

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT WPCA MEETING

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, August 16, 2022
Community Meeting Room
Chester Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Meehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance included: Ed Meehan, Ian McLachlan, Mark Riggio and Sam Chorches.

AUDIENCE - None

MINUTES

Sam Chorches made a motion to approve the minutes from the 4/12/22 meeting as presented. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. Mark Riggio seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ian McLachlan made a motion to approve the minutes from the 7/14/22 meeting as presented. Sam Chorches seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ARPA PROJECTS UPDATE – 43-47 Main Street and 51 Main Street

43-47 Main Street – the Schumack contract has been signed and work is to begin on Tuesday, August 23rd. It is estimated to be a 21 day project. The crane and materials will be staged in the Cook parking for portage over the brook. Schumack has met with Jacobson and Mr. Gilbert (property owner). The sewer line will be videoed again prior to the start of construction.

52 Main Street – Equix has been contracted to rebuild the sewer manhole. No start date has yet been determined and the price quoted last October was “held”. It is anticipated that this will be a one day project.

Both projects are funded by ARPA.

BUDGET REVIEW

Last year’s budget resulted in an approximate \$57,000 surplus. Items of note:

- Capital Non-recurring overage reflects to the emergency generator. Insurance covered the bulk of the costs and “restored” the line item.
- The Telephone line was over by \$45.
- Sewer FOG Enforcement costs for restaurant inspections was over budgeted

- The end of year Fund Balance is approximately \$101,000 (a \$34,000 Fund Balance was anticipated).
- Usage Fee reflected a surplus of \$35,000.

A copy of the proposed budget was distributed to Board members. Ed recommended the following increases to the next budget as follows:

- Deep River call out line to increase by \$520 to total \$7020 (staff received an 8% salary increase).
- FOG enforcement – increase by \$500
- EDU rates to remain the same as year prior.
- Total budget - \$135,320.00
- CT Water rates will be received in August. When received the water consumption rate can be determined.

Sam Chorches made a motion to recommend a FY22-23 budget in the amount of \$135,320.00 (increase of \$1,020.00), maintain the EDU rate and forward to a Public Hearing for comment. Ian McLachlan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Public Hearing on the budget was tentatively scheduled on 9/8/22 @ 7p.m., followed by a Special meeting of the WPCA.

JULY RESTAURANT AGRU REPORTS AND COMPLIANCE

Ed Meehan distributed a copy of the July Restaurant AGRU Report.

Simon's submitted the July monthly report but has not yet submitted reports for April, May or June. Fines will be considered if a report is not received for August.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – REVIEW OF PUMP STATION DATA

Ed reviewed pump station flow rates. These rates indicate lower usage. Usage will be "watched" as EDU rates may be affected. As previously reported, data from CT Water is expected in August.

The back-up generator was serviced (\$1,200 - oil change, new battery) and is working well.

EB Exterminators - \$40 per month.

Back-up Generator Switch – It was recommended that this project be placed "on hold" until the pipe is re-lined (Cook property) as costs for the pipe relining project have increased.

Ed encouraged Board member to submit suggestions for additional ARPA funding to him.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Riggio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Sam Chorches seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk