Coventry Water Pollution Control Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Twerdy, Susan Jamaitus, Richard Brand

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Ruef, WWTP Operator

MEMBERS ABSENT: Daniel Murphy

1. CALL TO ORDER: Matthew Twerdy called the March 12, 2020 WPCA Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Coventry Public Works Facility, 100 Olsen Farm Rd. Coventry, CT.

2. AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:

3. NEW BUSINESS:

   a. The Minutes from the February 13, 2020 WPCA Regular Meeting were reviewed.

MOTION 2020-3-12-1: To approve February 13, 2020 WPCA Regular Meeting Minutes.
   By: Brand
   Seconded: Jamaitus

The Motion carried with the following vote:
   For: Brand, Twerdy, Jamaitus
   Against: None
   Abstain: None

4. OLD BUSINESS:

   a. Sewer system capacity was discussed. As always developers should come to the WPCA with sewer connection/expansion requests.
   b. The Western Route 44 Sewer Planning Area was discussed. The Town Manager was scheduled to testify on proposed legislation regarding sewer extensions and intermunicipal agreements but the hearing was cancelled due to coronavirus concerns.
   c. The current year budget was reviewed. We are in good shape with expenditures.
   d. Delinquent Sewer Assessments on School Street were discussed. In 1994 a building at 62 School Street with 8 apartment units was destroyed in a fire. The building remains were demolished in 1995. The owners applied to the WPCA to cancel the sewer assessment on the property. The 1995 WPCA did not cancel the sewer assessment but the owners stopped making payments so interest and late fees have been accruing. Staff in the Revenue Collector’s office brought this delinquent account to the attention of WPCA staff. Much research was conducted. The owners of 62 School St. had been making
assessment payments on 62 School St. until the fire occurred. The owners are paid current on other properties they own that have sewer assessments. The parcel with the building that burned was combined with an adjacent parcel with residential use (64 School St.). Current Zoning regulations would not allow the 8 unit apartment to be reconstructed without splitting or dividing the lot. The WPCA agreed that the sewer assessment for this property should be cancelled because the owners cannot reconstruct the originally assessed building per current regulations and therefore are receiving no benefit from sewer availability. If additional residential dwelling units are approved on this parcel they will be subject to sewer assessment rates at the time new units are added. If the property is split or subdivided any new buildings will be subject to sewer assessment rates at the time new buildings are completed. No credit will be given for any payments made towards the original sewer assessment. There is no guarantee the WPCA will approve future sewer connections for this property.

MOTION 2020-3-12-2: To cancel principal, interest, late fees, & penalties for sewer assessment levied on March 31, 1992 on 62 School Street M/52/4B in the name of Church Hill Associate’s, LLC. Current list # 947.

By: Brand  Seconded: Jamaitus

The Motion carried with the following vote:

For: Brand, Twerdy, Jamaitus
Against: None
Abstain: None

5. WPCA STAFF REPORT:

a. The Treatment Plant Operator Report for February 2020 was reviewed.
   i. A consultant will review our confined space entry plan.

b. The Collection System Report for February 2020 was reviewed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION:

a. A letter was sent to the owners of 115 Daly Rd. regarding grinder pump care.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Matthew Twerdy adjourned the March 13, 2020 WPCA Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ruef, WWTP Operator

*These minutes are not official until approved by the WPCA at the next regular WPCA meeting.