

**CITY OF NORWALK  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
DECEMBER 21, 2009**

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman  
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman  
Mayor Moccia  
Laurel Lindstrom  
Andrew 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 5:34PM

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

**\*\* MS. LINDSTROM MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH OMI TO PROVIDE INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM (IPP) SERVICES FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$64,539.48 IN ACCORDANCE WITH LETTER PROPOSAL DATED DECEMBER 1, 2009(COPY INCLUDED)**

Ms. Burns said that this scope includes a lot of lab work and since the program has been up and running that staff was able to reduce outside services to \$64,539 for this year. She said between city staff and OMI's part time staff person that they will be able to get through the 460 establishments so that the fees can be set for the coming year, and to also determine who is in compliance and who is not in compliance. She said that at a further meeting she would like direction from the Board about how to move forward with the fees for the next fiscal year. She said that a flat fee was set for this year and for the half year the revenues are \$174,000. She said that the point of the program is to get people to comply with maintaining their grease traps and not discharge high strength wastewater into the system. She said that if the program is not done there will be problems with the collection system and the regular residential user will end up subsidizing the high strength users. Ms. Lindstrom asked why OMI, Inc. is authorized for additional expenses at various times. Mr. Alvord said there are additional expenses for anything

that is not part of their original contract. Mr. Hamilton asked if this will be an annual ongoing expense. Ms. Burns said that the sampling will be and that this is a state regulation and is an unfunded mandate to Norwalk to have everyone in compliance by July 1, 2011. Mayor Moccia asked what will happen if everyone is not in compliance by July 1, 2011, and asked how it will be enforced. Mr. Lavoie said that after 2011 that each community would notify the DEP the establishments that have not met the criteria and that the DEP would site them and force them into a consent order to comply. Mayor Moccia said that he agrees that the environment should be protected and that the WPCA should also protect the investment into the WWTP but does not want restaurants unable to stay open because of onerous fees.

Ms. Bikakis-Hajian arrived at 5:45PM

**\*\* MR. WILMS 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 expected. She said that there was one revision to the expenses for other contractual services and that there was a transfer of \$132,000 that was encumbered for contracts for previous years.
- b. WWTP Phase I Upgrade Project Update  
Mr. Kolb said that Gilbane is on site and that Loureiro Contractors Inc. (LCI) is the main contractor for the excavation has their trailer on site. He said that they are waiting for submittals between LCI and CDM for approval. Ms. Burns said that the pile driving will not begin until March, 2010, and will last approximately six months. Mr. Kolb said that a meeting will be scheduled with Property Managers of the properties surrounding the WWTP to explain the working hours, and to say that all city noise ordinances will be followed and explain what they should expect.
- c. Norwalk River Interceptor Project Update  
Mr. Kolb said that Malcolm Pirnie has been negotiating on the city's behalf with Spiniello and their sub contactors. He said that the original claims that Spiniello submitted were approximately 1 million dollars and as of this morning the lowest that Malcolm Pirnie feels they can negotiate at this point is approximately \$650,000. He said that Malcolm Pirnie is still waiting on letters from Spiniello and once those are reviewed that a meeting will be scheduled with staff to go over everything to see if it is reasonable. Mr. Oustafine asked if Malcolm Pirnie thinks that the \$650,000 is justified. Mr. Kolb said "yes". Mr. Oustafine asked if there is a payment bond. Ms. Burns said "yes" but they she may need to contact Scott Ornstein. Mr. Hamilton asked if there is an appropriation is place. Ms. Burns said "no".
- d. Website  
Ms. Burns said that the website has gone live and the address is [www.wpcanorwalk.org](http://www.wpcanorwalk.org) and that all the Board members are indicated in the government section. She said that every piece of information on the WPCA programs and forms are included in the website and are available for download.
- e. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update
  1. Appeal Status

Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$84,674 and estimates that \$150,000 in adjustments will be made this year. Mr. Wilms asked if the adjustments should drop over time. Ms. Burns said that they have already begun to drop.

f. Information Copies

1. Town of Wilton Sewer Bill  
Mr. Kolb said that the amount due was just under \$388,000 and that payment was received yesterday.
2. DEP Letter- Engineering Agreement Approval  
Mr. Kolb said that all of the engineering agreements have been approved for Clean Water Funding.
3. DEP Letter- Construction Management Agreement Approval  
Ms. Burns said that the Construction Management agreement has been approved for Clean Water Funding and that the interim funding obligation should be done by January 10, 2010.
4. 2010 WPCA Meeting Schedule  
No discussion.
5. WPCA Contact List  
No discussion.
6. 2009 Stormwater Monitoring Report  
Mr. Kolb said that it is a requirement each year to submit a monitoring report of the stormwater outfalls at the WWTP.
7. NACWA Newsletter  
No discussion.

**7. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT**

- a. Public Works Director Report:
  1. Odor Issues  
Mr. Kolb said that no odor complaints have been received.
- b. OMI Report:  
Mr. Lavoie said that a motor on one of the main lift pumps was replaced. He said that no violations were received and that nitrogen fell into band "D". He said that there were no issues at the pump stations and that a broken line was repaired at 12 Deepwood Lane. Ms. Burns said that there will be another point repair done on Old Saugatuck Road. Mr. Lavoie said that is not an emergency and will be done in January after the holidays.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. WILMS MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:10PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd

