

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
April 15, 2019

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

Staff: 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
Bill Deguan, Inframark
John Masain, SUEZ
Mark Phillips, SUEZ
Peter Vether, Veolia
Ryan Lemli, Veolia

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON MARCH 18, 2019 (COPY INCLUDED)

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

3. ACT ON DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING NORWALK HOSPITAL FY 19/20 SEWER USE FEE COOLING TOWER SUB METER ADJUSTMENT (COPY INCLUDED)

Mr. Kolb said that Norwalk Hospital had done an engineer's study in 2016 for adjustments to its three cooling towers, and in January 2017 following the study they installed a sub meter on each of the three cooling towers. He said there were no issues with the sewer

billing last year but when they took pictures this year and sent them to the WPCA staff it was identified that one of the meters did not work and staff is requesting to utilize the 2017 data. They have since repaired the sub meter and going forward they have a plan.

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

4. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT

a. OMI Monthly Operating Report – March 2019 (copies included)

Mr. Sedlak reported on the maintenance and said that for March there were 766 work orders, and that they have completed 581 with an ending backlog of 98 work orders. There were no violations or performance guarantees for the month, and they are continuing with their Hands on line training and the Category II Vibration Analyst training is in process.

Mr. Sedlak reported on the collections system and said that they have rehabilitated several of the pump stations. There was one overflow that occurred on March 23, 2019, at 216 New Canaan Avenue due to a blocked line causing 500 gallons to bypass conveyance. The line was cleared and the service was restored. The rolling monthly average for CCTV was 2.01 miles and for cleaning as 3.55 miles. They have identified six manholes that need to be raised, and have done significant work at Union Park @ Van Buren Avenue.

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

Mr. Kolb reported and said the ETR funds that are available is \$111,800 and that approximately \$2 million dollars worth of equipment will be replaced at both the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the pump stations.

5. REPORTS:

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

Mr. Kolb said that everything is tracking as expected. He also said that the Finance Department has sent out the invoice to the Town of Wilton for their sewer use fee but that the invoice has not yet been paid.

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

Mr. Kolb said that a letter was sent on March 19, 2019 to the EPA regarding additional information on the status of outfall 002 project that they had requested, and he has sent them the schedule for the implantation. He said that they are currently at 90% design and that it has been sent to DEEP for review and comments and are awaiting their response prior to finalizing it and going out to bid. Mr. Clark asked if the existing tanks will be replaced. Mr. Kolb said no they will be modified and will be adding improved chlorination.

c. Discussion on UST Registration (letter attached)

Mr. Kolb said at the Wastewater Treatment Plant there is an underground kerosene storage tank that they are in the process of removing. The first step was to register it with the State because it was not registered in the 1990's when it was installed for backup power. The tank has been drained and they are in the process of following the procedure by the State and have it removed by a contractor once it is registered. He said there are six tanks that have been identified on the property and will work on having them removed.

d. Discussion on CTDEEP's Program Changes of General Permit for Misc. Wastewater

There was no further discussion.

e. Discussion on WPCA Projects: (copy included)

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

Mr. Kolb reported and that they are continue to review the submissions and the subcommittee will be meeting very shortly and develop a date for interviews.

- 2) SCADA Upgrade

Mr. Kolb said that they are currently upgrading the SCADA system and is approximately 80% complete. He said that a new server has also been installed and have installed fiber optic throughout the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

- 3) Outfall 002-1 Chlorination/Dechlorination

Mr. Kolb said they are at 90% design and are awaiting the DEEP for comment.

- 4) Marvin Beach PS., Westport PS., and Fort Point PS Rehabilitation

Mr. Kolb said the work at the Marvin Beach Pump Station has been completed and will now just need to pave and soil and seed the area, as well as repair the property owner's irrigation system that was damaged. He said that all of the work of the Westport Avenue pump station has been completed and has been running great since the upgrade. He said they are now mobilizing to the Fort Point Pump Station and the work will begin tomorrow.

- 5) Keeler Brook PS., Five Mile PS., and Old Trolley Way PS.

Mr. Kolb said they are currently in design for the Keeler Brook, Five Mile and Old Trolley Way Pump Stations.

- 6) Keeler Brook PS FM Replacement

Mr. Kolb said they will be replacing 2400' of force main from the existing pump station to the high point on Connecticut Avenue. Mr. Bove asked how long the project will take to complete. Mr. Kolb said the goal is to out to bid later this year but he does not have the construction schedule yet.

- 7) Collections System Rehabilitation- Various Locations

Mr. Kolb said that the project is approximately \$ 3 million dollars lining and excavation repair project at various collection system problem areas that they have identified, and they are in the process of entering into a contract with Green Mountain Pipelining Company.

f. Sewer Use Appeals/Adjustments Update

- 1) Mr. Kolb said to date they have received an additional \$ 185,167 in adjustments.

f. Information Copies:

- 1) Public Notice-FY 19/20 Approved Sewer Use Fee (copy included)

There was no discussion.

- 2) Draft Nitrogen Credits for 2018 (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that the WPCA had to purchase 87,615 in nitrogen credits. Mr. Capozzoli asked why they had to purchase credits. Mr. Kolb said that 2018 was a wet year and when samples were taken the nitrogen levels were high which elevated the overall 2018 numbers.

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

There was no executive session held.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dilene Byrd