

CITY OF NORWALK  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
February 20, 2018

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman  
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman  
Mayor Rilling  
John Bove  
John Igeneri  
Vincenzo Capozzoli  
John Flynn

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

Others: Kevin Dahl, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.  
Monty Sedlak, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.  
Paola Malloy, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.  
Mark McCormick

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED FY 2018-19 SEWER USE RATES ON  
MARCH 19, 2018 AT 5:30PM (DRAFT NOTICE INCLUDED)**

Mr. Kolb said that the legal notice has gone into the newspaper with the current rates and proposed rates. He said the proposed rate is an increase of 5% and for a single family residence the rate will go from \$335.00 to \$352.00.

**\*\* MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE SCHEDULING THE PUBLIC HEARING.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2018.**

**\*\* MR. FLYNN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE JANUARY 27, 2016 AGREEMENT WITH WRIGHT-PIERCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCOPE OF SERVICES LETTER DATED JANUARY 31, 2018. (COPY INCLUDED)**

**ACCOUNT NO. 09174062-5777-C0545**

Mr. Kolb said that staff is in the process of working on three different tasks using the original \$250,000, and have utilized most of the budget and are requesting an additional \$250,000 for on-call services for construction phase services at the Marvin Beach Pump Station, which will include onsite construction administration, and periodically have a resident engineer on site during the rehabilitation of the pump station. He said that staff will also be requesting that Wright-Pierce take part in the evaluation pump replacement as part of the close out and procurement of the contract. He said in looking ahead staff will be looking to do design and bid services for the Keeler Brook Pump Station and ultimately the Five Mile Pump Station.

**\*\* MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:**

**a. INTRODUCTION OF MONTY SEDLAK**

Mr. Dahl introduced Mr. Sedlak as the new project manager for OMI at the Norwalk facility, and that John Ahern will be seeking some other opportunities within the company and is currently assigned as the Chief Operator of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He said Mr. Sedlak will be relocating from Colorado and he has an extensive background in both the public and private sector, and is a specialist in asset program management and leadership skills.

Mayor Rilling arrived at 5:35PM.

**b. OMI MONTHLY REPORT- JANUARY 2018 (COPY INCLUDED)**

Mr. Sedlak reported and said that there were a variety of MRR repairs that were done for the month, and that 655 work orders have been completed and that the ending backlog was 554. He reported on the violations and said that there was a chlorine excursion that was due to problems with the sodium bisulfate tank, and that there were no performance guarantees. He reported on the collections system and said that there was an excursion at 250 Westport Avenue which was a 700 gallon spill that was due to a grease blockage and that the line has been cleared and flushed, and that 1.74 miles were CCTV'd and 3.60 miles were cleaned. He said that there were no OSHA recordable or lost time incidents for the month and that nitrogen fell into band "D". Mr. Dahl said that a representative from the DEEP came to the site and did a one day sampling event.

## **6. REPORTS:**

### **a. Discussion on request to bring in septage from New York**

Mr. Kolb said that one of the septage haulers have asked if we will receive septage from the South Salem area in New York for residential septage. He said that it would be additional revenue for the WPCA, and that the current rules and regulations say only the Norwalk and Wilton area can use the facility but they can be modified to include “as directed by the Director and WPCA Board”. Mr. Clark asked if there is extra capacity. Mr. Kolb said “yes” and that septage has been down. Mayor Rilling asked with all of the development that is going on throughout the city if this will put us in a compromising position in the future. Mr. Kolb said that there is currently enough capacity at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and that the septage rules and regulations can always be changed in the future if capacity becomes an issue. Mr. Oustafine asked if this will affect the DEEP permit. Mr. Kolb said that he hasn’t spoken to them but he will see what kind of permit requirements there will be. Mr. Ignneri asked how many trucks there will be per day. Mr. Kolb said that haven’t said how many customers they anticipate per week and that he will inquire. Mr. Oustafine asked if this will include Fats, Oils and Grease. Mr. Kolb said “no” it would be for residential septage only. There was further discussion ensued and it was decided that Mr. Kolb will get additional information and include it on the agenda for next month as a discussion or action item.

### **b. FY 17/18 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)**

Mr. Kolb said everything is tracking as expected with the exception of the revenue from septage and to date have collected \$143,000.

### **c. Draft FY 18/19 CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGETS (copies included)**

Mr. Kolb said that for the capital budget staff will be requesting \$5 million dollars in collection system rehabilitation and \$4 million dollars for pump station upgrade replacement and an addition \$100,000 for SCADA.

Mr. Kolb said that the rate revenue requirements were developed and based on an assessment of historic and anticipated operating expenses, debt service payments, pay-as-you go cash-funded capital projects, and to maintain operating cash equal to six months of annual operating expenses at all times. He said in 2020 the contract with OMI will be closing out and that staff does anticipate some estimates on the high range for the next contract operations agreement. He discussed the rate requirements and recommended rate revenue increases for 2018/19 through 2022/23 and said it includes the residential single family fee and for fiscal year 2018/19 will be \$352 and up to \$428 in fiscal year 2022/23. He discussed the annual escalated expenses. He said that in the revenue and expenditure of the draft operating budget that some assumptions were made and that staff is waiting for the Finance Department for the inter-department billing, and he will be working with the Finance Department and will have the number finalized in early March. He said he is also waiting for the final numbers for the projection for fiscal year 2018/19 on the principal and interest on the debt service.

**d. Discussion on WPCA Projects:**

1) Marvin Beach Pump Station and Force Main Status

Mr. Kolb said that they are 100% design and that a final review will be done with Wright-Pierce tomorrow. He said that once Mr. Chimento and Ms. Burns sign off on the drawings the project will be going out to bid.

2) Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Mr. Kolb said that staff has just received the 60% drawings and that the project will be going out to bid within the next couple of months. He said that the project is approximately \$4 million dollars and that it includes the force main for the Marvin Beach pump station.

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

Mr. Kolb said that the most recent CSO report was sent to the EPA and part of the Administrative Order was to have it submitted by February 15, 2018.

**e. Discussion of 54-inch Sanitary Sewer Interceptor**

Mr. Chimento said due to the Walk Bridge project the existing I-max Theater will be torn down and relocated, but to that they will building the new I-max over the sanitary sewer. He said that he has discussed the plan with the EPA. He presented the plan and said that some testing of the sewer will be done and they will also set a maintenance schedule that will be done over the years to maintain the sewer. He said that any monies that are expended by the city or the WPCA should be reimbursed by the State as part of the Walk Bridge Project. Mr. Oustafine suggested that they be made to prepare for temporary emergency provisions.

**f. Sewer Use Appeals/Adjustments Update**

1) Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$301,987.

**g. Information Copies**

1) Town of Wilton Sewer Bill FY 17/18 (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that the bill to Wilton is \$511,628.

2) 2017 CSO Report (copy included)

There was no discussion.

- 3) Interstate Environmental Commission District Report (copy included)

There was no discussion.

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

There was no executive session held.

Mr. McCormick said that staff has met with the sub-committee to discuss a term sheet to develop a contract. He said that they have submitted the terms and conditions to Verrill Dana and will receive the initial draft from them in 4-6 weeks, and then the sub-committee will meet to review it and provide comments.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MAYOR RILLING MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 5:50PM.  
Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd