

**City of Derby – WPCA
Public Hearing
Thursday, April 7, 2011**

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance - all rose and pledged allegiance.

Roll Call - Richard Bartholomew, John Saccu, Leo DiSorbo and Carolyn Duhaime.

Absent: Jim Gildea.

Also present: WPCA Superintendent - Lindsay King, WPCA Assistant - Denise Cesaroni, Weston & Sampson Engineers - Tony DeSimone, Steven Nakano - Executive Director of the Derby Housing Authority and Rosemary Hughes - Derby Housing Authority Chair.

Public Portion -

Mr. DiSorbo addressed the public. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the implementation of the sewer use fees for the Housing Authority. There are three buildings and are the only City buildings currently not being charged.

The WPCA received an agreement between the Housing Authority and the City of Derby just before the public hearing. Corporation Counsel will take a look at the document for legal language.

Mr. DiSorbo referred Mr. Nakano to number seven of the agreement: "The City of Derby and the Local Authority agree that this Agreement shall not be abrogated, changed or modified so long as there is any outstanding indebtedness....."

Mr. DiSorbo asked if there was any outstanding debt on the buildings or for this project. The answer is no.

The Corporation Counsel has so far interpreted this as free and clear to charge fees.

The Derby Housing Authority pays approximately \$37,000.00 a year in PILOT to the City.

Carol Hayton - 23 Guardiano Terrace. If this fee goes through, it will come out of their rents. She is already paying a lot of money for rent. There are no raises in Social Security. There will not be any money for anything. This will hurt everyone. Ms. Hayton presented a petition with a list of signatures of residents from Guardiano Terrace.

Linda Swinski - 15 Guardian Terrace. Ms. Swinski asked why now for this fee.

Mr. DiSorbo stated every property is paying and the only buildings not paying are the Derby Housing Authority. The WPCA was hoping through PILOT or some other assistance the fees would be paid.

Mr. Saccu stated the WPCA is separate from the City and all of the costs for running the treatment plant are going up and is quite old and needs a lot of repairs.

Rosemary Hughes - 15 Pleasant View Road Ms. Hughes stated some money from the PILOT should go to the WPCA. Mr. DiSorbo said it will be looked into.

Mr. DeSimone stated there is about a 20 to 40 million dollar upgrade necessary.

Ms. Duhaime stated tonight is not an official final legal ruling.

The public hearing will be kept open and addressed within two to three weeks.

Mr. DeSimone addressed the public with the necessary upgrades. There is a major planning study identifying deficiencies. There will be significant costs that will be incurred by the City within the next five years to bring the system up to the current standards. EPA is ratcheting down on what we can and can't put into the streams. As that becomes more stringent, costs will continue to skyrocket. Funds for this has been diminishing.

Adjourn - A MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Saccu, second by Mr. Bartholomew, all in favor. **Motion carried** at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Denise Cesaroni
Recording Secretary*

**City of Derby – WPCA
Special Meeting
Thursday, April 7, 2011**

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance - all rose and pledged allegiance.

Roll Call - Richard Bartholomew, John Saccu, Leo DiSorbo and Carolyn Duhaime.

Absent: Jim Gildea.

Also present: WPCA Superintendent - Lindsay King, WPCA Office Manager - Denise Cesaroni, and Weston & Sampson Engineers - Tony DeSimone.

Public Portion - no one from the public spoke. Public portion closed.

The consumption will arrive early next week. This will be used to calculate the July 2011 billing. There will be another budget workshop the first week of May. The goal will be to finalize the budget in the first week of May and have a public hearing to adopt the budget and the rates previous to the regular WPCA meeting in May.

Presentation of Preliminary Budget - Ms. Cesaroni presented the office budget and Mr. King presented the plant budget.

Social Security Taxes - went up slightly.

Office Wages - There is a 4% increase by union contract.

Employee Secretarial - (formerly the meeting line item) WPCA meetings.

Office Instruction - ongoing courses, seminars and travel.

Accounting - Flat funded at \$6,700.00

Computer Service - Software maintenance.

Legal - Attorney costs as needed. Costs are reimbursed to WPCA by the delinquent payer.

Town Clerk - Filing and releasing of liens for the year.

Attorney/Sheriff/Title Search - Misc fees as needed. Costs are reimbursed to WPCA by the delinquent payer.

Medical/Life Ins - The line item went down due to an over-estimation on the medical cost for last fiscal year at 10-12%. This year it has been suggested to anticipate a 3-4% increase.

Office Telephones - Flat funded.

Insurance - \$28,200.00, is the amount reimbursed to the City for motor vehicle, property and liability insurances.

Postage/Printing - mailing of the bills, statements, warrants etc.

Water Co Billing - there is an increase due to file format changes from Regional Water Authority.

Business Forms - billing paper, envelopes, etc.

Office Supplies - decrease in funding.

Bond Interest - reimbursement to the City of the 1998 sewer bonds interest.

Bond Principal - reimbursement to the City of the 1998 sewer bond principal.

DEP Principal - US Bank - Corporate Trust for Project Loan Obligation 367-C.

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Retiree Medical - retiree medical reimbursement for prescriptions went down significantly.

Plant Wages - represent a 4% increase.

Overtime Wages - has gone up a little bit.

Plant Instruction - classes, seminars.

Plant Computer - printer, monitor, etc.

New Vehicle Maintenance - tires, oil changes. There are five vehicles at the plant.

New Roof - the roof was never repaired and is leaking badly. John Saccu will look into this again.

Plant Telephones - the line item is up, due to four extra phone lines at the pump stations, etc.

Electric - the funding will remain the same, but a new blower should help reduce costs. WPCA will look into other alternatives for generation.

Gas Heat - the amount will remain the same.

Water - the amount will remain the same.

Blower Replacement - the contract is \$160,000.00 with \$80,000.00 budgeted for the current year.

Chemicals - flat funded.

Lab Supplies - 3,000.00 cushion for equipment replacement.

Special Clothing - small increase.

Plant Maintenance - permit renewal.

DEP Fees - not sure if these fees will get raised.

Collection System Maintenance - emergency repairs in the collection system.

Pump Station Maintenance - funding stays the same.

Plant Supplies - slight increase.

Rags/Grit/Grease - funding stays the same.

Capital Improvement - variable number.

The following items will be reviewed at the next workshop as the public hearing is to begin.

Naugatuck Treatment Sludge -

Sludge Disposal -

Pest Control -

Engineer Costs -

WWF Plan -

WWF Plan Misc -

Working Balance -

Retiree Medical -

Adjourn - A MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Saccu, second by Ms. Duhaime, all in favor, **motion carried**. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Denise Cesaroni
Recording Secretary*

*****These minutes are subject to the approval at the next regular WPCA meeting.