

**CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
DECEMBER 20, 2010**

Attendance: Darren Oustafine Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
Fred Wilms
Andrew Conroy
Laurel Lindstrom

Staff: Hal Alvord, DPW Public Works Director
Ralph Kolb, DPW Wastewater Systems Manager
Tom Hamilton, Finance Director
Linda Guliuzza, Corporation Council
Dilene Byrd, Secretary

Others: Rick Lavoie, CH2MHill, OMI
Bob Virgulak, Oak Hills Park Authority
Larry Andronaco, Oak Hills Park Authority
Ralph DiPanfilis, Oak Hills Park Authority
Mary Windt, Under One Roof-The Marvin
Anne Griesmer, Under One Roof- The Marvin

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:34PM

**2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 2010 AND
NOVEMBER 15, 2010 AND SPECIAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 17, 2010. (COPY
INCLUDED**

**** MR. CLARK MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF WPCA APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 17, 2010.

ORIGINAL APPROVAL:

**AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER
POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH
WRIGHT- PIERCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,800 TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES RELATED TO VIDEO MONITORING SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH
LETTER PROPOSAL DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2010.**

CHANGE TO:

AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WRIGHT- PIERCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,000 TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO VIDEO MONITORING SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH LETTER PROPOSAL DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2010. TOTAL PROJECT COST \$41,800 TO BE FUNDED BY THE WPCA AND \$40,200 TO BE FUNDED BY THE CITY'S GENERAL ACCOUNT

WPCA ACCOUNT NO. 09074062-5777-CO363 (\$41,800)
ACCOUNT NO. TBD (\$40,200)

Mr. Kolb said that the amount for the WPCA portion is still \$41,800 and \$40,200 that is coming from the City's general fund for a total project cost of \$82,000. He said that the reason for the change is that the contract will be administered through the WPCA for the amount of \$82,000. Ms. Lindstrom asked if the City's portion has been approved by the Common Council. Mr. Alvord said "yes".

**** MR. WILMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. REPORTS

- a. FY 10/11 Revenues Expenditures Report (MUNIS Reports included)
No discussion.
- b. FY 10/11 Draft Capital Budget (copy Included)
Mr. Kolb said that the GO Request includes pump station upgrade/replacement through 2014, and the collection system rehabilitation which have been included in the financial model. He said that for fiscal year 2011/12 that \$78,910,000 is being requested for Phase II of the Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade and that \$6,000,000 was previously approved by the Board. Mr. Hamilton asked if it is the expectation of staff that the full amount will be eligible for Clean Water Funding grants or loans. Mr. Alvord said "yes".
- c. WWTP Phase I Upgrade Project Update (report attached)
Mr. Kolb gave an update on the Phase I and said that the concrete mat slabs are being poured and that the excavation for the 72" pipe has been completed.
- d. WWTP Phase II Status
Mr. Kolb said that the pre-selection package for the membrane filtration system is out to bid and that the bids are due on January 6, 2011. Mr. Clark asked who the bids were sent to. Mr. Kolb said that the two main responders are GE and Siemens. Mr. Hamilton asked what the projected cost of the membranes is. Mr. Kolb said approximately \$18 million dollars. Mr. Conroy asked the status of the warranty. Mr. Kolb said that the membranes will be under full warranty for 15 years and have a prorated warranty for 5 years.

- e. Oak Hills Park Authority (Copy Included, Representatives to Attend)
Mr. Andronaco said that he is not appealing the decision of financial aid and that he intends on contacting OMI, Inc. to get their assistance in specking out the pump station so that it will be consistent with the City's pump stations. He said that once the new pump station is installed that he is requesting that the WPCA put it back on the maintenance list with OMI, Inc. Mr. Alvord recommended that staff facilitate discussions between OMI, Inc. and the Oak Hills Park Authority regarding the pump station and following those discussions that staff come back to the Board with a recommendation.

- f. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update
 - 1. Appeal Status
Mr. Kolb said the adjustments to date are \$95,537

 - 2. 60 Gregory Boulevard- The Marvin (e-mail included, Representatives to Attend)
Ms. Windt said that The Marvin which is located at 60 Gregory Boulevard was formed and funded by the State of Connecticut. She said that there is a PILOT agreement and it was brought to her attention that the statute states they should not be paying sewer use fees. She said that she is asking the Board to acknowledge that the fees are not due and payable as long as the statute remains if effect. Mr. Oustafine asked Ms. Windt if she received the e-mail from the town Council dated October 1, 2010. Ms. Windt said "yes" but that she disagrees with their opinion and has obtained Council but is hoping to try and resolve this without having to go to court. Ms. Guliuzza said that the Law Department has done a thorough review of the documentation and is maintaining status quo of what was appropriate under the circumstances. Mr. Oustafine asked Ms. Windt if she has any examples of other communities who are in a similar position. Ms. Windt said "no" and that every facility has a different agreement. Mr. Conroy asked if the Law Department had offered any alternatives. Ms. Guliuzza said "no".

- g. Information Copies
 - 1. OMI Monthly Operating Report- November 2010 (Copy Included)
Mr. Kolb said that nitrogen fell into band "D" and that it appears that nitrogen credits will be received this year of approximately \$ 400,000 to \$450,000.

 - 2. EPA Clean Water Act Administrative Order Status Update (e-mail Included)
Mr. Kolb said that the EPA will be sending out a new letter extending the date and requesting some additional information.

 - 3. 2011 WPCA Meeting Schedule (Copy Included)
No discussion.

 - 4. WPCA Contact List Update (Copy Included)
No discussion.

 - 5. NACWA Newsletter (Copy Included)
No discussion.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING CLAMS

**** MR. WILMS MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**** MOTION PASSED UNNANIMOUSLY**

Executive session began at 6:15PM

Executive session ended at 6:27PM

**** MR. CLARK MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES**

**** MOTION PASSED UNNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. CONROY MOVED TO HAVE CORPORATION COUNCEL ACCEPT THE \$25,000
OFFER FROM SUTHERLAND SEPTIC SERVICE**

**** MOTION PASSED UNNANIMOUSLY**

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd