

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
October 17, 2016

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
John Igeneri
Bruce Kimmel
Dave McCarthy
Greg Burnett
John Flynn

Staff: 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
Karen Mignone, Verrill Dana
Matt Todaro, Verrill Dana
Tom Ivers, Trinity Financial
Tim Smith, Trinity Financial

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO TAKE THE AGENDA OUT OF ORDER**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. ACT ON CONNECTION FEE WAIVER REQUEST- 13 DAY STREET AND 20 DAY STREET (LETTER INCLUDED)

Mr. Smith said that this project will include the demolition of 136 units of obsolete housing and the construction of 273 new dwellings, and that this proposed phase one is comprised of the construction on 80 apartments in two buildings. Mr. McCarthy said that there was a grant received for \$30 million dollars for the project, and that he has supported the project when he was on the council, but as the WPCA board has discussed in the past as to what the connection fee is, which is a buy into the entire system and given the amount of federal money that was received he feels they need to buy into the system just as everyone else does. Mr. Flynn said that the connection fee will be 43 per unit and said he thinks that is a reasonable price to buy in to the system and sees no justification for waiving it. Mr. Smith said that the project was originally designed to go into construction two years ago but was held up due to a pending lawsuit and in that time construction costs have increased. He also said that the water consumption will be significantly less with the more modern fixtures. Mr. Oustafine said that the

board has a precedent and that the responsibility is first to the environment and second to the rate payers, and if the board waives any kind on connection fee or sewer use fee it is subsidized by the rate payer. Mr. Kimmel asked if the fee is waived if there are any costs to the city going forward. Mr. Smith said “no” not for phase one. Mr. Kimmel asked what the total cost of phase one is. Mr. Smith said \$46 million dollars.

**** MR. KIMMEL, MR. IGNERI AND MR. BURNETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONNECTION FEE WAIVER REQUEST**

**** MR. OUSTAFINE, MR. MCCARTHY, MR. FLYNN AND MR. CLARK OPPOSED**

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ONGOING LITIGATION WITH FLOWSERVE ABOUT MAIN LIFT PUMPS’ FAILURE AND SEWAGE OVERFLOW FINDINGS BY CONNECTICUT FUND FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Executive session began at 5:50PM
Executive session ended at 6:45PM
No action was taken

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2016 (COPY INCLUDED)

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED
** MOTION PASSED
** ONE ABSTENTION- MR. KIMMEL**

5. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:

- a. OMI Monthly Operating Report- September 2016 (copy included)
Mr. Ahern reported on the plant activities and said there was a performance guarantee violation on September 6, 2016, which was due to tank cleaning. He reported on the collections system and said that the line for the bubbler at the Westport Avenue pump station was clogged, and that the air compressor for the bubbler system has been replaced. He said that the production rate for CCTV for the month of September is 0.6 miles, and that the monthly TV rolling average is 1.0 miles a month and for cleaning is 3.9 miles a month.

- b. Update on Final Settling Tanks Short Term Modifications
Mr. Kolb said that all four tanks have been completed, and are just waiting on two valves to come in and once they do the contractor will install them and the short term modification work will be completed. He said that he is working with ARCADIS on the long term recommendations.

c. Discussion on Aeration Tank Blowers

Mr. Kolb said that he has requested that OMI, Inc. provide him with three years worth of maintenance records to be sure the blowers are being maintained in accordance with the O&M manual. He reported on the status of the blowers and said that two are operational and that OMI, Inc. and WPCA staff are working on obtaining quotes on rigging to take the two units that are not operational out of the building and deliver them to Pennsylvania for inspection and repair.

6. REPORTS

- a. FY 16/17 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)
No discussion.

b. Discussion on Main Lift Pump Replacement Project Update

Mr. Kolb said that the two new pumps are online, and that pump number three is currently offline because it is getting replaced with the new pump. He said that pumps four through six are operational.

c. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update

1) Appeal Status

Mr. Kolb said the adjustments to date are \$55,902

d. Information Copies:

1. Stormwater Monitoring Results (letter included)
No discussion.

7. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd