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**CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL
VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
REGULAR MEETING
July 19, 2021**

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

Staff: Anthony Carr, Chief of Operations and Public Works
Chris Torre, Superintendent of Operations

Others: John Marcin, Project Manager, SUEZ
Matthew Brown, Asst. Project Manager, SUEZ
Attorney Mathew Todaro, Verrill Dana, LLP

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:41PM.

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

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO MOVE ITEM 2 TO THE END OF THE AGENDA.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON JUNE 21, 2021 AND SPECIAL MEETING JULY 7, 2021 (COPIES INCLUDED)

**** MR. BOVI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. ACT ON SEWER USE FEE APPEAL FOR 120 NEWTOWN AVENUE (COPY INCLUDED)

Mr. Carr said that staff has no objections to waiving the sewer use fee because the parcel is currently serviced by an existing septic system and are not connected to city sanitary sewer. He said the total adjustment will be \$1,079.00 and the draft calculation sheet is enclosed. Mr. Keegan asked if the resident has been paying the sewer use fee for the past seven years without being connected to the city sewer and not having any benefit. Mr. Carr said "yes".

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE A THREE YEAR ADJUSTMENT.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE (5) IN FAVOR AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION- MR. KEEGAN**

5. ACT ON SEWER USE FEE APPEAL FOR 587 CONNECTICUT AVENUE (587 CTA LLC RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT)

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

**** THE ITEM PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 AT 5:30PM FOR PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER EXTENSIONS:

a. 174-176 Bouton Street

Mr. Carr said 174-176 Bouton Street is a proposed five lot subdivision and includes the extension of the existing sanitary sewer on Bouton Street and would also potentially benefit two existing homes that are currently being serviced by a septic system and will have the opportunity to connect to the sanitary sewer system if they so choose.

b. 238 West Rocks Road

Mr. Carr said this is a previously approved sanitary sewer extension from 2015 and staff has been working with the applicant. He said the sanitary sewer extension will benefit 12 existing homes for potential future connections.

Mr. Carr said both projects are being reviewed by staff and there will have hydraulic flow monitoring to determine the existing flows.

**** MR. BOVI MOVED TO APPROVE TO SCHEDULE THE PUBLIC HEARING.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. 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	\$237,447	Green Mountain Pipeline Services, LLC
224062-5258	\$1,220,138	SUEZ Water Environmental Services, Inc.

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

8. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:

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

Mr. Marcin reported and said staff completed over 2.06 miles of sewer cleaning and 2.34 miles of TV inspection along with over 3.69 miles of SL-RAT inspections.

Mr. Marcin said the IPP inspection program continued in June and inspections were completed at 60 locations.

Mr. Marcin said the wastewater treatment plant continued receiving septage from Stamford during their construction shut down.

Mr. Marcin said SUEZ' Covid-19 operations continuity plan remained at severity level 2 in June with reduced restrictions in accordance with CDC guidelines, The use of PPE and social distancing for employees/visitors not fully vaccinated remain in effect.

Mr. Marcin reported on the regulatory events and said the wastewater treatment plant was in compliance with all permit limits for the month of June. The monthly nitrogen performance was good in June resulting in a monthly average of 417 lbs/day which decreased the 2021 calendar year running average of 479 lbs/day. The netDMR, MOR, ATMR and NAR reports were all submitted to CT-DEEP and EPA in June.

b. Odor Control Project Update

Mr. Marcin said the centrifuge installation subcontractors are scheduled to resume work on July 19th following receipt of the final scrubber in early July. The wastewater treatment plant continues to utilize chemical addition for odors

c. July 9 an d10 Storm Event

Mr. Marcin said the 002 outfall was activated and that there were two events in July and the first one occurred on July 3rd and there was a significant rain event that resulted in the 002 discharge for approximately five hours and discharged at total of 290,000 gallons. Also, within a 36 hour period beginning on Friday, July 9th received 6.49” of rain which according to Mr. Kolb is a 25 year storm event for the Norwalk area and by 7:20AM had exceeded the 30 MGD and activated the storm outflow over the next 22 hours and ran both 001 and 002 discharges and ceased on the morning of July 10th. He said the total flow over that time was 11 million gallons in the 002 outfall and almost 28 million gallons through the regular outfall and the peak flow was in the morning of July 10th and had in excess of 65 MGD going through the plant and all six of the influent pumps running at 100% speed and every pump station pump operating at 100% speed. He said all of the equipment performed well and had no pump station failures or equipment failures. He said an enormous amount of grit was washed out of the collections system and had inundated the headworks so over the past week have been working close to 17 hours a day with subcontractors isolating and cleaning out the influent channels, and will be working on the wet wells and grit tanks over the next few weeks but the plant remained stable and were in compliance throughout the entire event. The Ann Street syphon was activated for approximately one hour and twenty minutes on the morning of the 10th but were unable to gauge the flow that came out of

Mr. Marcin said the all of the events were reported to the appropriate agencies as required.

Mr. Carr thanked WPCA staff, DPW Operations and especially the SUEZ staff for all of their work and being so responsive.

d. Orchard Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements

There was no discussion.

9.REPORTS:

- a. FY 20/21 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)
- b. Discussion on WPCA Projects:

- 1) Collection- Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation- Various Locations
 - a. Smith St. CIPP Lining

Mr. Carr said there are still various locations that are ongoing for the sanitary sewer lining and Green Mountain will be performing a majority of the of the sanitary sewer lining by August 30th and most notably will be doing the sanitary sewer lining in the area of Smith Street, and temporary bypass pumps along with temporary fencing will be placed at the intersection of Smith Street and Wall Street. He said the lining is a critical project and that the pipe is approximately 100 years old and want to line the pipe before there is a failure and the liner has been ordered and will be a three truck operation and anticipant the project will take 4-6 weeks.

Mr. Marcin provided an update on Orchard Street and said we continue to prepare for that job and the bypass pumping has become a challenge due to some limitations in the area and are continuing to work with the sub-contractor and will provide an update when there is a schedule.

c. Information Copies:

- 1) Sewer Permit Process and Sanitary Sewer Main Extension Policy (copy included)

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

Attorney Todaro said that there are two items on the agenda for executive session and one of the items to be discussed has been tabled and on the other a decision was made by the board so there is no further discussion at this point that is urgent so can be discussed at a later meeting if the board agrees.

**** MR. TSIRANIDES MOVED TO TABLE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd