

**CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
JANUARY 10, 2011**

Attendance: Darren Oustafine Chairman
Mayor Moccia
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
Dilene Byrd, Secretary

Others: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:38PM

**2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 20, 2010.
(COPY INCLUDED)**

Tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

**3. ACT ON SEWER USE FEE APPEAL FOR 60N GREGORY BOULEVARD- "THE
MARVIN"**

Tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

4. REPORTS

- a. FY 10/11 Revenues/Expenditures Report (MUNIS reports attached)
Ms. Burns said that there was an adjustment made to the WPCA budget because OMI Inc. through the WPCA had requested to be part of the city's bulk fuel purchase for heating oil and they had failed to make the purchases they had committed to. She said that Mr. Hamilton had made a settlement with Buckley Fuel for \$18,000. She also said that the WPCA will be receiving approximately \$450,000 this year for nitrogen credits and that OMI, Inc. would be asking to receive 25% of that amount. She has worked it out with OMI that the \$18,000 would be deducted from their share of nitrogen credits. Mr. Hamilton asked if they are in the fuel purchase program this year and if so are they purchasing the fuel. Ms. Burns said "yes" and there had been some confusion last year on the correct vendor. Mr. Hamilton asked if anyone had checked with Mr. Foley this year on which vendor is to be used this year. Mr. Kolb said "yes" and the vendor for this year is Standard Oil.

- b. WWTP Phase I Upgrade Project Update (report attached)
Mr. Kolb said that the iron workers continue to add rebar and that Manafort is continuing to pour concrete.
- c. WWTP Phase II Status
Mr. Kolb said that one bid was received from GE for the membrane filtration system and the bid is \$20 million dollars. Mr. Oustafine asked why Siemens did not bid. Ms. Burns said that they were not confident in their technology. Mayor Moccia asked what the cost estimate was. Ms. Burns said \$21 million dollars. Mr. Kolb said that there will be a scoping session held with GE this week.
- d. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update
 - 1. Appeal Status
Mr. Kolb said the adjustments to date are \$97,371.
- e. Information Copies:
 - 1. EPA Clean Water Act Administrative Order Status Updater (letter included)
Ms. Burns said that the letter that she had received was disappointing and went beyond the scope of the original order. She said that staff had a conference call the week before last with Ms. Mignone and a litigator from her office and came up with a strategy. She said that a letter will be sent to Ms. Studlien respectfully stating that they are welcome to come down to the WPCA office and look at the records but do not intend to respond to this letter, and are looking at proceeding to the Justice Department to have this settled. She said that Ms. Mignone has drafted a response letter and that staff is now editing the letter and that there will be a conference call tomorrow to go over the comments. She said from talking to other colleagues who have dealt with this in the past she does not think it will cost anymore in legal fees to go the justice route versus the legal fees of trying to negotiate this order. Mayor Moccia asked if he should contact any of the federal elected officials. Ms. Burns said that may be an option.
 - 2. Town of Wilton Sewer Bill (copy attached)
Mr. Kolb said that for fiscal year 2009/10 that Wilton was under billed \$11,000 which has been added to this years invoice for a total of \$439,135.
 - 3. NACWA Newsletter (copy included)
No discussion.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:05PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd