

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
November 19, 2012

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lou Clark, Vice Chairman
Fred Wilms
Mark Berns
Dave Mc Carthy
Galen Wells

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

Others: John Ahern, OMI, Inc.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2012
(COPY INCLUDED)

Mr. Oustafine said on page 2, Item 4, Line 6, to change "he" to "it"
Mr. Oustafine said on page 2, to change "unanimoulsy" to "unanimously"

**** MR. BERNS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED**
**** MOTION PASSED**
**** ONE ABSTENSION- MR. MCCARTHY**

3. DISCUSSION ON HURRICANE SANDY- STATUS OF WWTP AND PUMPING STATIONS

Mr. Kolb reported on Hurricane Sandy and said that staff had attended the Emergency Operations meetings updating Mayor Moccia, Chief Mc Carthy and Chief Kulhawik. He said that the Public Works center and OMI had evacuated to 100 Connecticut Avenue and that with the storm surge that the high tides were expected to be over 14' and that the elevation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant is 11'. He said that the power was turned off at the Wastewater Treatment Plant because if any power was left on to any equipment and the site flooded, it would short circuit and there would have been more damage. He said that based on weather reports staff had made the decision to shut the Wastewater Treatment Plant down at 10:00PM on Sunday. However, due to a change in wind direction the tides began to recede and the Wastewater Treatment Plant was turned back on line at 12:15AM Monday morning. Mr. Kolb said that staff had been monitoring the collection system and do not believe there were any sewage spills from the closure of the plant which is partly due to the notifications from Mayor Moccia. Mr. Berns asked at what percentage of the overall system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is operating. Mr. Kolb said 100%. Mr. Clark asked if any of the expenses will be covered by insurance. Mr. Alvord said "yes". Mr. Alvord said that between insurance and the FEMA

reimbursement that 75% to 80% of the costs will be recovered and some of the costs will be covered 100% by FEMA. Mr. Wilms commended staff on their work and on the decisions that they had made.

4. AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WRIGHT-PIERCE IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE SAMMIS STREET PUMP STATION AND ANN STREET SIPHON CHAMBER IN ACCORDANCE WITH A LETTER PROPOSAL DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2012. (LETTER INCLUDED)

Account No. TBD

Mr. Kolb that the Sammis Street Pump Station and the Ann Street siphon were flooded during Hurricane Sandy which had resulted in damage to existing equipment. He said that Wright Pierce has begun evaluating the pump station and have conducted a site visit with their electrical engineer and have reviewed the condition of the equipment with both WPCA and OMI staff.

**** MR. MC CARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT BETWEEN GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY AND LOUREIRO CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR SITE SETTLEMENT DUE TO THE PHASE I WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE. (AGREEMENT AND BREAKDOWN INCLUDED)

Mr. Kolb discussed the agreement and reported on the work that will need to be performed for site settlement due to the phase I of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade. He said that Gilbane is working through the punch list of items and the deadline to close out the project with the DEEP is December 1, 2012.

**** MR. MC CARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. REPORTS

- a. FY 11/12 and FY 12/13 Revenues/Expenditures Report (MUNIS report included)
Mr. Kolb said that he will e-mail the correct MUNIS report to the Board members.
- b. WWTP Phase I Upgrade Project Update:
 - 1. Project Closeout Schedule
Mr. Kolb said that he has been working with the State and that the last Clean Water Fund payment request has to be made by December 1, 2012. He said that Gilbane has been verbally informed that they have to complete all of their invoices and have them submitted in mid November for the December 1, 2012 submission date.
- c. GIS Intern

Mr. Kolb said that three people had interviewed for the position and that they have made a selection and an offer letter has been sent out.

d. Temporary DPW Staff Reorganization

Ms. Burns said that Mr. Kolb has temporarily taken on some additional responsibilities due to some personnel issues and that he will be performing some Public Works functions.

e. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update

1. Appeal Status

Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$64,502.

f. Information Copies:

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

Mr. Kolb reported on the major items that were completed and said that aerator tank#1 had been taken off line for diffuser maintenance, and that the plant had shut down for approximate two hours during Hurricane Sandy. He said that during the Hurricane, the Westport Avenue pump station generator had failed, the Sammis Street pump station flooded, and the Red Oak pump station generator had failed. He said that nitrogen fell into the expected operating range.

2. OMI- Force Majeure (letter included)

Mr. Kolb reported on the Force Majeure letter that was received and that OMI will be included as part of the FEMA reimbursement.

3. 2013 WPCA Meeting Schedule (copy included)

No discussion.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:25PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dilene Byrd