

CITY OF NORWALK  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
October 19, 2015

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman  
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman  
Dave McCarthy  
John Flynn  
Frederika Bikakis-Hajian

Staff: Bruce Chimento, DPW Director  
Lisa Burns, DPW Principal Engineer  
Ralph Kolb, DPW Senior Environmental Engineer

Others: John Ahern, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.  
Paola Molloy, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.  
Scott Orenstein, Goldberg Segalla  
Robert Koch, The Norwalk Hour  
Diane Lauricella

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

**5. CONTRACT OPERATING REPORT**

- a. OMI Monthly Operating Report- September 2015 (copy included)

Mr. Ahern reported on the maintenance and said that the dechlor tank has been cleaned , and that a water meter was installed on the Wastewater Treatment Plant water line to track reuse water in vector trucks. He said that there were no monthly permit violations, but that there was a performance guarantee exceedance due to chlorination breakpoint. Ms. Burns said that at some point every year the WPCA looks to see if there were any performance guarantees and the Board will determine if any monetary damages will be assessed against CH2MHill. Mr. Ahern reported on the collections system and the collection systems progress meeting and said that fences have been installed at Fort Point Street and Howard Avenue, and that AJ Penna has repaired the force main at Gull Road. He said that the production rate for CCTV for the month of September is 2.17 miles, and that next month's TV inspection efforts continue to focus on documenting known critical areas and sewer lines crossing streets on the 5 year paving list. He said that nitrogen was in band "D".

Mr. Kolb said last Friday the EPA had contacted the WPCA and they will be performing an inspection on November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> on the collections system, and

they will be interviewing staff and the contractor operator. Ms. Burns said that the inspection is scheduled from 8:00AM through 5:00PM each day and that she is hoping to have a debriefing at the end of the inspection.

Mr. Kolb said he had held interviews this past week for the Wastewater Systems Technician position, and that he has reached out to the Personnel Department with his recommendation.

## **6. REPORTS**

- a. FY 15/16 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)  
Ms. Kolb reported and said that last month there was a question from the Board regarding two accounts on the budget report, and that staff had reached out to Mr. Gilden and Mr. Barron requesting to have them attend tonight's meeting. He said that they could not attend but that Mr. Gilden had provided an e-mail with an explanation. Mr. McCarthy requested that they attend next month's meeting to provide further explanation to the questions.

Ms. Bikakis-Hajian arrived at 5:55PM

- b. WPCA Staffing Authorization (memorandum included)  
Mr. Orenstein said that it is his recommendation that the WPCA Board and the Director of Public Works work together to come up with appropriate staffing levels. Mr. Chimento said that staff has been having discussions at length regarding staffing, and discussed the changes in operation that have taken place and that he does not see that there is not a need for any concern, but if the Board feels there needs to be additional staffing it can be discussed. After further discussion it was decided that the WPCA will look at staffing in the next couple of months and if everyone is comfortable with it to move forward, and if not to re-look at it. It was also decided that Ms. Burns will work with Mr. Orenstein regarding making possible changes to the Municipal Code for discussion at the December meeting.
- c. Discussion on the WWTP Capacity (memorandum included)  
Mr. Kolb said that there has been some discussion from the public regarding capacity at the Wastewater Treatment Plant with the new developments in the city that are occurring currently and in the near future. He said that the Wastewater Treatment Plant is an 18 MGD per day advanced wastewater system facility, and with the most recent upgrade in 2012 has increased to 95 MGD per day. He said in looking at three years worth of flow data the current one year average flow is 12.7, and the three year average is also 12.7. He said that there is language included in the NPDES permit that the State has to identify when the WPCA must evaluate Wastewater Treatment Plant for expansion due to future flows and there are no capacity issues at this time. Mr. McCarthy asked if there is a trend since it seems that the one and three year average flows are the same. Mr. Kolb said "yes" and they are going down and that is primarily due to the capital improvement projects in the collection system.

- d. Discussion on WPCA Projects:
  - 1) Main Lift Pump Replacement Project
    - i. Flygt Pump Price Proposal  
Mr. Kolb said that the bid opening is scheduled for Wednesday, November 21, 2015, and that the Flygt pump price proposal is just under \$1.5 million dollars.
  - 2) Beacon Street Interceptor Service Area Sewer System Rehabilitation Project  
No discussion.
  - 3) Sammis Street Pump Station and Ann Street Flood Damage Upgrade  
Mr. Kolb said that Delray was onsite last week installing the release and check valves along with the associated piping and working on the punch list items. Mr. Flynn asked if the pump station is operational. Mr. Kolb said “yes” and that it has been operating and that all the major work has been completed and that the contractor is working on finishing the punch list items.
  
- e. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update
  - 1) Appeal Status  
Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$ 25,279.

**3. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 (COPY INCLUDED)**

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT OF THE JUNE 11, 2013 AGREEMENT WITH ARCADIS U.S., INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,000 TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE BEACON STREET INTERCEPTOR SERVICE AREA PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A LETTER PROPOSAL DATED OCTOBER 15, 2015 (COPY INCLUDED)**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09134062-5777-C0361**

Mr. Kolb said that this item is for services that exceeded the negotiated engineering services as well as for additional work that needs to be done.

**\*\* MR. FLYNN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS TERMINATION OF APPLIED TECHNICAL SERVICES**

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Executive session began at 6:35PM  
Executive session ended at 7:00PM  
No action was taken

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd