

**CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MAY 17, 2010**

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
Mayor Moccia
Andy Conroy
Fred Wilms
Frederika Bikakis-Hajian

Staff: Hal Alvord, DPW Public Works Director
Lisa Burns, DPW Operations Manager
Ralph Kolb, DPW Wastewater Systems Manager
Tom Hamilton, Finance Director

Others: Rick Lavoie, CH2MHill, OMI

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:30PM

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON APRIL 19, 2010 (COPY INCLUDED)

**** MR. CONROY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
** MOTION PASSED
** ONE ABSTENTION- MR. WILMS**

3. AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WRIGHT-PIERCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,900 TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO REGIONAL FATS, OILS, AND GREASE (FOG) COLLECTION FACILITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH LETTER PROPOSAL DATED MAY 7, 2010. (COPY INCLUDED)

ACCOUNT NO. 224062 5298

Mr. Kolb said that this is the proposal for Wright Pierce to do an evaluation for the Fats, Oils, and Grease regional facility. He said that the details have been discussed and have been negotiated. Ms. Burns said this is eligible for 55% grant through the Clean Water Fund. She said that the goal will be to look at this as an additional revenue stream for the WPCA to offset larger rate increases in the future. Mr. Wilms asked if there is anything with the process that the neighbors would object to such as odors. Mr. Kolb said that there will be odors but that they will be contained. Ms. Burns said part of the study will include what kind of truck traffic will be seen in the neighborhood and any adverse effects of odors. Mayor Moccia asked how revenue will be made to dispose the fats, oils and grease once the tipping fee has been charged. Ms. Burns

said that there is a value to the product but the transportation to bring it to a facility within 60 miles will probably offset the value of the product to the end user. She said that a higher price will be charged than what it will cost to dispose of the fats, oils and grease. She said that the WPCA is under no obligation to continue to receive this if it is not financially viable in the future. Mayor Moccia said that he is in support of the analysis and report but his biggest concern is additional odors and truck traffic and advised that the WPCA move slowly on this. Mr. Wilms asked where the facility will be located. Ms. Burns said at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Alvord said that this will be a contained facility with an odor containment system. Ms Burns said that the facility will not be very large and that there should not be a large amount of truck traffic.

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. REPORTS

- a. FY 09/10 Revenues/Expenditures Report (MUNIS report included)
Ms. Burns said that everything is tracking as it should. Ms. Bikakis-Hajian said that there is a surplus in the utility account of \$545,000. Mr. Hamilton said that this does not include the utility payments for May and depending on the billing cycle the report probably has not deducted the April payment.
- b. WWTP Phase I Upgrade Project Update (Report Attached)
Mr. Kolb said that the sheeting has been completed and that the dewatering wells have been installed. Ms. Burns said that the pile driving began today. Mr. Kolb said that there are 20 test piles that will be installed and once the data is received from that the remaining 450 piles will be installed.
- c. WWTP Phase II Upgrade RFQ- Interviews scheduled for May 25th
Mr. Kolb said that four proposal submissions were received and that all four will be interviewed. Mayor Moccia asked who the proposers are. Mr. Kolb said Malcolm Pirnie, Camp, Dresser and McKee, CH2MHill and Hazen and Sawyer. Ms. Burns said that this was a non priced proposal and that the fees for this will be approximately 4 to 5 million dollars.
- d. Discussion on Ely Avenue Sanitary Sewer
Mr. Kolb said that even during dry weather the sewer has been backing up and that there are seven manholes that are always surcharged. He said that a bypass was conducted and it was discovered that the sewer line goes upstream, is in bedrock and is adjacent to the railroad. Ms. Burns said that Martin Luther King Drive is scheduled to be paved in July and staff is looking for sentiment of the Board to work with Malcolm Pirnie so there can be a conclusion made prior to paving. After further discussion the Board directed staff to proceed with Malcolm Pirnie and provide a scope at the next meeting.

Mayor Moccia left at 5:55PM

Mr. Wilms left at 5:55PM

- e. Membrane Bioreactor Conference
Ms. Burns said that Mr. Kolb will be attending the conference from June 6th to June 9th in Anaheim, California.
- f. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update
 - 1. Appeal Status
Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$150,123
- g. OMI Report:
 - 1. Monthly Operating Report- April 2010 (copy included)
Mr. Kolb said that 130 feet of collapsed sewer line has been replaced on First Street and that nitrogen fell into band "D". Mr. Conroy asked if the monthly operating report charts are available on the WPCA website. Mr. Kolb said "yes".
 - 2. Clean Water Fund 2010/11 Priority List (copy included)
Ms. Burns said that Norwalk is on the list for \$42 million dollars and that they indicate that it is partial funding. Mr. Hamilton asked when the money will be received. Ms. Burns said once the public hearing is held. Mr. Hamilton asked if the Bond Commission needs to approve it. Ms. Burns said that they need to approve the entire Clean Water Fund.

5. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. BIKAKIS-HAJIAN MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:05PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd