

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
March 19, 2012

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
Mayor Moccia
Fred Wilms
Marc Berns
Sheiree Powell

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

Others: John Ahern, OMI Project Manager
Joe Madaffari, Shellfish Commission

**1. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED SEWER USE RATES TO BE EFFECTIVE
JULY 1, 2012 (NOTICE INCLUDED)**

Chairman Oustafine opened the public hearing at 5:35 PM

**** MR. WILMS MOVED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chairman Oustafine closed the public hearing at 6:00PM
No one from the public spoke.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:40pm

7. REPORTS

- a. FY 11/12 Revenues/Expenditures Report (MUNIS report included)
No discussion.
- b. WWTP Phase I Upgrade Project Update (report and letter included)
Mr. Kolb reported on the project update and said that the bypass was completed on Friday and that on Saturday representatives from Godwin Pumps and staff from OMI, had done a 24 hour pump test with the Godwin pumps and everything went well. He said that all of the preparation work to turn the new building online has been completed and that tomorrow at 7:00AM the new building will go online and all the vendors and trades will be onsite for a 48 hour period to ensure there will be no problems. Ms. Burns asked the board members if they would be interested in having a ribbon cutting ceremony for

the new facility. After further discussion it was the consensus of the board to have a ribbon cutting ceremony at the end of April or beginning of May.

Mr. Kolb said with the Phase I project there was a new scope of work that was identified which had not been identified in the original design and it is to decommission the existing equipment that is currently being used to treat wastewater. He said that staff has asked Gilbane through their contractors to solicit a contractor to perform the work and that the current estimate that has come in is between \$500,000 to \$700,000. He said in order to amend the contract with the DEEP that staff had to submit a Clean Water Funding priority list for fiscal year 2012/2013 request to them and they are now waiting for the final price. He said that Rowland Denney who is the project engineer for Norwalk has to approve the scope of work for Clean Water Fund eligibility. Mr. Berns asked what the estimated time is to complete the work. Mr. Kolb said approximately 2 months.

c. WWTP Phase II Upgrade Project Update

Mr. Alvord said that in October Mayor Moccia had followed up with another letter to the Commissioner of the DEEP and that the Mayor and WPCA staff are now scheduled to meet with the Deputy Commissioner and Besty Wingfield along with her staff on April 9, 2012, to discuss starting the process of exploring ways for the DEEP to find other ways to help communities find incentive to implement new technology. Mayor Moccia arrived at 5:55PM

d. Collection System Project Update:

1. Douglas Drive, Lockwood Lane and Buckingham Place Project

Mr. Kolb said that on Lockwood Lane and Buckingham Place DPW is developing a design to replace approximately 600 feet of gravity sewer that is required because the pipe has failed. He said that the other portion of this will be to line approximately 600 feet of pipe and that he has obtained quotes from Green Mountain and they will be installing a structural liner in the pipe at that location as well as 775 feet of pipe on Douglas Drive.

2. Ely Avenue and Bouton Street Project

Mr. Kolb said that this infrastructure is from the 1900's and always surcharges because of the condition of the gravity line downstream. He said that Green Mountain will be cleaning and cctv underneath the railroad and that the work will be performed at night.

e. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update

1. Appeal Status

Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$20,144.

f. Information Copies:

1. OMI Monthly Operating Report- February 2012 (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that a point repair was done on Edith Lane and that a grinder repair was done at the Sammis Street pump station. He said that nitrogen fell into band "D".

2. Estimated 2011 Nitrogen Credit (copy included)
Mr. Kolb said that the DEEP nitrogen credit advisory board has identified \$5.42 per pound for nitrogen removal and that Norwalk is expected to receive \$92,980.

Mayor Moccia swore in Sheiree Powell to the WPCA

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2012 (COPY INCLUDED)

**** MR. BERNIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. APPROVE THE SEWER RATES TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

Mayor Moccia asked if there are a lot of returned checks received and if the bank charges more than \$20.00. Ms. Burns said that no more than \$20.00 can be charged for a returned check fee per the Tax Collectors office. Mayor Moccia asked if the reserve fund is being increased since it is unsure if Phase II of the project will be moving forward. Ms. Burns said "no"

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

5. APPROVE THE PROPOSED FY 2012-13 OPERATING BUDGET (COPY INCLUDED)

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

6. APPROVE THE PROPOSED FY 2012-13 CAPITAL BUDGET (COPY INCLUDED)

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

**** MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:10PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd