



*“PENDING APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING”*

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**GREATER NEW HAVEN WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**CALLED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015 6:00 P.M.**  
**260 EAST STREET**  
**NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

*Public Hearing at 5:30 P.M. regarding the Authority’s Annual Budget and Recommended User Rates and Charges.*

Chairman Paolillo called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30 P.M.

Public present.

Ken Joyner, resident of 451 Huntington Street, New Haven was present for public comment on the proposed budget and sewer use charges.

Sam Sigg, resident of 932 Townsend Avenue, New Haven.

Chairman Paolillo closed the Public Hearing on the Annual Budget and Recommended User Rates and Charges at 5:45 P.M.

*Public Hearing at 5:40 P.M. on amending certain sections of the Sewer Ordinance.*

Chairman Paolillo called the Public Hearing to order at 5:45 P.M.

Public present.

Ken Joyner, 451 Huntington Street, New Haven, present for public comment on amending certain sections of the Sewer Ordinance. Opposes adding Stratford.

Chairman Paolillo closed the Public Hearing on amending certain sections of the Sewer Ordinance at 5:55 P.M.

*Public Hearing at 5:50 P.M. on the acquisition of certain real property and easements from the Town of Stratford in connection with the acquisition of the wastewater system of the Town of Stratford*

Chairman Paolillo called the Public Hearing to order at 5:55 P.M.

Public present.

Ken Joyner, New Haven resident.

Lynn Bonnett, New Haven resident.

Tina Manu, resident of Stratford.

Rosanne Neri, resident of Stratford.

Carolyn Mendelo, resident of Stratford.

Anne Izinger, resident of Stratford.

Marianne Intezo, resident of Stratford

Stephanie Phillips, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Councilwoman, Stratford.

All present for public comment on their opposition to the acquisition of the wastewater system of the Town of Stratford by the GNHWPCA.

Chairman Paolillo closed the Public Hearing on the acquisition of certain real property and easements from the Town of Stratford in connection with the acquisition of the wastewater system of the Town of Stratford at 6:40 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority was held May 12, 2015 at the GNHWPCA offices, 260 East Street, New Haven, CT in order to transact the following:

Chairman Paolillo called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.

Roll Call

Director's present: Director Joyce Alton, New Haven  
Director Michael Fimiani, New Haven  
Chairman Alphonse Paolillo, New Haven  
Director Clayton Williams, New Haven  
Director Anthony Criscuolo, East Haven  
Director Russell Cyr, Hamden  
Vice Chairman Stephen Mongillo, Hamden  
Director Jeffrey D. Ginzberg, Woodbridge

Director absent: Director Vincent Arpino, East Haven

Aldo present: Sidney J. Holbrook, Executive Director  
Gabriel Varca, Treasurer  
Gary Zrelak, Director of Operations  
Thomas Sgroi, Director of Engineering  
Louis Criscuolo, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration

Renee Phillips, Customer Service Administrator  
Glenn Santoro, Esq., Robinson & Cole, LLP  
Deborah L. Torre, Secretary

1. Approval of minutes of April 30, 2015 – Special Meeting.

Director Alton made the following motion:

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the April 30, 2015 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Authority are hereby adopted and approved in the form attached hereto as the Exhibit to Agenda Item #1, any such changes, revisions or additions thereto having been noted to and by the Secretary of the Authority.

Director Criscuolo seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

Alton  
Criscuolo  
Cyr  
Fimiani  
Ginzberg  
Mongillo  
Paolillo  
Williams

NATES

ABSTENTIONS

2. Public participation relating to agenda items.

**Public present.**

Ken Joyner of 451 Huntington Street, New Haven, no comment at this time.

Sam Sigg of 932 Townsend Avenue, New Haven, was present for public comment regarding the noise level of the turbines at the plant that can be heard in East Shore Park. He is concerned about the decibel level.

Chairman Paolillo is familiar with this issue as he lives in the Annex/East Shore neighborhood.

Director of Operations, Gary Zrelak, has been looking into this issue. He said the blowers are going to be going inside which will help. But due to the loss of trees

that would normally buffer the noise has added to the increased level of noise. Capital Projects have been allocated for noise abatement, short and long term.

Mr. Zrelak said he would take Mr. Sigg around the plant. There is a sound meter there to show levels and what is acceptable. With the expansion of the plant there will be more wet weather flow to the plant that will be handled by newer and more modern equipment that would help in a lower noise level.

3. Consideration and approval of a resolution adopting the Authority's Cost of Service Study, the Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Budget, the Proposed Sewer User Charges, the Annual Capital Budget and the annual update to the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Director Fimiani made the following motion:

**RESOLVED:** That, pursuant to Section 7.4 of the Bylaws, by at least a two-thirds vote of the entire Board, the Authority's Cost of Service Study; Annual Budget consisting of the next fiscal year's projected expenditures and recommended user rates and charges and the Annual Capital Budget for the upcoming fiscal year; an annual update to the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan; the impact of the Annual Budget on the next fiscal year's projected expenditures and revenues and user rates and charges, and user rates and charges as they relate to and contingent upon, the acquisition of the Stratford Wastewater System, all as attached hereto as the Exhibit to agenda Item #3, is hereby adopted.

Director Cyr seconded the motion.

All members of the board have met with the Finance Director and Deputy Finance Director and have reviewed the budget.

Deputy Director of Finance and Administration, Lou Criscuolo, summarized next fiscal's year 2015-2016 projected expenditures and user rates and charges and Annual Capital Budget.

The rate increase for FY 2016 is .22 cents per CCF from 3.75 to 3.97 per CCF. Billable Consumption estimates are down, we used an estimate of 8,500,000 billable CCF's compared to 8,650,000 CCF's last year. Operating expenses increase 3.8% while debt service decreased 4%. Debt Service coverage ratio is budgeted at 1.15 for Fiscal year 16 in accordance with our indenture. Capital projects funded through our reserves for FY 16 will total \$6,221,250.

Stratford's user rated effective July 1, 2015 will be \$425 per year for residential

customers and 4.97 per CCF for commercial customers.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

Alton  
Criscuolo  
Cyr  
Fimiani  
Ginzberg  
Mongillo  
Paolillo  
Williams

4. Consideration and approval of amendments to certain sections of the Sewer Ordinance.

Director Cyr made the following motion:

**RESOLVED:** That the amendments to certain sections of the Sewer Ordinance, as provided in the Exhibit to Agenda Item #4, are, to be effective as of July 1, 2015 subject to the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Asset Purchase Agreement by and among the Authority, the Town of Stratford and the Town of Stratford Water Pollution Control Authority, hereby adopted and approved in all respects.

Director Fimiani seconded the motion.

The amendment adds Stratford to the municipality with the acquisition of the Town.

No changes from the last board meeting on this agenda item.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

Alton  
Criscuolo  
Cyr  
Fimiani  
Ginzberg  
Mongillo  
Paolillo  
Williams

5. Consideration and approval of a resolution engaging McGladrey & Pullen as auditors of the Authority's Fiscal Year 2014-2015 financials.

Director Williams made the following motion:

**RESOLVED:** That McGladrey & Pullen is hereby engaged as auditors of the Authority's Fiscal Year 2014-2015 financials, and that the Executive Director, Sidney J. Holbrook, be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to negotiate, execute and deliver any and all reasonable and necessary documents in furtherance of such engagement.

Director Alton seconded the motion.

Every May, approval is needed for the auditors that will be involved in the Authority's Fiscal Year 2014-2015 financials. A small cost increase due to added requirements from the State of Connecticut.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

Alton  
Criscuolo  
Cyr  
Fimiani  
Ginzberg  
Mongillo  
Paolillo  
Williams

6. Consideration and approval of certain Departmental Budget Transfer Requests.

Director Fimiani made the following motion:

**RESOLVED:** That the Departmental Budget Transfer Requests, as described in the Exhibit to Agenda Item #6, are hereby approved.

Director Criscuolo seconded the motion.

First budget transfer is from the Contingency account to the Legal account \$150,000.00 to complete work that needs to be done by the end of the fiscal year regarding Stratford and OMI litigation.

The second budget transfer for \$140,000.00 is from the Emergency Sewer account to the Grit Collectors for the extensive project being done down at the plant.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

Alton  
Criscuolo  
Cyr  
Fimiani  
Ginzberg  
Mongillo  
Paolillo  
Williams

7. Consideration and approval of a resolution approving the amendment of the resolution approved by the Board on January 13, 2015, authorizing the Authority to execute and deliver an agreement with Arcadis-US Inc. for consulting services related to the purchase by the Authority of the wastewater system assets of the Town of Stratford, Connecticut, to provide for a total cost from \$50,000.00 to a revised not to exceed total cost of \$65,000.00.

Director Alton made the following motion:

**RESOLVED:** That amendment of that certain resolution approved by the Board on January 13, 2015 authorizing the Authority to execute and deliver an agreement related with Arcadis-US Inc. for consulting services related to the purchase by the Authority of the wastewater system assets of the Town of Stratford, Connecticut, to provide for a \$15,000.00 aggregate increase in the expenditures related thereto, for a revised total cost from \$50,000.00 to a revised not to exceed amount of \$65,000.00, is hereby approved, and the Executive Director, Sidney J. Holbrook, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to negotiate, execute and deliver such agreement and any and all reasonable and necessary documents in furtherance thereof.

Director Criscuolo seconded the motion.

Consulting services with Arcadis-US Inc. relate to the Stratford acquisition, with an increase in expenditures as we move forward.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

Alton  
Criscuolo  
Cyr  
Fimiani  
Ginzberg  
Mongillo  
Paolillo  
Williams

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

8. Executive summary and department updates and presentations.
  - Monthly Budget Report
  - Monthly Operations Report
  - Monthly Engineering Report
  - Consent Order – to be put on June Agenda for a vote.
9. Consideration and approval, as necessary, of any other new business of the Authority.

**No new business.**

10. Call to the public.

**Public present.**

Ken Joyner, 451 Huntington Street, New Haven, was present for public comment on his rejection to the Cost of Service Study.

11. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Director Fimiani, seconded by Director Cyr and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Deborah L. Torre  
Secretary