

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
December 16, 2019

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
Vincenzo Capozzoli
John Flynn
John Ignneri
George Tsirinides

Staff: Anthony Carr, Chief of Operations and Public Works
Chris Torre, DPW Superintendent
Ralph Kolb, WPCA Senior Environmental Engineer

Others: Paola Molloy, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.
Kevin Dahl, CH2MHill, OMI, INC.
John Marcin, Suez Water Environmental Inc.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

3. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT

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

Ms. Molloy reported on the maintenance for the month of November and said there were 643 total work orders for the month and have completed 523 ending with a backlog of 125. She said that there were no permit or performance violations received for the month, and they have continued with the HANDS line training.

Ms. Molloy reported on the collections system and said they had concentrated on the Strathmore pump station and finalized the paint on the Fort Point and Westport Avenue Pump Stations. She said the generator upgrade project is almost complete and all of the nine stations were inspected by the electrical inspector and all of the permits were issued. She that the rolling monthly average for CCTV was 1.62 miles and for cleaning as 4.66 miles. She said as part of the sanitary sewer system rehabilitation project that for the month of November almost 3,000 linear feet of sewer pipe and 1,155 feet of

storm water pipe has been cleaned and CCTV'ed and 24 manholes were raised and point repairs completed at two locations.

b. Project Management Updates (copy included)

Mr. Kolb reported and said there was a letter issued on December 10, 2019 from Jacobs informing him that Monty Sedlak has moved on to a project in Florida and that Paola Molloy would be the Project Manager effective December 16, 2019. He said that staff will review the letter and respond accordingly.

George Tsirinides joined the meeting at 5:35PM.

Mr. Kolb said that Suez has mobilized the first of two trailers and Mr. Marcin has been on site once per week and in January will be bringing additional manpower on site.

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

Mr. Kolb reported and said that gravity thickener macerators and the skimmer/ cross connectors have been installed and started since last month board meeting. He said to date based on the total spent and the ETR funds that are available he is projecting to be \$413,000 over the budget, and that they had initially set but there are funds available in the operating account to cover the expenses.

8. REPORTS:

a. **FY 19/20 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)**

Mr. Kolb said that everything is tracking as expected. He said they are not receiving as many septage haulers as in the past so that number continues to decrease.

c. **Discussion on WPCA Projects:**

1. Sanitary Sewer Systems Rehabilitation- Various Locations

Mr. Kolb said earlier today CIPP lining was being performed on Strawberry Hill Avenue in front of Nathan Hale School. Due to abandoned floor drains and dry traps in the locker rooms, odors (styrene) from the curing process were able to migrate into the school and police and fire were dispatched and the school redirected the students to Norwalk High School. He said staff as well as Jacobs went to the site and the levels of styrene were well below OSHA and other threshold levels. Mr. Torre said the students were taken to Norwalk High School as a precautionary measure. Mr. Flynn asked if the school will fill the traps regularly. Mr. Kolb said yes" they are looking into a protocol. Mr. Carr said there

will also be enhanced notification done to let the school know when we are working in the area. Mr. Torre suggested doing a smoke test during the school vacation to be sure there are no illicit connections.

2. Wall Street and Smith Street

Mr. Kolb provided an overview of the project and said that staff has requested to have Green Mountain conduct smoke testing on both Wall Street and Smith Street to help find where the sewer odors are being released. He said this will help the businesses so they can determine what kind of plumbing upgrades they may need to eliminate sewer odors. He said he met with Josh Morgan last week regarding public notification.

3. Keeler Brook PS Project- Variance application to ZBA (copy included)

Mr. Kolb provided an overview of the project and said they will be relocating the Keeler Brook Pump Station and are in the process of obtaining a new easement from Eversource within the same property, and will relinquish the old and obtain with the new but it is zoned a two story building based on code in that area but because of the high tension power lines they can only have a one story so they had to submit a variance package to ZBA.

c. Sewer Use Appeals/Adjustments Update

1) Appeal status

Mr. Kolb said to date they have received an additional \$106,206 in adjustments.

d. Information Copies:

1) Clean Water Fund Application to CTDEEP (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that staff submitted a Clean Water Fund Application to the DEEP for \$225,000 to do a planning study to update the facilities plan at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and if approved will receive 55% grant funds.

2) WPCA Contact List (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that he has updated the list and that Ms. Fredericka Biakis-Hajian has resigned so there is an opening and staff had recommended to Mayor Rilling that Mr. Bove fill the vacancy.

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

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2019 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Kolb said in the current fiscal year there was an administration position approved for \$65,000 and staff has identified future needs of the WPCA and is recommending upgrading the position to a Wastewater Systems Manager position. He said that staff has been relying on outside consulting services from Mark McCormick and his services will no longer be needed after the spring of 2020 and will use the balance of what is left on his contract to make up the difference in the new salary. He said the benefits will be paid out of the WPCA so there will be no financial impact to the city. Mr. Oustafine asked if any of the salary will be paid from DPW. Mr. Kolb said "no".

**** MR. FLYNN MOVED TO APPROVE THE POSITION OF WASTEWATER SYSTEMS MANAGER.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. CLARK MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dilene Byrd