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**CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL
VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
REGULAR MEETING
June 21, 2021**

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
John Igneri
John Bove
Tom Keegan
John Flynn
George Tsirinides

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:32PM.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON MAY 17, 2021 (COPY INCLUDED)

On page 5, paragraph 1 change “do” to “doing”

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

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND SECRETARY FOR PERIOD BETWEEN JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 20, 2022

**** MR. CLARK MOVED TO NOMINATE THE CURRENT SLATE OF OFFICERS AND SECRETARY.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AND AGREEMENT WITH L. HOLZNER ELECTRIC COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,100,544 FOR THE RELOCATION OF SANITARY SEWER AT WALL STREET AND 2 KNIGHT STREET PROJECT (WPCA 2021-3).

ACCOUNT NO. 09194062-5777-C0361

Mr. Kolb said this project has been in design for quite some time and at the mandatory pre-bid meeting three contractors had attended but only one submitted a bid on June 3, 2021. He discussed the scope of work and said there is a pipe that runs under the building at 2 Knight Street and this project is to relocate the interceptor through a gigantic storm culvert. He said when the original cost estimate was prepared in early 2021 it had anticipated a range of \$1.3 million dollars to \$1.7 million dollars for the project with an anticipated amount of \$1.5 million dollars. He said after the bid was received the numbers were ran again and due to the Covid-19 inflation rates the range of the project costs are now \$1.87 million dollars to \$2.43 million dollars, and even through the project came in higher than the original cost estimate staff feels the bid is in line with current pricing. He said this project needs to be completed prior to the Wall Street improvements because if it is not complete it could jeopardize any grant monies that the city will be receiving. Mr. Clark asked if there are any grant funds that are allocated to the project. Mr. Kolb said “no” and that the project will be done through WPCA funds.

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

5. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO ISSUE ORDERS ON CONTRACT OTO L. HOLZNER ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE RELOCATION OF SANITARY SEWER AT WASS STREET AND 2 KNIGHT STREET PROJECT (WPCA2021-3) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.

ACCOUNT NO. 09194062-5777-C0361

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

6. AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF BALANCES IN THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS SET ASIDE IN FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 TO FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 TO BE USED FOR THE SAME PURPOSE THE FUNDS WERE INTENDED FOR.

| <u>ACCOUNT NO.</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>VENDOR</u> |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 224062-5298 | \$41,687 | Software Consulting Associates |
| 224062-5298 | \$205,098.25 | C.H. Nickerson & Co., Inc. |

Mr. Kolb said the funds for Software Consulting will be used for Municipality which was adopted by the city three years ago and the funds will be used to cover the capital cost as well as two years of operating and maintenance costs. He said the funds for Jacobs Engineering will be used for Outfall 002 and even though the project is on line not all of the punch list items have been completed and are waiting for a storm event to be sure the system works.

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

Mr. Tsirinides left the meeting at 5:45PM

7. APPROVE SEER PERMIT PROCESS AND SANITARY SEWER MAIN EXTENSION POLICY (COPY TO BE EMAILED BEFORE MEETING)

Mr. Kolb said that DPW engineering, WPCA staff and Verrill Law are working to put together a sewer permit process and sanitary sewer main extension policy in accordance with State Statutes and the city's ordinance. He said the policy will be for any developer or city project that would be looking to extend sanitary sewers within the City of Norwalk and will be presented to the WPCA for approval. Mr. Oustafine thanked staff for doing this and that it is long overdue.

8. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:

a. SUEZ Monthly Operating Report- May 2021 (copy included)

Mr. Marcin reported and said there was a year one ceremony held in May which commemorated our one year operation with the City of Norwalk and the WPCA which included a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and was a good opportunity to show Mayor Rilling and his team a lot of the improvements that have been made.

Mr. Marcin said we continue to de-escalate from the Covid-19 pandemic and are still at a severity level II but have some reduced restrictions particularly for those that have been fully vaccinated.

Mr. Marcin said the collections system work continued to progress in May and staff was able to complete over 3.28 miles of sewer cleaning, 1.43 miles of TV inspection along with over 2.55 miles of SL-RAT inspections.

Mr. Marcin said a meeting was held at the WWTF with representatives from the City, SUEZ and Harborwatch on May 25, 2021, and SUEZ will be giving them some lab supplies and also do some sampling and analysis.

Mr. Marcin said the IPP inspection program continued in May and inspections were completed at 59 locations and the inspector noted that he has seen a lot of positivity for reopening.

Mr. Marcin said the Wastewater Treatment Plant continued receiving septage from Stamford during their construction shut down.

Mr. Marcin said the Wastewater Treatment Plant was in compliance with all permit limits for the month of May.

Mr. Marcin said the new NPDES permit was sent to the City on April 20, 2021, and SUEZ began sampling for CBOD on May 1, 2021.

Mr. Marcin said the monthly nitrogen performance was good in May resulting in a monthly average of 417 pounds per day which decreased the 2021 calendar year running average to 492 pounds per day.

Mr. Marcin said the netDMR, MOR and NAR reports were all submitted to the Connecticut DEEP and EPA in May.

Mr. Clark asked for a status update regarding the merger. Mr. Marcin said the merger will take place early next year and appears the branding name will be changed to Viola and there are a lot of details to go along with that including WPCA approval for that change and there is also protection in the contract to ensure the WPCA keeps all the staff that were included as part of the negotiations as well as the obligations that the company has. He said he does not see any major changes to the operations and he is excited to be part of the now largest environmental company in the world and to also bring even more resources to Norwalk.

b. Dewatering Equipment (centrifuge) and Odor Control Project Update

Mr. Marcin said the centrifuge installation subcontractor continue work on the final punch list items and the odor control systems. The final carbon scrubber is scheduled to arrival sometime next week and should be operation by mid- July. The Wastewater Treatment Plant continues to utilize endimal chemical addition for odors.

Mr. Marcin said the centrifuge continues to operate well and is producing sludge cake greater than 23% total solids. Continued optimization by staff and chemical supplier Polydyne has resulted in reduced centrate TSS and consistent sludge cake dryness.

c. Orchard Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Mr. Marcin said we have received a proposal from our lining contractor for the Orchard Street sewer improvements and WPCA and SUEZ staff will be reviewing the proposal and will provide an updated report at next month's meeting.

d. Final Settling Tank #3

Mr. Marcin said we were able to drain and clean FST final settling tank number three and conducted an inspection of the mechanical components inside the tank and did identify some deficiencies inside that tank that we want to correct quickly, and are working with a subcontractor to finalize some quotes on the repairs. The tank remains offline and gave ARCADIS the opportunity to perform an inspection as part of their facility plan review and the tank is available if needed during a rain event.

e. Scum Piping

Mr. Marcin said the scum piping project was a project that was designed by Wright-Pierce and received proposals and issued the work to the same contractor that is doing the certerfuge project. He said the project will allow us to implement a series of piping changes through the wastewater treatment plant and allow us to collect all the primary and secondary scum is a central location and dewater it to allow us to have it hauled out to an outside disposal site on a periodic basis.

f. Sludge Blend Tanks (copy included)

Mr. Marcin said coating of the sludge blend tanks project has gone out to bid and have received proposals from three vendors and have reviewed the proposals with ARCADIS and WPCA staff.

g. Contract Year 2- Inflation Adjustment (letters included)

Mr. Marcin said the contract year two inflation adjustment will be a 2.3% to the base fee and will be in effect as of July 1, 2021.

9. REPORTS:

a. FY 20/21 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)

Mr. Kolb reported and said the revenues and expenditures are tracking as anticipated and that we still have not yet received the sewer use fee for the Town of Wilton.

b. Financial Model

Mr. Kolb said that he and Chief Carr have been working with Woodard and Curran to develop a financial model for the WPCA and last week received a draft model and have sent back comments. He said later this year there will be a presentation to the board that will include a draft of the model.

c. Discussion of WPCA Projects:

1) Collection- Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation- Various Locations

a. Smith St. CIPP Lining

Mr. Kolb said staff continues to work with Green Mountain Pipeline Services on the various location project and are anticipating the project to be completed by the end of August and have added the CIPP lining for Smith Street added to the project and will begin after July 12, 2021 and anticipate to take four to six weeks to complete.

2) Collection- Dreamy Hollow Sanitary Sewer Improvements (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that DPW had hired Woodard and Curran a few years ago to perform a drainage study in the Dreamy Hollow area and as part of the study have come up with some citywide improvements and in order to perform the drainage improvements they will need to relocate the sanitary sewer. He said part of the task order with Woodard and Curran is not just to relocate the sanitary sewer but to make sure we have sufficient capacity and correct pitch on the pipes to handle the flow we need to during dry and wet weather events.

3) Flow Metering

Mr. Kolb said that Brown and Coldwell began flow monitoring back in March and were scheduled for eight weeks but have not had a high intensity rain event so staff made an arrangement with flow assessment to keep the flow meters installed until the end of August.

4) PS- Five Mile, Old Trolley Way, Karen Fr., and Woodward Ave. Rehabilitation (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that during construction Wright-Pierce will be on site doing inspections 2 ½ days a week and will basically be an extension of WPCA staff to ensure the project goes smoothly.

d. **Information Copies: None**

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NPDES PERMIT REISSUANCE PROCESS AND SEWER APPEALS

There was no executive session held this evening.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd