

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
October 15, 2018

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

Staff: Lisa Burns, DPW Principal Engineer/ DPW Interim Director
Chris Torre, DPW Superintendent/ DPW Interim Director
Ralph Kolb, DPW Senior Environmental Engineer

Others: Monty Sedlak, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.
Paola Malloy, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.
Mark McCormick
Tom Krall
Mark Halleman

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2018.

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A NITROGEN CREDIT SHARING
OF 25 PERCENT FOR 10 MONTHS TO OMI, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,881.
(COPY INCLUDED)**

Mr. Kolb said for calendar year 2017 the Wastewater Treatment Plant had an excellent year removing total nitrogen and that Norwalk received \$157,831 from the CTDEEP. He said per Amendment Two with OMI., Inc. they are entitled to cost sharing if staff feels they have met a certain criteria, and that in 10 of the 12 months they were in band "D" in which they would be entitled to sharing some of the incentives, so staff is making a recommendation to the WPCA board that we do share the incentive for a job well done by OMI, Inc. in the amount of \$32,881.

Mr. Oustafine asked if in the two months that they were not in band "D" if a penalty was received. Mr. Kolb said "no" and that they were still in the expected operating range.

****MR. CAPOZZOLI MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE APRIL 17, 2000 AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN NORWALK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR TAX-EXEMPT ELIGIBILITY(COPY OF AMENDMENT TO BE PROVIDED AT MEETING)

Mr. Kolb said distributed a copy of the Amendment Six and said that it will add the language that OMI is not an agent except for the sole purpose of and allowing OMI, Inc. the use of City's tax exempt eligibility for qualifying purposes pursuant to this agreement under Connecticut Law. He said that Verrill Dana has reviewed it on behalf of the WPCA.

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FEBRUARY 19, 2016 AGREEMENT WITH CH2M HILL ENGINEERS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO CITY OF NORWALK EMERGENCY STORM WATER SYSTEM DESIGN.

City of Norwalk Account nos. 09114027-5777-C0425, 09134027-5777-C0425

Mr. Kolb said the DPW engineering had requested to add on to the WPCA's contract for emergency stormwater design services, and Jacobs has the resources and staff in Connecticut to assist the City of Norwalk in recent flooding complaints. Ms. Burns said they would like a consultant on board as soon as possible so that they can react in an efficient manner and that city funds will be used.

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Capozzoli left the meeting at 5:50PM.

6. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:

a. OMI Monthly Report- September 2018 (copy included)

Mr. Sedlek reported and said that 572 work orders were completed leaving a backlog of 23. He said that no permit violations were received but there were some performance guarantees losses and that on September 11th there was a fecal coliform excursion of 115 because the dechlorination tanks need cleaning, and on September 26th there was a fecal coliform excursion of 128 due to heavy rain. He said that the monthly average for fecal coliform was 14 and due to the two excursions and that the limit is 10. He reported on the training that was done and they continue with hands on line training and they are in the process on Category II Vibration Analyst training.

Mr. Sedlak reported on the collections systems and said that there were a total of seven spills on September 25th due to heavy rains, and there is an issue at 2 Wall Street where the heavy rains exposed an issue with a sewer main underneath a building floor and the open box culvert is carrying the surcharge back into basement of the structure and that engineering has developed a design to repair the leaking line. Mr. Kolb said that once the short term repair has been completed staff will continue to work with Jacobs on the engineering side for a long term solution which may require relocating that sanitary sewer line from under the building.

b. Contract Performance Guarantees (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that for 2018 the annual average flow was 12.9 and that contract year 2018 was a very good year operationally, and there were only two TSS daily exceedances and one BOD violation exceedance and staff is not recommending any penalty be assessed to OMI, Inc. for exceeding performance guarantees.

7. REPORTS:

a. FY 18/19 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that everything is tracking as expected and that they did receive the \$157, 831 from the State of Connecticut for nitrogen credit trading.

b. Discussion on WPCA Projects: (copy included)

- 1) Marvin Beach Pump Station and Force Main and other Pump Station Rehabilitation

Mr. Kolb reported and said that it continues to proceed on schedule and are looking to have the initial project completed by early November, and that they just received the license to proceed from DEEP for the force main project and just

signed a change order with C.H. Nickerson and that the work should begin in November and if everything goes well the whole project should be completed by the end of this year.

2) Wall Street

This was discussed under Item 6 of the agenda.

c. Sewer Use Appeals/Adjustments Update

1) Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$66,029.

f. Information Copies: None

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

**** MR. FLYNN MOVED TO ENTER INTO NEW BUSINESS TO DISCUSS THE LITIGATION WITH FLOWSERVE.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Executive session began at 6:10PM

Executive session ended at

There was no action taken.

8. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR.IGNERI MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6: PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd