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**CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL
VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
REGULAR MEETING
January 18, 2022**

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
Barbara Smyth
John Flynn
John Bove
Thomas Keegan

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

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 5:30PM.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS DRAFT CONSENT ORDER

**** MR. BOVE MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Executive session began at 5:31PM.
Executive session ended at 5:54PM
There were no motions made and no votes were taken.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 20, 2021 (COPY INCLUDED)

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

4. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 3, 2022. (COPY INCLUDED)

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT

- a. Suez Monthly Operating Report- December 2021 (copy included)

Mr. Marcin reported and said the collections team completed 0.79 miles of inspection, 0.8 miles of cleaning, 1.27 miles of SLRAT inspections and 10 restaurant inspections. He said they continue to receive septage from Stamford as they continue their project.

Mr. Marcin said the Suez Covid-19 Operational Continuity Plan is currently at a level 4 based on the Fairfield County statistics over the last few weeks and have had a number of Covid-19 cases and a number of people that have been put on preventive quarantine but have continued to make good progress on a number of projects during this time.

Mr. Marcin said the facility was in compliance with all permit limits for the month of December and the monthly nitrogen number was 507 pounds which finishes the 2021 calendar year, and the average is 518 pounds per day and is 200 pounds per day below the credit limit for the program so the City of Norwalk will be receiving a credit based on the average of 200 pounds per day less than what the program allocates.

b. Odor Control Project Update

Mr. Marcin said they have had all the systems tested and the HVAC contractor was on site today.

c. Sludge Blend Tank Rehabilitation Update

Mr. Marcin provided an update on the blend tank cleaning and resurfacing program and said for over a year they have been evaluating the resurfacing of the tanks based on visual inspections and non-destructive testing that a testing company had performed. He said that a company had come in and cleaned and sandblasted the interior of the tanks and had identified some significant corrosion and structural decay on the upper section of the tank, so the next step is next week having a testing company come in and detailed testing on the entire profile of the tank. Mr. Oustafine asked how much it would be to replace the tank. Mr. Kolb said they have received one price to replace the tank in kind and is just over \$500,000 to install a new tank, but does not include the piping and other components on the tank. Mr. Flynn said there are many repairs option available rather than replacing the tank.

Mr. Marcin said as part of the amendment there is some new equipment and tasks to initiate, and they have moved quickly on those and have placed a purchase order for the vector trucks but there is not yet a delivery date, but he will keep the board updated when he received the delivery date details. He said the three additional positions have been posted and have candidates for all three and are hoping to have them on board in the next couple of weeks.

d. Orchard Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Update

There was no discussion.

6. REPORTS

a. FY 212/22 Revenues/ Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)

There was no discussion.

b. Discussion on WPCA Projects:

1) Collection- System Master Planning

Mr. Kolb said that Brown and Caldwell are continuing to calibrate the hydraulic model and anticipate continued mild calibrations over the next month or so and then they will

begin to run some wet weather scenarios and provide the collection crew and staff to look at areas that will need additional field work.

2) Collection- Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation- Various Locations

Mr. Kolb said that over 95% of the project has been completed but there are some punch list items that need to be completed specifically lining and are waiting on the schedule from the team at Green Mountain Pipeline Services.

3) Collection- Belden and Burnell Blvd Gravity Sewer

Mr. Kolb said this is a new gravity sewer main that A. Vitti Construction is installing, and their goal is to have the completed by late January or early February at the latest. He said there have been multiple issues with the project due to conflicts with utilities.

4) Collection- Wall Street/ 2 Knight Street Relocation and Improvements

Mr. Kolb said that Holzner Electric Company has been able to relocate a natural gas service line and there is a meeting scheduled for Thursday with First District Water to resolve a water service line that needs to be relocated as part of this contract.

5) PS- Five Mile, Old Trolley Way, Karen Dr., and Woodward Ave. Rehabilitation

Mr. Kolb said there are four pump stations that Kovacs Construction is rehabilitating but there have been delays due to Covid and shipping issues, but they are on site doing the work that they can do indoors, and have just received the piping for the Woodward Avenue pump station and will begin to set up the bypass pumping for the connection.

6) PS- Bell Island Improvements

Mr. Kolb said a bypass connection will be installed on the force main and they have done a test pit to gather critical information on the force main depth and size and are now working with Wright Pierce to develop a price sheet to incorporate this into their work.

7) WWTP- Aeration Tanks Electrical Infrastructure Improvements

Mr. Kolb said they just received a signed contract and Kovacs Construction was the low bidder and in the next couple of weeks will have a pre-construction meeting and kickoff for the project.

8) SCADA- Upgrade Phase III

Mr. Kolb said they continue to do small SCADA repairs under phase III that include making improvement to the secondary lift pumps and improvements to the SCADA screen for the pump stations to add additional information that will be beneficial to the operators and staff, so they know best where to send resources if there are multiple alarms at the stations due to high wet wells during a major wet weather event. He said they are also working on having more monitoring of the plant water pumps.

c. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/ Adjustments Update

1) Appeal status.

Mr. Kolb said the appeals to date are \$135,210.

Mr. Keegan asked the status of the Maritime Aquariums sewer use fee appeal. Mr. Kolb said they will not be submitting an appeal and are paying the fee.

d. Information Copies: None

7. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. FLYNN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd