

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
January 11, 2016

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
Mayor Rilling
Dave McCarthy
Bruce Kimmel
John Flynn
Gregory Burnett

Staff: Ralph Kolb, DPW Sr. Environmental Engineer

Others: John Ahern, CH2M, OMI, Inc.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED
** MOTION PASSED
** TWO ABSTENSIONS- MAYOR RILLING AND MR. BARNETT**

3. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:

a. OMI MONTHLY REPORT- DECEMBER 2015 (COPY INCLUDED)

Mr. Ahern reported and said that routine maintenance was done, and that there were no monthly permit, or performance guarantee violations received for the month. He reported on the pump stations and said that the force main was repaired on Woodward Avenue that resulted in a five gallon spill. He reported on the collections system and said that there was a spill at the Wastewater Treatment Plant which was caused by Synagro, who is the sludge hauler contractor. He said that when they were picking up the load in the containment area, the driver failed to check the top of the truck in which he is required to do, which caused a 300 gallon spill. He said that he has been in contact with Synagro, and the driver will be disciplined, and that a report has been filed with the State. Mayor Rilling asked what level of discipline will be imposed on the driver. Mr. Ahern said that when he spoke to representatives from Synagro they were very concerned, and that all the drivers will be receiving re-training. Mayor Rilling said that at the very least the driver should not be allowed back on the site. Mr. McCarthy asked how far from the containment area was the spill. Mr. Ahern said outside the Wastewater Treatment Plant by Fort Point Street.

Mayor Rilling asked what the current capacity is at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Kolb said that in 2015, the average flow was 12.5 million gallons per day, and since 2012 there has been a significant decrease to the flow at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mayor Rilling asked why there has been such a decrease. Mr. Ahern said it is due to the repairs to the collection system and water conservation. Mr. Kolb said that a few months ago staff had written a capacity memo for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and that there is quite a bit of capacity left. Mayor Rilling requested a copy of that memo.

Mr. Kolb said that the total nitrogen for pounds per day for the year was 583, and that is the best that the Wastewater Treatment Plant has performed since there has been a nitrogen program. Mr. Flynn asked what that is attributed to. Mr. Kolb said that it is due to a number of factors such as dry weather, the flow being down and operating the Wastewater Treatment Plant as efficiently as possible. Mr. Kimmel asked if the State still has the credit program. Mr. Kolb said he was just looking into that and said that there is a new nitrogen permit, and after speaking with the consultant the credits are going to drop. He said that this year based on the nitrogen and last year's credit pricing Norwalk would be collecting approximately \$320,000 however, he has been told the credit value is going to drop, but that he has not gotten any early indications yet.

b. WWTP PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE REPORT (COPY INCLUDED)

Mr. Kolb reported and said that this is a summary since July, 2014 of all the contract exceedances at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He said that there has only been a few and overall the Wastewater Treatment Plant has been operating at a high level.

4. REPORTS

- a. FY 15/16 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)
Mr. Kolb reported and said that everything is tracking as expected with the exception of septage disposal fees and that they continue to track down.
- b. Discussion on WPCA Projects:
- 1) Main Lift Pump Replacement Project
Mr. Kolb said that he is waiting on the contractor to sign the contract to begin construction. He said that they are now reviewing the contract and that they should be signing it within the next couple of weeks. He said that the project is expected to be completed in one year.
 - 2) Beacon Street Interceptor Service Area Sewer System Rehabilitation Project
Mr. Kolb said that the main portion of the project has been completed and are now beginning the additional work that was added to the contract.
 - 3) On-Call Professional Services:
 - a. Wastewater Treatment Plant (Arcadis)
 - b. Collection System (CH2M)
 - c. Pump Stations (Wright-Pierce)

Mr. Kolb said that the final contacts have been sent out for all three firms for the specific wastewater pump stations category.

c. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update

1) Appeal Status

Mr. Kolb reported and said that the adjustments to date are \$52,231.

d. Information copies:

1) WPCA Contact List Update (copy included)

No discussion

2) Stormwater Monitoring Results (letter included)

Mr. Kolb said that the stormwater monitoring results have been sent out which is done twice a year.

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ONGOING LITIGATION WITH FLOWSERVE
ABOUT MAIN LIFT PUMPS' FAILURE**

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:55PM**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

No action was taken.

6. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. FLYNN MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd