

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MAY 16, 2011

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark
Fred Wilms
Andrew Conroy
Laurel Lindstrom
Fredericka Bikakis-Hajian
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 5:30PM**

**2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE WPCA MEETING HELD ON MARCH 21, 2011
AND APRIL 18, 2011 (COPY INCLUDED)**

**** MS. LINDSTROM MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. REPORTS

- a. FY 10/11 Revenues/Expenditures Report (MUNIS reports included)
Ms. Burns said that there is nothing out of the ordinary to report and that the fiscal year should end with positive results.
- b. WWTP Phase I Upgrade Project Update (report included)
Mr. Kolb discussed the project update. Ms. Burns said that the week before last a week of work was lost due to the carpenters strike but that work has commenced. Ms. Burns said that a meeting was held last week and it was decided that since Phase II of the upgrade project has been put on indefinite hold that as part of Phase I of the project will include using the supplemental treatment facility to address wet weather treatment going forward. Mr. Kolb said that a representative from the DEP attended the meeting and this was communicated to him and he had no questions. Ms. Bikakis-Hajian arrived at 5:36PM
Mr. Wilms arrived at 5:40PM

- c. WWTP Phase II Update (letters included)

Ms. Burns said that the project has been put on indefinite hold and that the State is willing to give 50% grant money to treat wet weather flows to primary standards, but will not give grant money to treat wet weather flows to the limit of technology which would provide better water quality by far. She said by speaking to colleagues from other municipalities the State is making the same arguments and examples and other municipalities are also choosing not to go forward with their projects at this time. She said at this point the WPCA will be passing on receiving the \$47 million dollars that was allocated to this project. Mr. Wilms said that he is not entirely displeased with the course of events and would have been more displeased with the 10% rate increase to make this project work. Mr. Oustafine asked if it will ever make financial sense to do the nitrogen upgrade to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Ms. Burns said that depends on too many different variables.
- d. EPA Status (letter and Greenwich new release included)

Ms. Burns said in trying to work with the EPA the questions in the 308 request will be answered. She said that she has prepared a cover letter and that along with the response is now being reviewed by the attorney's, and will be sent out this week. Mr. Berns asked what the cost to date is for dealing with the EPA order. Ms. Burns said since September that a huge amount of staff time has been spent and approximately \$5,000 in legal fees. Mr. Wilms asked the status of the FOI request. Ms. Burns said that after the response to the 308 request is submitted she will be putting an FOI response request to the EPA.
- e. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update
 - 1. Town of Wilton Sewer Bill

Mr. Hamilton said that there is nothing new to report. Mr. Kolb said that he will be contacting them because their meter at the Norwalk-Wilton line is inoperable. Ms. Burns said that there are also some provisions in their agreement that they are not exactly adhering to and she wants them to be reminded of their obligations.
 - 2. Appeal Status

Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$108,263. He also said that the Finance Department is working on the sewer use fees.

Ms. Burns said that she has received notice that the City of Norwalk is being sued by The Marvin and has been turned over to the Corporation Council's Office.
- f. Information Copies:
 - 1. OMI Monthly Operating Report- April 2011 (copies included)

Mr. Kolb said that that all of the primary clarifiers have been cleaned and last week 150 feet of sewer interceptor on Orchard Street was replaced. He said that nitrogen fell into band "D". Mr. Oustafine asked if the contract monitoring report is still being done. Mr. Kolb said "yes" and that Malcolm Pirnie had completed the annual inspection last week, and is now in the process of drafting the report. He said that he should have a final draft copy for next month's meeting.
 - 2. NACWA Newsletter (copy included)

No discussion.

4. ADJOURNMENT

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:32PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd