not working during the previous morning rounds and NIC systems was called. A new touchscreen was brought out and replaced.

E. UConn Pump Stations

1. On January 23rd, operators installed a new Homa pump at the UConn Pump Station. The old Homa had a crack in the impeller and had what

appears to be a pinched cable. The motor was brought to Reliable Electric Motor in Hartford for repair and will be used as a critical spare.

Pump Station Control, Collection System, and I & C Systems

1. In the month of January, plant management and maintenance continued to work on I & C replacements for Corporate, Oakland, and UConn Pump Stations with NIC Systems. These are the last of the original I & C controls that need to be upgraded.
2. In the month of January, WPCF operators continued to inspect and clear ROW's.
3. In the month January, WPCF personnel rehabbed a manhole barrel that was severely deteriorated on the mountainside of Pinnacle Ridge.
4. In the month of January, the WPCF received a call about a possible broken sewer line on 64 Knollwood Drive. Operators responded to the call and found that a contractor had broken the resident's lateral.
5. In the month of January, operators assisted Highway in cleaning storm drains on Cambridge Crossing.
6. In the month of January, WPCF operators performed FOG inspections at Bank of America and Bamboo Asian Cuisine.

WPCF Repairs and Upgrades

1. On January 2nd, an overnight alarm came in for a heat pump failure in the Primary building. Swan discovered a control board had failed, ordered a new one and replaced it.
2. On January 5th, operators rebuilt the old sander for the F-250. Operations are now able to salt the plant without Highways assistance.
3. On January 9th, operators test ran the plant effluent pumps, put on a third primary tank and scheduled crews for overnight work with the pending high flow forecasts.
4. On January 12th, operators completed washing down the UV room and started to replace seals and bulbs in channel #2.
5. On January 25th, operators rebuilt a drain valve in UV channel #1. The original bolts were not stainless steel, causing corrosion over the whole area.

CT DEEP Updates

Plant Upgrade

1. The Farmington WPCF was under its Nitrogen Permit (178 lbs.) in January by 4 lbs. with total lbs. of 174 lbs., respectively. The

fermentation tank continues to perform well and will continue to help monthly nitrogen totals decrease with the production of additional VFA's/BOD.

2. JKB Consulting finalized the SWPPP in January 2020. This new permit is now in effect and includes weekly, monthly, and quarterly inspections and semi-annual sampling and toxicity testing.

Inter-Town Sewer Use Agreements

1. The Avon and Crocus flow meters were calibrated on July 27th, 2023 with both towns present. Farmington and Avon WPCF personnel have been meeting at the meter vault monthly (weather permitting) to check and verify operation.

WPCF Safety Initiatives

1. Operators resolved some of the lighting issues with the parking lot and lighting around tanks by trying to reprogram the controllers.
2. Operators installed a safety step on the rear of the new F-250, allowing easier access to the bed of the truck.
3. On April 5, 2023, Santo Manicone held Chainsaw Safety and General Classroom training for all WPCF and Highway personnel.
4. On March 29, 2022, Santo Manicone worked with plant management to update the Confined Space Program. These changes will help make the program more efficient while transferring the program online. He will continue the Town's OSHA consulting services and help to streamline our safety program.

Plan Reviews/Approvals

- A. Farmington West Estates – Snowberry Lane Development– Application is for the remaining phase of the development within the Snowberry Lane circle. The plan is for approval of the remaining 56 Lots. The Inland Wetlands Commission approved the development at the December 6, 2023 meeting. The applicant will be submitting a Subdivision Application to the TPZ in early 2024. Homes will be connected to public sewer.
- B. Lot 8517& 8518 – TPZ Application. The proposed 25-lot cluster subdivision has been approved. The plan proposes to connect to the existing sanitary sewer mainline in Morea Road. Final approvals have been completed and the applicant is revising the plan set to conform to the conditions of approval.

G. **New Business**

The Authority set the Legal notice date for the Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 WPCF Budget and Sewer Assessments for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and have a Public Hearing scheduled for March 13th, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the Water Pollution Control Facility Conference Room.

Motion: To set the Public Hearing for the WPCF 2024-2025 Budget for March 13th, 2024.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, (Dunn/Shah), the Authority discussed the proposed budget.

After a lengthy discussion, the Authority unanimously agreed to a 9.0% increase for the 2024-2025 budget.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, (Dunn/Shah), the Authority:

Voted: Unanimously to recommend the 2024-2025 WPCA budget with a 9.0% increase for Public Hearing at the March 13th, 2024, WPCA Meeting.

H. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE AUTHORITY**

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: To adjourn the February 14th, 2024 WPCA in person meeting

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, (Dunn/Shah) the Authority

Voted: To adjourn at 7:35 P.M.

Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Batorski, Superintendent
Water Pollution Control Facility

Cc:
WPCA Members, email
Town Council Members, email
Devon Aldave, email
Tax Collector, email
Town Clerk, email

Bruce Cyr, email
Everbridge