

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
November 20, 2017

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
Mayor Rilling
Dave McCarthy (via phone)
John Flynn
John Bove
Greg Burnett (via phone)
Fredericka Bikakis-Hajian

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

Others: John Ahern, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.
Paola Malloy, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.
Mark McCormick

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Mr. Oustafine called a moment of silence for Hal Alvord.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 2017.

**** MAYOR RILLING MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

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

3. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE VIMINI VALUATION SERVICES LLC RELATED TO APPRAISAL SERVICES AT 60 SOUTH SMITH STREET FOR THE WALK BRIDGE PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,275.00

ACCOUNT NO. 224062-5298

Mr. Kolb said that Vimini Valuation Services has completed an appraisal on the WWTP property that the Walk Bridge project will take as a temporary and permanent easement.

**** MR. FLYNN MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. APPROVE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORK'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A NITROGEN CREDIT SHARING OF 25 PERCENT FOR 11 MONTHS TO OMI, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,747 (COPY INCLUDED)

Mr. Kolb said in accordance with Amendment two, OMI, Inc. is requesting nitrogen credit revenue sharing in the amount of \$20,747.

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

5. APPROVE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORK'S RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT OMI'S PROPOSAL TO REHABILITATE THE PRIMARY SCUM TROUGHS IN LIEU OF ASSESSING DAMAGES FOR FAILURE TO MEET PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES IN CY18 (COPIES INCLUDED)

Mr. Chimento said in discussions with OMI, Inc. they have made a recommendation that they rehab the existing scum collection system that is currently not working correctly on the primary settling tanks at their cost in lieu of the damage assessment. Mr. Kolb said that they would basically rehab it into a manual operation and the base cost is approximately \$17,000 for the rehabilitation, and an additional \$10,000 for labor and materials. He said that it is the recommendation of staff to proceed with the work.

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

6. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:

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

Mr. Ahern reported on the maintenance for the month of October and said no violations or performance guarantees for the month. He reported on training and said several employees attended NEWEA Collection Certification and they now have four additional people that are certified in collections.

He reported on the collections system and said that there was one spill of 50 gallons on October 27th at 6 Orleans Street and that Penna made the repair. He said that nitrogen fell into band "D". He said that the production rate for CCTV has increased and for the month of October was 2.19 miles, and the monthly rolling average for CCTV is 1.19 miles and for cleaning is 3.71 miles.

b. Facility Drone Video

Mr. Ahern said that they had a video produced of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and of the pump stations for open house. Ms. Malloy presented the video.

7. REPORTS:

a. FY 16/17 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said everything is tracking as expected.

b. Sewer Rate Structure Evaluation and Consumption-Based Billing Study Status Update

Mr. Kolb provided an update and said that they have currently received two proposals and are waiting on the third proposal. He said once all of the proposals are received staff will have a recommendation for the board.

c. Discussion on WPCA Projects:

1) Marvin Beach Pump Station Status (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that staff has directed Wright-Pierce to rehabilitate the existing drywell and wetwell, and that the estimated construction cost savings is approximately \$300,000. He discussed the recommendations and said that staff decided to include three wetwells which will include the Fort Point, Westport Ave., Old Trolley Way pump stations as part of the Marvin Beach project, and that Five Mile and Keeler Brook have much more extensive costs that will be part of a future pump station project.

2) Discussion on WWTP Chemical Storage Tanks

Mr. Kolb said that based on preliminary cost estimates it will be more cost beneficial to replace the chemical tanks than to line them.

3) Discussion on EPA's AOC (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that staff has submitted the collections system bypass summary to the EPA for the November 1st deadline. He said that the next critical submission will be in January 1, 2018.

d. Sewer Use Appeals/Adjustments Update

- 1) Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$36,112. He said that staff will be going to the Norwalk Hospital tomorrow to continue to investigate their sewer appeal.

e. Information Copies

- 1) GPLPE Permit- Pre-Inspection Questionnaire (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that the State would like to come and do an inspection and as part of that process is to complete a pre-inspection questionnaire. He said that the inspection date will be on December 1st.

- 2) Aeration Blower Repairs and MRR Fund Replenishment letter (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that this is the confirmation letter for putting the funds back into MRR that the board had approved last month.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ONGOING LITIGATION WITH FLOWSERVE ABOUT MAIN LIFT PUMPS' FAILURE AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT EXIT AND PROCUREMENT

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

Executive session began at 6:00PM
Executive session ended at
There was no action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.
Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd