

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
December 17, 2018

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
John Igneri
John Flynn
Tom Livingston
Edwin Camacho
Vincenzo Capozzoli

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

Others: Paola Malloy, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.
Tom Krall

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2018.

**** MR. CAPOZZOLI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWO ABSTENTIONS- (MR. LIVINGSTON AND MR.
CAMACHO).**

3. ACT ON SEWER USE FEE ADJUSTMENT FOR 23 WEST AVE (COPY INCLUDED)

Mr. Kolb said the property owner at 23 West Avenue had experienced a major water leak outside the building and the water did not go down the sanitary sewer. He said that he has averaged the past four years and came up with an average of 767,380 gallons and staff is proposing using that number to calculate the sewer use fee and the fee will go from \$24,066 to \$6,495.

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

4. ACT ON SEWER USE FEE ADJUSTMENT FOR 515 WEST AVE.

Mr. Kolb said on Thursday of last week it was brought to his attention that there was a sewer billing error for the Berkley, and while going through that process it was identified that the Waypointe, located at 515 West Avenue, did not have a water account associated to the parcel so the water meter information has not been utilized for the sewer fee calculation for this year as well as the past two years. He said that original sewer use bill for fiscal year 2018/19 was \$506, 2017/18 was 482.00 and in 2016/17 was \$475. He said applying the water usage for the parcel for the same three years the sewer use bill is \$76,399, \$92,473 and \$104,351 and because it is still in the three year window the WPCA can send out the revised sewer fee to collect the revised amounts. He said going forward the account information has been corrected to bill the Waypointe correctly this coming fiscal year.

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

Mr. Capozzoli left the meeting at 5:45PM.

5. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:

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

Ms. Molloy reported on the repairs that have been made and they are focusing on maintenance and the end of term equipment replacement. She said that 550 work orders have been completed and ended with a backlog of 20, and there were no permit or performance violations received.

Ms. Molloy said that they are prepping for the Shady Beach Pump Station and the pumps will be changed, and that they continue to support the Marvin Beach Pump Station rehabilitation project. She reported on the collections and said that there were two bypasses on one occurred at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and 50 gallons of primary sludge and the site was excavated to find the leak and they are working with Mr. Kolb and Wright-Pierce to replace the pipes. She said the other bypass was not a spill but a change of conveyance on Alden Avenue @ Gregory Blvd but it still needs to be reported to the state. She reported on the production rate for CCTV said that 2.34 miles were CCTV'd and 3.74 miles were cleaned and are working with McVac and National Water Main to get a proposal to clean Alden Street area to be sure the lines are flowing properly.

b. End of Term Equipment Replacement Status (copies included)

Ms. Molloy reported on the highlights of the end of term equipment replacement status and said that all of the valves are now being installed, and the PO was signed this week with Maher Corporation so they will be able to order equipment this week, and they are currently in negotiations with GA Fleet and they have received a final proposal and were able to save \$141,000.

c. CIPP Lining- Miscellaneous Locations

Ms. Molloy said that a contractor lined areas that Harbor Watch had tested a found areas of elevated bacteria so when they sample again the numbers should be better.

6. REPORTS:

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

Mr. Kolb said that everything is tracking as expected.

b. Draft FY 19/20 Capital Budget (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that staff is requesting \$3 million dollars for collections and \$2.7 million dollars for pump stations.

c. Discussion on WPCA Projects:

- 1) Wastewater Treatment System Operations, Maintenance and Management Services- RFP (notice included)

Mr. Kolb reported and said the existing contract with OMI expires in May 2020 and the RFP has gone out and the mandatory pre-bid meeting has been held and there are four interested companies and the bids are due in March 2019.

- 2) Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project-WPCA2018-2 (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that the project is a \$4 million dollar collections system rehabilitation project at various sites throughout the city and a majority of the work is lining with some excavation. He said that there will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting held on December 19, 2018, at 10:00AM.

- 3) Marvin Beach PS and Force Main and other Pump Station Rehabilitation

Mr. Kolb said that the Marvin Beach Pump Station project is almost complete and the new pumps are operating and they are working on the punch list items and are hoping to have the force main online within the next few weeks.

- 4) SCADA Upgrade Project

Mr. Kolb said that the SCADA was originally installed in the 1990's and the equipment is failing and have now gone to fiber-optic and new servers will be installed shortly and the computers will be replaced. He said they are also in the process of replacing the software and once the project is complete the Wastewater Treatment Plant will be up to date on the latest version of controls and instrumentation.

5) Outfall 002- Chlorination/Dechlorination Improvements Project

Mr. Kolb said that this is a requirement of the Administrative Order from the EPA and currently when the Wastewater Treatment Plant goes above 30 million gallons per day that they discharge to Outfall 002 and the wastewater is only chlorinated through the headworks and out to the river. He said the project is at 60% design and they are modifying how chlorine is added and would include dechlorination before it gets discharged out to the river for an improvement to the environment and shellfish industry.

6) Keeler Brook, Five Mile, and Old Trolley Way Pump Station Upgrade Project

Mr. Kolb said that the project is in preliminary design. Ms. Burns said that the projects are very technical projects and Mr. Kolb has been instrumental in helping to train the new Junior Engineers.

Mr. Igneri asked the status of the Bell Island pump station. Mr. Kolb said that there is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow with the association on the new generator location.

d. Sewer Use Appeals/Adjustments Update

1) Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$ 68,682.

e. Information Copies: None

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

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Executive session began at 6:35PM

Executive session ended at

There was no action taken.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd