

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
December 19, 2016

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
Frederika Bikakis-Hajian
John Igneri
John Flynn
Greg Burnett

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

Others: John Ahern, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.
Paola Molloy, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

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

Executive session began at 5:30PM
Executive session ended at 5:40PM

**3. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 21,
2016 (COPY INCLUDED)**

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

4. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:

- a. OMI Monthly Operating Report- November 2016 (copy included)

Mr. Ahern reported on the plant activities and said that preventative maintenance was performed on primary settling tank number four and that the flights and chain were repaired. He said that there were no performance or permit violations received for the month. He reported on the collections system and said that the air release valve was replaced at the Sammis Street pump station. He reported on the production rate for CCTV and said that for the month of November it was 0.48 miles and that the monthly TV rolling average is 0.91 miles a month and for cleaning was 3.97 miles a month. He said that nitrogen fell into band "D"

5. REPORTS

- b. Draft FY 17/18 Capital Budget (copy included)

Mr. Kolb presented and said that he has contacted ARCADIS to begin gathering data to re-run the financial model. He said that it will be done in January and presented at the February meeting. Ms. Bikakis-Hajian asked how much is in the account for capital projects. Mr. Kolb said that he will need to check with Mr. Barron. Mr. Burnet said that the current approved budget for solids handling is 3 million dollars and said that staff is requesting to increase that amount, and asked what the impact will be if the funds do not come through. Mr. Chimento said that it may be possible that the request may be reduced after some of the numbers from ARCADIS are received, and there will be more precise numbers on the construction and engineering costs. Mr. Kolb said that by early 2017 the study should be completed by ARCADIS. Mr. Oustfine asked if the blowers are included in this. Mr. Kolb said that they are part of the solids handling project.

- c. Discussion on WPCA Projects:

- 1) Main Lift Pump Replacement Project Update

Mr. Kolb said that three Flygt pumps have been operating and that they are doing well. He said that the fourth pump is scheduled for a 48 hour start up test next week, and that if all goes well there will be four pumps on line, and will then have two more to install to complete the project.

- 2) Solids Handling, Aeration Improvements and Odor Control Evaluation (solids disposal email and NEWEA article updated)

Mr. Kolb said that ARCADIS began the evaluation in the middle of November, and did a walkthrough of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and they will summarize it in a detailed report.

d. Sewer Use Bill Appeal/Adjustments Update

- 1) Appeal Status
Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$57,337.

e. Information Copies:

- 1) 2017 WPCA Meeting Schedule (copy included)

There was discussion ensued and it was decided that the January 23, 2017 meeting date be changed to January 17, 2017.

- 2) Proposed Nitrogen Credit Exchange-2016 (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that Norwalk will be receiving \$77,712 for nitrogen credits. Mr. McCarthy asked why Stamford will be receiving roughly ten times the amount that Norwalk will be receiving. Mr. Kolb said that Stamford's Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades remove nitrogen concentration to low levels all year round. Therefore, they receive significantly more credits.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd