

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
May 21, 2018

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
John Igneri
Vincenzo Capozzoli
John Flynn

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

Others: Monty Sedlak, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.
Mark McCormick

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ONGOING MITIGATION WITH FLOWSERVE ABOUT MAIN LIFT PUMPS' FAILURE AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM AGREEMENT EXIT AND PROCUREMENT.

There was no executive session held.

Mr. Kolb said that Mr. Chimento has signed the letter with Verrill Dana to submit an appeal with the court.

Mr. McCormick provided an update of the sub-committee and said they are working on the OMI exit agreement, and finalizing the equipment replacement costs, and that once that has been completed they will have to develop an agreement with OMI on the exit. He said they will begin to outline the RFP and include the clause sections and it should be completed by September and will work with the sub-committee as they are developed.

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

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:

a. OMI MONTHLY REPORT- APRIL 2018 (COPY INCLUDED)

Mr. Sedlak reported and said that 681 work orders were completed for the month and there are only 63 backlogs, and they have worked on a schedule to better manage the work orders and it has shown in the reduction in backlogs. He said that on April 16th there was a permit violation due to heavy rain. He reported on the collections system and said there were also spills in the collections system and on April 17th and that 14,000 gallons overflowed from the manhole on 56 Beacon Street due to heavy rains. He said the team televised 3.21 miles for the month and cleaned 4.17 miles and nitrogen fell into band "D".

Mr. Flynn asked if there was contamination to the river due to the sewer back up that occurred on April 20th at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Sedlak said that he will research it and report back.

b. Operator Forum Participation- May 4, 2018 (copy included)

Mr. Sedlak said that on May 4th Ms. Molloy spoke at an Operator Forum on the way we manage our bypasses and shared our process so that they can benefit from the expertise that we have in this area.

c. Sodium Bisulfite Incident- May 8, 2018

Mr. Sedlak said that there was a sodium bisulfite incident on May 8th due to a ball valve being left open and we were unable to determine who left it opened. He said the chemical level of the tank caused a siphoning action to go through the bypass so the valve was open and the chemical siphoned out over a period of approximately 30 hours, but it was not damaging to the river and that 3500 gallons of chemical was lost into the river but because it was an incremental loss there was no damage to the aquatic life or the shellfish industry. He said that they had sampled the river every hour for at least 24 hours and there was no change to the PH, and also looked visually for any evidence of a fish kill and none were seen. He said that the DEEP, Aquaculture, the National Response Center were all notified. Mr. Kolb said that he had also contacted Dick Harris of Norm Bloom and Son and they had gone out with their boat and from Wall Street past the islands they had monitored the DO and all of the numbers were okay.

Mr. Sedlak said that the SCADA alarm have now been set so we will now know when there is an excessive chemical loss which has also been installed on the chemical tanks. He said they also put lock out tag outs on all of the bypass valves. In addition, they will be having one of the regional compliance experts on site tomorrow to provide a training class on how to identify and manage spills at the Wastewater treatment Plant, and following that a vulnerability assessment will be done on site to look at the chemical process and any other potential chemical damage so it can be re-assessed. He said following that they will meet with the stakeholders and review the current Emergency Response Plan and the Spill Prevention plan to incorporate their findings so there is a better process going forward.

5. REPORTS:

a. FY 17/18 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said everything is tracking as expected.

b. Discussion on EPA's AOC (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that staff is still in the process of responding to the two letters that were received last month, and he has requested a June deadline date from the EPA and that he should receive feedback later this week if that will be acceptable.

c. Discussion on WPCA Projects:

1) Marvin Beach Pump Station and other Pump Station Rehabilitation

Mr. Kolb reported and said that the Marvin Beach Pump Station and other pump station rehabilitation was signed by the chairman tonight, and that he will be issuing a notice to proceed. He said that a kick-off meeting has already been held, and the goal is to move quickly on the Marvin Beach pump station to have the work completed by the end of the year.

2) Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Mr. Kolb reported and said that they are at the 90% design mark for a \$4 million dollar collections system rehabilitation project.

Mr. Kolb said that he has just received a draft contract with the State for 55% grant funding which equates to approximately \$95,000 for the pump station assessment project for assessing the capital needs of all of the 22 pump stations. He said that he has sent it to the law office today for review.

c. Sewer Use Appeals/Adjustments Update

1) Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$324,033.

d. Information Copies: None

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:55PM.
Respectfully Submitted,
Dilene Byrd