

**CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
FEBRUARY 28, 2011**

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

Staff: Hal Alvord, DPW Public Works Director
Lisa Burns, DPW Operations Manager
Ralph Kolb, DPW Wastewater Systems Manager

Others: Rick Lavoie, CH2MHill, OMI
Mary Windt, Under One Roof-The Marvin

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

**2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 20, 2010 AND
JANUARY 10, 2011. (COPY INCLUDED)**

Mr. Oustafine said that on Page 3, of the December minutes to include in the discussion that he had stated the WPCA will only give assistance to the Oak Hills Golf Course as a courtesy and does not support the city taking back the maintenance of the pump station.

**** MS. LINDSTROM MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED FY 2011-12 SEWER USE
RATES ON MARCH 21, 2011 AT 5:30PM (DRAFT NOTICE INCLUDED)**

**** MS. LINDSTROM MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. ACT ON SEWER USE FEE APPEAL FOR 60 GREGORY BOULEVARD- "THE MARVIN"

Ms. Burns said that she had left a message for Ms. Guliuzza stating that this item was on the agenda and requested that she attend the meeting if anything had changed since the December meeting. Mayor Moccia asked if it is the direction of the Corporation Council to reject the appeal. Mr. Alvord said "yes". Ms. Lindstrom said that she will need to support the legal department. Mr. Wilms said that he was hoping that there would be some common ground between the two legal opinions but that they are two very different opinions and being on a city board will have to support the decision of the Corporation Council.

**** MR. OUSTAFINE MOVED TO DENY THE APPEAL
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. REPORTS

- a. FY 10/11 Revenues Expenditures Report (MUNIS Reports included)
No discussion.
- b. Draft FY 11/12 Draft Operating Budget (copy Included)
Ms. Burns said that there are no significant changes to either the revenue or expense side from this fiscal year to next fiscal year other than contractual requirements. She said that the revenue for the sewer use charges are projected to increase based on the rate projection that was discussed at the November meeting for the 10% rate increase. She said that staff is projecting to receive just under \$400,000 in nitrogen credits this year, and that the investment income is down due to the current economic conditions. Mr. Kolb said that the load shedding reimbursement will end as of May 31, 2011. Ms. Lindstrom asked what the rate increase will be next year compared to this year. Mr. Kolb said that the residential rate will go from \$250 to \$275, the commercial flat rate will go from \$365 to \$400 for the initial 110,000 gallons, and anything beyond that will be \$7.15 which is an increase of .65 cents per 1,000 gallons. Mr. Wilms asked if the 10% rate increase was based upon some developments with regards to the capital program due to some expenditures that now need to be dealt with. Ms. Burns said "yes" and that in November the capital cost at the 30% design was higher than what was modeled. Ms. Burns said that the final operating and capital budgets and rate changes will be presented at the March meeting.
- c. WWTP Phase I Upgrade Project Update (report attached)
Mr. Kolb discussed the Phase I project update and said that things are progressing.
- d. WWTP Phase II Status
Ms. Burns said that at this point the project is not moving forward and that the consultants were told to stop working. She said that staff had had met with the DEP three weeks ago regarding the State supporting this project and had told them that their commitment to the project was important to keep going to meet the June 30, 2011, deadline. She said that they had stated they would have a response in a day

or two and still have not heard back from them. She also said that Clean Water Funding has not been approved by the legislator for the rest of the project.

e. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update

1. Appeal Status

Mr. Kolb said to date that 18 adjustments have been made for a total of \$97,371. He said that as of today \$25,000 has been received by Dexter Sutherland and the Corporation Counsel is now signing the release.

f. Information Copies

1. OMI Monthly Operating Report- December 2010 and January 2011 (Copy Included)

Mr. Kolb said that nitrogen fell into band "D" for the month of December. He said that on January 24, 2011, the main transformer at the Wastewater Treatment Plant was lost and for seven days after that we were on generator power. He said that not everything at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is on back up power and that OMI. Inc. had done an excellent job on keeping the plant running and performing its best under the circumstances with no power, freezing conditions and snow. He said that as of February 10, 2011, a new transformer had been installed and the plant is now on main power. He said the only condition is that the plant is on limited power because the wiring from the substation to the facility is insufficient, and the Third Taxing District is now in the process of coming up with a plan to rewire their substation. Mr. Alvord said that compliments are owed to OMI. Inc., as well as the Third Taxing District for their efforts.

2. 2010 CSO Monitoring Report- (copy included)

No discussion.

3. 2010 GPLPE Compliance Certification Form (Copy Included)

No discussion.

4. 2010 Stormwater Monitoring Report (Copy Included)

No discussion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. CONROY MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:20PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd