

**CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
APRIL 18, 2011**

Attendance: Darren Oustafine Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
Mark Berns

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

Others: Rick Lavoie, CH2MHill, OMI

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON MARCH 11, 2011. (COPY INCLUDED)

Tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

3. REPORTS

- a. FY 10/11 Revenues Expenditures Report (MUNIS Reports included)
Ms. Burns said that because the Wastewater Treatment Plant was on generator power when the transformer went out in February there was a bill for approximately \$80,000 for the kerosene. She said that it has currently been paid out of the major replacement and repair account out of OMI's contract but may come back to the Board for a transfer out of the operating budget.
- b. WWTP Phase I Upgrade Project Update (report attached)
Mr. Kolb discussed the report and photos from the Phase I project. Ms. Burns said that there will be some substantial claims for some insurance issues on the site due to settling from the dewatering and that Mr. Kolb is currently working on inventorying the insurance issues that have been identified. She said that there will be some negotiating because the site would have settled over time anyway but that the dewatering accelerated the settling. Mr. Hamilton asked if there has been any damage on private property due to the dewatering. Mr. Kolb said "no" not that he is aware of.
- c. WWTP Phase II Low Level Nitrogen Removal and CSO/Wet Weather Treatment Project (letter included)
Mr. Alvord discussed the letter and said that staff will be putting together a list of things that General Electric can do from a cost and reliability standpoint. Mr. Oustafine said if phase II of the project does not move forward if the Wastewater Treatment Plant can still function. Ms. Burns said "yes" and that staff has met with a consultant on working on fine tuning the clarifier performance, and looking into doing

some further modifications to the secondary clarifiers. Mr. Clark asked what the prognosis is of phase II moving forward. Mr. Kolb said at this point the project has been put on indefinite hold and has not been worked on since January 2011.

d. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update

1. Town of Wilton Sewer Bill

Mr. Hamilton said that a check was received today for \$385,330 but is \$55,000 less than what was billed to them because they are disputing on how their sewer bill is being calculated. He said that they think that the calculation of the payment should be based on annual expenses and not replacement reserve for stabilization of future rates as an annual maintenance expense. Ms. Burns said that the calculation is the same as it always was and if they had disputed that it should have been discussed when the new interlocal agreement was being negotiated. She also said that it should be clarified with their Finance Director that the Public Works Director has actually budgeted for the IPP program that he has to put in place under the interlocal agreement, and that the revenue has been turned back to Norwalk under that agreement as well as the revenue for the connection fees.

2. Appeal Status

Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$108,263.

e. Information Copies

1. OMI Monthly Operating Report- March 2011 (Copy Included)

Mr. Kolb said that nitrogen fell into band "D" for the month of March.

2. DEP Site Inspection- (report included)

Mr. Kolb said that there was a site inspection on February 13, 2011, and that the only thing that was noted was that one of the bar screens was down for repair but all the flow was going through the other bar screen. He also inspected Phase I on the construction and saw no other concerns to note on his report.

3. WPCA Contact List (Copy Included)

No discussion.

4. NACWA Newsletter (Copy Included)

No discussion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. CLARK MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd