

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
May 21, 2012

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
Fred Wilms
Mark Berns
Frederika Bikakis-Hajjian
David Mccarthy

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

3. REPORTS

- a. FY 11/12 Revenues/Expenditures Report (MUNIS report included)
No discussion.
- b. WWTP Phase I Upgrade Project Update:
 - 1. Settlement/Potential Claim Resolution
Mr. Kolb reported on the project update and said due to construction the site has settled and that there is a list of 25 items that have been identified. He said several weeks ago staff had met with Gilbane, LCI and the Attorney for LCI's insurance company and are now trying to resolve the issues. He said that the estimate is currently approximetely \$100,000 in electrical work and approximately \$50,000 for other issues that LCI has proposed to complete as part of the negotiations. Mr. Oustafine asked if the site settlement is getting worse. Mr. Kolb said "no". Mr. Oustfine asked who is responsible for paying the \$150,000. Mr. Alvord said that LCI's insurance company will be responsible.
Ms. Bikakis-Hajjian arrived at 5:35PM
Mr. Wilms arrived at 5:35PM
 - 2. Additional Scope of Work/ CWF Priority List (see attached)
Mr. Kolb said that the additional scope of work was approved by the DEEP as of April 17, 2012. He said that it has been discovered that in the primary control building groundwater was coming in at over 200 gallons per minute, and as of today the building has been plugged and that groundwater is no longer coming in. Mr. Clark asked when the \$750,000 in Clean Water Funds will become available. Mr. Kolb said that an amendment has to be submitted to the existing Clean Water Fund agreement with the DEEP and an extension will need to be

filed. He said that he has spoken to their financial person at the DEEP and that he is now waiting for a return telephone call on what is needed to submit. He said that that the WPCA will be responsible for paying Gilbane and the contractors for performing the work and will then get reimbursed by the DEEP at a later date.

3. Project Closeout Schedule

Mr. Kolb said that the building went on line on March 20, 2012, and has been doing very well and that the headworks is doing even better than anticipated. He said that there were some issues with two of the screens and that some adjustments have been made to the motors and hopefully that will resolve the issues. He said that the landscaping is currently ongoing and the final paving will be done once the additional scope of work has been completed. He said that the one thing that was not anticipated is that there continues to be odors in the new administrative building and that Gilbane and staff are working to try and resolve the issue, and are holding off relocating OMI, Inc. until the odor issue has been resolved.

4. Project Budget

Mr. Kolb said that in January staff had given the Board an estimate of the project being \$50,000 over budget but now with the change orders based on actual construction it is about \$400,000. This includes approximately \$175,000 that Gilbane has presented in which they have exceeded their general conditions for various reasons. He said that staff is now in negotiations with them to get a better understanding of what those costs are and to reduce them. Mr. Hamilton asked if this is part of the \$750,000 that the State has approved. Mr. Kolb said "no" and that this is above and beyond the original project scope. Mr. McCarthy asked if it has been documented on which delays are their responsibility and which are the WPCA's responsibility. Mr. Alvord said "yes" Mr. Berns asked where the funds will come from to pay the cost. Mr. Alvord said from the WPCA's capital reserve fund. Mr. Hamilton asked if there any opportunity to request additional funds from the State. Mr. Kolb said that he had contacted Mr. Denny of the DEEP and provided him with the additional change orders and asked if there was any potential to receive additional funding and have not yet heard back from him. Mr. Hamilton asked if there have been any discussions with CDM. Mr. Kolb said this was outside their scope of work.

Mr. Kolb updated the Board on the transformer claim and said last year the main transformer for the WWTP had failed and the WPCA incurred additional costs of approximately \$145,000 and that Mr. Hamilton has signed off on the paperwork last week.

c. Collection System Project Update:

1. Pump Station SCADA Telemetry System Project (invitation attached)

Mr. Kolb said that the project is currently out to bid and that seven companies had attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting, and that bids are due back on May 31, 2012. He said that the engineers estimate on the project is approximately \$750,000.

2. Lockwood Lane and Buckingham Place Project Update

Mr. Kolb said that staff has negotiated the project cost with AJ Penna through

OMI, Inc. and the work will begin this week and is estimated to take approximately three weeks to complete.

3. CIPP Lining on Lockwood Lane & Douglas Drive
Mr. Kolb said that the work will be performed by Green Mountain and will begin in approximately two weeks, and will take approximately one day at each location to complete. He said that they have already cleaned and cctv those sections and are now in the process of manufacturing the liner.
 4. Sanitary sewer cleaning and CCTV at Ely Avenue and Bouton Street
Mr. Kolb said that Green Mountain will perform the work and he is waiting for them to schedule the work.
- d. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update
1. Appeal Status
Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date for fiscal year 2011-12 are \$24,997. He said that he is currently working with staff from the finance department on the 2012-13 sewer use billing and they will have a draft of the fees done next week.
- e. Information Copies:
1. OMI Monthly Operating Report- April 2012 (copy included)
Mr. Kolb said that primary tank #1 has been cleaned, and that communications had been lost between the siphon chamber and WWTP, but has now been repaired. He said due to heavy rains and high flow at the wastewater treatment plant there were a couple of excursions that occurred and were reported to the state. He said that OMI, Inc. is doing all they can to avoid solids excursions but with the temperature and the heavy rains it is difficult to keep the blankets down in the final clarifiers. He said that other wastewater treatment plants had similar excursions. He said that nitrogen fell into band "D" and that the DEEP had done a biosolids inspection on April 11, 2012. Mr. Clark asked if it had passed. Mr. Kolb said "yes"

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON APRIL 23, 2012 (COPY INCLUDED)

- ** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES**
**** MOTION PASSED**
**** ONE ABSTENSION- MS. BIKAKIS-HAJIAN**

6. ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. WILMS MOVED TO ADJOURN**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
The meeting adjourned at 6:10PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dilene Byrd