

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
September 18, 2017

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

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

Others: John Ahern, CH2MHill, Omi, Inc.
Mark McCormick
Pat McNichols

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 21, 2017.

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION (MS. BIKAKIS-HAJIAN).**

3. RESCIND THE JUNE 19, 2017 AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ISSUE ORDERS ON THE CITY OF NORWALK FEBRUARY 14, 2017 CONTRACT WITH ADVANCED ALARM SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE CCTV REPLACEMENT AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS CENTER (PROJECT:3709) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,171.

ACCOUNT NO. 224062-5298

Mr. Kolb said that lower quotes were obtained for the camera system at the Public Works Center and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. McCarthy asked if this was due to a late bid. Mr. Kolb said "no" and that there were some assumptions with the bid and when they had gone around and tested some of the equipment, there were a few items that were not working

properly so in addition to the change order monies that Public Works had issued, they had requested additional funds for the additional units at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

4. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE CCTV REPLACEMENT AT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS CENTER (PROJECT: 3709) FOR ETHERWAN SYSTEMS, INC. (EXISTING CITY APPROVED VENDOR) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,767.40 (COPY INCLUDED)

**** MR. CLARK MOVED TO APPROVE ITEMS 3 AND ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. DIRECT WPCA STAFF TO UPDATE THE 2009 SEWER RATE STRUCTURE EVALUATION AND CONSUMPTION-BASED BILLING STUDY (COPY INCLUDED)

Mr. Chimento said several months ago he had attended a Finance Committee meeting of the Common Council and they had requested information on consumption based billing. He said he had sent them the study that was conducted by Malcolm Pirnie in 2009, as well as The Connecticut Sewer Rate survey that was completed in 2016. He said they requested that consumption based billing be looked into but to do that the sewer rate structure evaluation should be updated with real time rates. Mr. McCarthy asked if the authorization is just to get a proposal. Mr. Chimento said "yes". There was discussion ensued and Mr. Kolb said once they receive the proposal staff will present it to the board for authorization.

**** MS. BIKAKIS-HAJIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:

a. OMI MONTHLY REPORT- AUGUST 2017 (COPY INCLUDED)

Mr. Ahern reported on the maintenance for the month of August and said that routine maintenance was conducted. He said that there were no violations or performance guarantees for the month and that nitrogen fell into band "D".

Mr. Ahern reported on the collections system and the MRR repairs and said that they had assisted Wright Pierce with pump station evaluations, replaced the sump pump at Devils Garden pump station and replaced the high alarm float at the Red Oak pump station. He said that they also assisted with removing the temporary pumps from the Marvin Beach pump station. He said that there was one spill of 150 gallons at 43 Day Street and that AJ Penna performed the repair. Mr. McCarthy asked if the spill was associated with the Washington Village project. Mr. Ahern said "no". Mr. Kolb said it was discovered that it was due to sewage that had leaked into the storm system. Mr. Ahern said AJ Penna replaced the manhole and 20' of pipe on Connecticut Avenue.

Mr. Ahern reported on the monthly average flow and said that it is way down and are averaging 9.8 million gallons. Mr. Clark asked what the reason is. Mr. Kolb said there are

multiple contributors such as changing the flow meter, dry weather, and rehabbing aging infrastructure.

Mr. Ahern reported on the production rate for CCTV and said for the month of August was 0.57 miles for tv'ing and 3.33 miles for cleaning.

Mr. Chimento said that Mr. McCormick came on board about two weeks ago and he will be providing monthly reports to the board beginning next month. Mr. McCormick said that he is currently focusing on the blower repair issue.

7. REPORTS

- a. FY 16/17 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)
Mr. Kolb reported and said that everything is tracking as expected.
- b. Discussion on Marvin Beach Pump Station Status

Mr. Kolb said Wright-Pierce has completed their evaluation and recommended installing the new proposed pump station in the property that is adjacent to where the current pump station is located. He said that he has also requested a cost estimate to rehab the existing pump station for cost comparison. He said that Wright-Pierce will also be providing a site plan and rendering of what the proposed will look like, and once that is available staff would like to meet with the association and present it.

- c. Discussion on EPA's AOC (copy included)

Mr. Kolb that the requirements for the submissions that need to be done started at item #29, and that there is monthly reporting to DEEP and EPA that is required which they have already begun to do in August 2017. He said that October 1, 2017 is a critical deadline and that a report and checklist will need to be done in which he is working on a final draft with CHM2Hill. He said that he is also working on a proposal from ARCADIS on a scope of work for a control plan for bacteria for outfall 002. He said there are also dates into 2018 of various control plans and reporting that needs to be done with EPA. Mr. Oustafine asked if Norwalk is being treated consistent with other Wastewater Treatment Plants in the area. Mr. Kolb said "yes" with the larger communities. Mr. Oustafine asked if fines will be assessed if deadlines are not met. Mr. Kolb said there are provisions if for some reason a deadline cannot be met to put EPA on notice but he does not anticipate that.

- d. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update
 - 1) Appeal Status
Mr. Kolb reported and said that the adjustments to date are \$ 35,772 however, the Norwalk Hospital because of their cooling system have submitted an appeal earlier this year and are looking for a substantial adjustment for the last three years. He said he has just received the engineer's calculations and will need to go through them with Mr. McCormick and possibly ARCADIS if needed for clarification.
- e. Information copies: None

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

There was no executive session held.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:05PM.
Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd