

**CITY OF NORWALK  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
APRIL 20, 2009**

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Vice Chairman  
Mayor Moccia  
Fred Wilms  
Lewis Clark  
William Krummel  
Faye Bowman

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

Others: Rick Lavoie, CH2MHill, OMI

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:40PM

**5. REPORTS**

- c. Norwalk River Interceptor Project Update (copy attached)  
Ms. Burns said at the time of the emergency meeting that staff was seeking authorization for \$1.397 million dollars. She said after further negotiations that the not to exceed amount will now be \$1.167 million dollars. She said that a transfer from the electric account originally anticipated should not be required. Mr. Kolb said that the contractor will begin work next week, and they will have 4 ½ weeks to complete the project. He said that the work will consist of excavation, dewatering, pipe jacking and finally lining. Mr. Oustafine asked who the contractor is that will be performing the work. Mr. Kolb said that Conte Construction will be doing the excavation, Norwalk Marine will be doing the sheeting and shoring, and that Hemlock will be doing the pipe jacking. Mr. Krummel asked how many feet the pipe is. Mr. Kolb said approximately 300 feet in total. Mr. Krummel asked to what extent representatives from King Industries are involved. Ms. Burns said that they are very involved and have been cooperative. Mr. Krummel asked if there is a need for a sign off from them regarding possible problems that may occur. Ms. Burns said “no” because the City has an easement there.
- d. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update
1. Appeal status  
Mr. Kolb said to date that \$403,663 in adjustments have been made.

e. Information Copies:

1. Malcolm Pirnie Contract Operations Monitoring Services (letter included)  
Ms. Burns said that normally staff comes to the Board for authorization for contract monitoring with Malcolm Pirnie. She said there are unexpended funds from previous years that will be used. She said that the contract monitoring operations have begun and that Malcolm Pirnie has started the pump station inspections last week, and will be conducting the WWTP and reviewing the maintenance management logs this week.

Ms. Bowman arrived at 5:45PM

2. Letter from WPCA Chairman to Common Council Members (letter included)  
Ms. Burns said that Chairman Atkin had sent a letter to the members of the Common Council regarding the consumption based billing report along with a draft copy of the report, so that they will have an opportunity to review it before it comes up for a vote at the next Common Council meeting. Ms. Bowman asked what the next step will be for consumption based billing. Ms. Burns said following the presentation from Malcolm Pirnie that it is the sediment of the Board not to go to consumption based billing at this time because of the additional cost. Mr. Wilms said that it may be useful to provide the members of the Common Council with what the consequences will be if they do not approve the WPCA budget. Mr. Alvord said that Mayor Moccia has asked the Corporation Counsel to develop an answer to that question.
3. NACWA Newsletter (copy included)  
No discussion.

**2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON MARCH 16, 2009.**  
**(COPY INCLUDED)**

**\*\* MR. WILMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON MARCH 16, 2009.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE WPCA SPECIAL MEETING ON APRIL 3, 2009**  
**(COPY INCLUDED)**

Mr. Krummel said to add "conference call"

**\*\*MR. CLARK MOVED TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL MEETING ON APRIL 3, 2009**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED**

**\*\* ONE ABSTENSION- MR. WILMS**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN TO RETAIN PEPE & HAZARD, LLP TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL, CONTRACTUAL AND OTHER MATTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ENGAGEMENT LETTER DATED APRIL 6, 2009. (COPY INCLUDED)**

Ms. Burns said that Pepe & Hazard has done primarily environmental legal work for the WPCA since 2006, and the Board had approved them for 3 years and their time expires in May 2009. She said this is to continue to provide legal services and that they have not changed their rate since 2006. Mr. Krummel asked if there is a time limit on this contract. Ms. Burns said "no" but that a time limit can be added. Mr. Krummel suggested it be a 3 year contract. Ms. Burns said she would need to verify with Pepe & Hazard that their rate will not increase in the next 3 years.

**\*\* MR. KRUMMEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM WITH AN AMENDMENT OF A 3 YEAR CONTRACT BE ADDED.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH OMI, INC. FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF EMERGENCY GENERATORS AT THE KEELER BROOK, MARVIN BEACH, AND PERRY AVENUE PUMP STATIONS FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$102,625.20 IN ACCORDANCE WITH LETTER PROPOSAL DATED APRIL 15, 2009. (COPY INCLUDED)**  
**ACCOUNT NOS. 0906 040 4062 5777 AND 0907 040 4062 5777**

Mr. Kolb said that 21 out of the 22 pump stations have generators and to avoid all the generators from failing around the same time have decided to replace the most critical and older generators in small projects. Mr. Lavoie said that all 3 of these generators are below ground installations, and that Keeler Brook is particularly a problem because when it is started, it has a tendency to smoke and the fire department has been called out a number of times. He said that all 3 of these generators are past their useful life, and is now having a difficult time obtaining spare parts. Mr. Krummel asked what the life expectancy of a generator is. Mr. Lavoie said approximately 25-30 years. Mr. Krummel asked if the emergency back up system gets tested. Mr. Lavoie said "yes" and the test is performed every month. Mr. Hamilton asked which account this will be paid from. Ms. Burns said the pump stations account in the capital budget.

**\*\* MR. KRUMMEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. REPORTS**

- a. FY08-09 Revenues/Expenditures Report (MUNIS report included)  
No discussion.  
Mr. Krummel left at 6:20PM
- b. WWTP Upgrade Project Approach  
Mr. Alvord said from a progress standpoint the design is 90% complete, and that Gilbane is prepared to package the trade packages to be put out for a competitive bid. He said that staff has told CDM to hold off temporarily from going beyond the 90% completion point,

and Gilbane to hold off from packaging the trade bids. He said because staff is in discussions with the DEP. He said that the individual at the DEP who has managed the Clean Water Fund program does not like construction management and would like us to manage the project ourselves. He said that there is no staff to do that and that the Board had approved Gilbane for the construction manager. He said that following a conference call with the DEP they want the project bid 2 ways, 1 on a general contractor basis, and 1 on a construction management basis. He said that is not the recommendation of staff, and that CDM and Gilbane will not participate. Ms. Burns said that the State of Connecticut have recognized construction management as a valid and in some cases a preferred method of delivering a project. Mr. Alvord said it is the recommendation of staff to complete the design and go out to bid, and at that point if the DEP has not changed direction and will not provide Clean Water Funding, stop the project until something can be negotiated. Mayor Moccia said that he would contact the Governor if needed. After further discussion the Board directed staff to complete the design and advertise for bids under the construction management approach.  
Mayor Moccia arrived at 6:30PM

#### **6. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:**

- a. Public Works Director Report:
  - 1. Odor Issues  
Mr. Kolb said that there were no odor issues to report
- b. OMI Report
  - 1. Monthly Operating Report – March 2009 (copy included)  
Mr. Lavoie said that the effluent quality was very good for the month of March but that the nitrogen was not. He said however, in the past 2 weeks it has dropped 5 mg per liter and is anticipating getting improved numbers this month. He said there were no major maintenance issues at the WWTP. He said that the water pump in the emergency generator at the Fort Point pump station was replaced. Mr. Lavoie said that Red Zone has completed over 2000 feet of sanitary sewer pipe, and is waiting on the last 50,000 feet of the contract to be completed which should be in the next couple of weeks
  - 2. Collection System and Pump Station MRR Accounts (copy included)  
No discussion.

#### **7. ACTION ON ANY ITEM DISCUSSED HEREIN**

No discussion.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd