

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
January 17, 2017

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
John Igeneri
Dave McCarthy
John Flynn
Gregory Burnett
John Bove

Staff: Ralph Kolb, DPW Senior Environmental Engineer
Chris Torre, DPW Superintendent

Others: Paola Molloy, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.
John Block, Tighe & Bond
Fred Mascia, Tighe & Bond
Andrew Greenspan, GHP Office Realty, LLC
Sara Cohen

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. REPORTS

- c. Discussion on proposed Project at 537 Newtown Avenue (copy included)
Mr. Kolb introduced Mr. Block and Mr Mascia of Tighe & Bond and said that they are here to present a proposed project at 537 Newtown Avenue. He said that the property is on the Norwalk and Westport border, and that the closest sanitary sewer is on Partrick Avenue and that the parcels in this area are on a septic system. Mr. Block said that the proposed development is to construct 200 units of senior independent and assisted living, and that they have had four meetings with DPW and the WPCA over the last two years to discuss options for the project. He said that it was determined at the December 22, 2016, meeting with Mayor Rilling and Mr. Chimento that the options for the site be presented to the WPCA board for review and comment. Mr. Mascia said that Tighe & Bond has reviewed several options for providing sanitary sewer service to the site, and that the first option would be a 12" gravity sewer through an easement to Partrick Avenue to an existing manhole on Partrick Avenue and would require relaying

approximately 400 feet of an existing 8" line with a 12" line, and the approximate length of the proposed 12" gravity sewer is 7,000 lineal feet but that this option was considered not feasible for this site. He said the second option was an on-site pumping station with a 4" force main and the approximate length of the proposed private 4" force main sewer is 6,600 lineal feet. He said that this option would only serve the 537/19 Newtown Turnpike site and would be privately constructed and privately maintained, and a maintenance agreement would be provided to the city. Mr. Igneri asked if this type of sewer connection has ever been approved. Mr. Torre said "no" and that there is a city ordinance stating that this cannot be run in the public right of way. Mr. Oustafine said that he would never be in favor of a 6,000 foot force main to serve only one property, and said if 6,000 feet of road was going to be dug up that a second pipe along with individual laterals to the property line would need to be installed for parcels along the way, and then have an opportunity to recover some of the cost. After further discussion Mr. Torre said that Planning & Zoning would be the first step in the process and the Mr. Coppola would need to be contacted before any agreement is done. Mr. Oustafine distributed 7-247A of the Connecticut General Statutes which stated even the WPCA cannot extend a sanitary sewer without a public hearing and there are very specific notice requirements.

Mr. Oustafine introduced John Bove and said that he is now an official member of the WPCA.

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

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

3. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:

a. OMI MONTHLY REPORT- DECEMBER 2016 (COPY INCLUDED)

Ms. Molloy reported on the maintenance and said that the final settling tank scum trough has been cleaned, and that OMI are also prepping the two blowers that are being removed this week for major overhaul. Mr. Burnett asked how long it will be before the blowers come back. Mr. Kolb said approximately 20-26 weeks depending on what parts will be needed. Ms. Molloy said that there were no violations received for the month. She reported on the collections system and said that there were three spills and that they were all due to grease, and that the grease was cleared from all the lines, and the spills were cleaned up and were reported to DEEP. She reported on safety and said that they have had 974 days with no reportable injuries. She said that nitrogen fell into band "D". Ms. Molloy reported on the production rate for CCTV and said for the month on December was zero miles since the truck was being repaired, and that next month's TV inspection efforts continue to focus on documenting known critical areas and on the 5-year paving list.

4. REPORTS

- a. Introduction of Chris Torre
Mr. Torre said that he will be assisting Mr. Kolb with WPCA operations in any way he can and said that he has been with the city for 25 years.
- b. FY 16/17 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)
Mr. Kolb reported and said that everything is tracking as expected.
- d. Discussion on WPCA Projects:
 - 1) Main Lift Pump Replacement Project Update

Mr. Kolb said to date four pumps have been replaced with the new Flyght pumps and that they are up and running. He said that are currently working on pump number five, and they have received authorization from DEEP to take two pumps offline simultaneously to expedite replacement.
 - 2) Solids Handling, Aeration Improvements and Odor Control Evaluation

Mr. Kolb said that staff met with ARCADIS and that the team has done their initial evaluation of all the components that make up solids, aeration and odor and a lot of the discussion was regarding disposal of the solids, and how the cost will be increasing over the next couple of years. He said they are currently working on a list of items that the project would entail.
- c. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update
 - 1) Appeal Status
Mr. Kolb reported and said that the adjustments to date are \$60,172.
 - d. Information copies:
 - 1) WPCA Contact List Update (copy included)
No discussion

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

- ** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:30PM**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- No action was taken.

6. ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. FLYNN MOVED TO ADJOURN**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:35PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dilene Byrd