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

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Mayor Rilling
John Igeneri
Thomas Keegan
Edwin Camacho
John Bove

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, Veolia
Matthew Brown, Asst. Project Manager, Veolia
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. IGNERI MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Executive session began at 5:30PM.
Executive session ended at 5:44PM
There were no motions made and no votes were taken.

3. ACT ON FURTHER OR FINALIZING THE CONSENT ORDER

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

4. APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON MARCH 21, 2022. (COPY INCLUDED)

On page 4, Item 8, line 2 delete "in"

On page 4, Item 11, change "he" to "the"

****MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION- MAYOR RILLING**

5. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:

a. Veolia Monthly Operating Report- March 2022 (copy included)

Mr. Marcin reported and said the COVID operational severity level has been reduced to severity level one which allows visitors, vendors and school tours on site, but they are still taking precautions.

Mr. Marcin reported on the collections team and said although there was a minimal amount of TV inspections done for the month but they focused on SL-RAT and did over 5 ½ miles of SL-RAT acoustic inspections, and over 210 manholes over the course of the month.

Mr. Marcin said the IPP inspection program has resumed in March and have completed 37 inspections.

Mr. Marcin said the facility was in compliance with all permit limits for the month of March, and the nitrogen performance was excellent which lowered the 2022 annual average down to 582 lbs. per day.

Mr. Marcin said an exciting project was done over the past few weeks where a drone was flown into the 60-inch sewer main and got some excellent footage and will have more details to report at the next meeting.

b. Sludge Blend Tank Rehabilitation Update

Mr. Marcin said they have finalized the selection of a structural engineer for the sludge blend tank rehabilitation to develop a work plan to repair the tank and once the report is received from the engineer, they will be able select a contractor to perform the improvements.

c. Orchard Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Update

Mr. Marcin said the final approval was received from Metro-North on the Orchard Street sanitary sewer improvement lining project and will be putting the final plans together and scheduling the work, which should take place over the next couple of weeks.

d. Major Repair or Replacement / Out of Scope Items:

1) Bell Island PS – New Pump (copy included)

Mr. Marcin said they continue to work on the Bell Island Pump Station project and have received a new pump and have completed the testing on the emergency generator.

2) WWTP Emergency Generator Testing (copy included)

Mr. Marcin said the testing has been completed on the emergency generator.

3) Final Settling Tank #3 Repairs (copy included)

Mr. Marcin said all the repairs to final settling tank #3 have been completed

4) SCADA Upgrades – Plant Water System Electrical Installation (copy included)

Mr. Marcin said the electrical repairs to the plant water system to allow them to be viewed on the SCADA system have been completed.

6. REPORTS

- a. FY21/22 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)

There was no discussion.

- b. Discussion on WPCA Projects:

- 1) Collection System Master Planning

Mr. Kolb said there have been multiple meetings on the hydraulic model and calibration of the model and is all part of updating the collection system master plan.

- 2) Collection – Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation – Various Locations

Mr. Kolb said he is waiting for Green Mountain Pipe Liners, Inc. to provide a schedule and he anticipates they will work over the course of two weeks completing some of the punch list items. Mr. Igneri said he has received some complaints regarding a strong order from the lining and asked if staff has received any complaints as well. Mr. Kolb said “no” but it is part of the lining process and does dissipate fairly quickly and asked that residents run water in any sinks and pour water into any floor drains because as long as there is water in the trap the odors should be minimal. He also said that opening windows will also help to dissipate the odors and that residents are provided a 1 week and 24 hr notification flyer in areas where the lining will be done and there is a phone number to where residents can call.

Mr. Kolb said that later this year a collection system rehabilitation project will be going out to bid in the Bell Island and Sammis Street sewer shed and most of it will be lining. Staff will coordinate with the appropriate neighborhoods as well as the HOAs.

- 3) Collection – Wall Street / 2 Knight Street Relocation and Improvements

Mr. Kolb said that Holzner Electric has just relocated a private water service that will allow staff to start planning where the chamber will go and are now working on the groundwater dewatering plan to make sure the piles meet the engineer’s specifications. He said staff has been working with the management team of that property and it is working very well.

- 4) Collection – Belden and Burnell Blvd Gravity Sewer

Mr. Kolb said the gravity sewer has been installed and are in the process of doing final road restoration.

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

Mr. Kolb said that on Saturday Kovacs Construction had completed installing a bypass connection for the Old Trolley Way pump station which was critical work in preparation for taking the station offline to perform pump and pipe replacement.

- 6) PS – Bell Island PS Improvements

Mr. Kolb said staff has authorized Kovacs Construction to purchase a chamber for the bypass connection for the Bell Island Pump Station and has just been ordered and expect it to come in within the next couple of months.

- 7) WWTP – Aeration Tanks Electrical Infrastructure Improvements

Mr. Kolb said that Kovacs Construction is working on the aeration tanks electrical infrastructure improvements and have a walkthrough meeting scheduled later this week.

- 8) SCADA Upgrade Phase III

Mr. Kolb said there are 15 items that remain on the project list that Aaron Associates and ARCADIS are working through.

- c. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update

- 1) Appeal status

Mr. Kolb said the appeals/adjustments to date are \$183,467.

- d. Information Copies:

- 1) Public Notice – FY22/23 Approved Sewer Use Fee (copy included)

There was no discussion

7. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. KEEGAN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:03PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd