

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

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
Fred Wilms
Laurel Lindstrom
Frederika Bikakis-Hajian
Faye Bowman

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

Others: Rick Lavoie, CH2MHill, OMI

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:35PM

5. REPORTS

- a. FY/09/10 Revenues/Expenditures Report (MUNIS report included)
Ms. Burns distributed the corrected MUNIS report and said that everything is tracking as staff thought it would be.
Mr. Wilms arrived at 5:40PM
Ms. Lindstrom arrived at 5:40PM

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 17, 2009. (COPY INCLUDED)

**** MS. LINDSTROM MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS**

**** MOTION PASSED**

**** ONE ABSTENTION- MS. BIKAKIS-HAJIAN**

3. BE IT RESOLVED THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE KEELER BROOK PUMP STATION OVERFLOW STUDY. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION, DARREN OUSTAFINE, THE CHAIRMAN IS DULY AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN SAID CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK. THE CHAIRMAN IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND EXECUTE SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH SAID CONTRACTS AND TO EXECUTE ANY AMENDMENTS, RESCISSIONS, AND REVISIONS THERETO.

Ms. Burns said that the Keeler Brook pump station overflow study was done in 2003, and that a request was submitted to get reimbursement for Clean Water Funds. She said now that money is available staff applied to get the reimbursement. She said that when the original resolution was written to enter into contracts it was written for Mr. Atkin. She said that this is a re-instatement for that resolution from 2003, authorizing Chairman Oustafine to sign the contract in lieu of Mr. Atkin. Mr. Hamilton asked if this is grant eligible or just interest loan. Ms. Burns said that it is all grant eligible. Mr. Hamilton requested that Ms. Burns check with Fred Gildea to see if this has been bonded for.

Ms. Bowman arrived at 5:45PM

**** MR. WILMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF BALANCES IN THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS SET ASIDE IN FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 TO FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 TO BE USED FOR THE SAME PURPOSE THE FUNDS WERE INTENDED FOR.

<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>
224062-5298	\$146,650	MALCOLM PIRNIE-CONTRACT OPERATIONS MONITORING

Ms. Burns said that some balances were transferred at last month's meeting and this one was missed. She said that it is available operating money that has a contract associated with it. She said this is already money that was reserved for encumbrance in fiscal year 2008/09 and needs to be carried over to fiscal year 2009/10.

**** MS. BIKAKIS-HAJIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. REPORTS

b. IPP Fee Collection Report

Ms. Burns said to date the collection rate for the IPP fee is almost 69 percent

c. WWTP Phase I Upgrade Project Update

Ms. Burns said that the upgrade project is moving along but that the State is still in the process of working on the contract. She said that some activity on site should be seen in

October, but Gilbane can not sign trade contracts until there is an actual executed agreement with the State. She said that the groundbreaking ceremony will be held on October 15, 2009, at 11:30AM.

d. Norwalk River Interceptor Project Update

Ms. Burns gave an update on the project and said that the project is not going well, and that the contractor is not making any footage with the pipe jacking. She said that there could be major claims on this project and the WPCA will have to try and negotiate. She said that her staff is on site everyday to ensure what the contractor is charging for has actually been on site. Mr. Wilms asked if there is any alternative to the way the work is now being done. Ms. Burns said "no". Ms. Lindstrom asked when the project was started. Ms. Burns said that the contracts were signed last November and they had gotten on site in February. Mr. Hamilton asked if staff has contacted Pepe & Hazard. Ms. Burns said "no" because this is a contract that Scott Orenstein would be the one to go to first and that she has already alerted him. Mr. Oustafine asked if there is any contractual relationship with Hemlock who is the pipejacking contractor who is a sub to Spiniello. Ms. Burns said "no". Mr. Oustafine asked if they would be invited to the table for negotiating. Ms. Burns said "no". Mr. Oustafine asked if there will be an issue with Conte Construction. Mr. Alvord said "yes" and that is why there has been someone from Ms. Burns's staff and a representative from Malcolm Pirnie onsite each day to keep records. Mr. Oustafine asked if there has been any indication given that the work will not be completed. Ms. Burns said "no".

e. Sewer Use Appeals/Adjustments Update

1. Appeal Status

Ms. Burns that she not believes there has been any change from the last meeting.

f. Information Copies:

1. DEP letter-NON

Ms. Burns said that a letter of notice of non-compliance was received from the DEP stating that they believe the cap of the landfill was penetrated by doing the repair on the lower end of the pipe jacking. She said that Mr. Kolb had gone out to the site with the inspector with maps to show him that the contractor was nowhere near the landfill cap. She said that someone had called the DEP and said that the landfill cap was penetrated.

2. Response letter to DEP

Ms. Burns said that a letter was sent back to the DEP stating that the contractor was nowhere near the landfill cap.

6. CONTRACT OPERATION REPORT

a. Public Works Director Report:

1. Odor Issues

Mr. Lavoie said that an odor complaint was received this morning from Liberty Square. He said that there is a major exhaust fan that is not normally in use in the dewatering building, and at some point the fan was

turned on by staff. He said that there is no reason for the fan to be on and that the switch for the fan has been locked.

b. OMI Report

1. Monthly Operating Report- August 2009 (Copy Included)

Mr. Lavoie said that the Wastewater Treatment Plant operated well for the month. He said that John Esler from Clarifier Performance Evaluations was onsite on August 18, 2009, and that he is anticipating his report by next week. He said that the emergency generator has been installed at Marvin Beach, Keeler Brook pump stations and are now finishing Perry Avenue. He said that nitrogen fell into band "D". Mr. Wilms asked how many nitrogen credits will be received this year. Mr. Lavoie said he anticipates around the same as last year but that it is dependent on the weather. Mr. Oustafine asked if Micro "C" is still being used. Mr. Lavoie said it is still onsite and he will be using the remainder that is left but that the supplier was not able to prove any real improvement with nitrogen reduction from its use.

9. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. WILMS MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:20PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd