

CITY OF NORWALK  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
July 16, 2012

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman  
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman  
Fred Wilms  
Mark Berns  
David Mccarthy  
Galen Wells  
Frederica Bikakis-Hajian  
Sheiree Powell

Staff: Lisa Burns, DPW Operations Manager

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**5. REPORTS**

- a. FY 11/12 Revenues/Expenditures Report (MUNIS report included)  
Ms. Burns said that the only payments that are left to process for the old fiscal year are the utility bills and that everything has tracked well on the expense side. She said that on the revenue side the interest was a little higher then what was projected and was mainly due to the fund balance tracking higher than what was anticipated.
- b. WWTP Phase I Upgrade Project Update:
  - 1. Settlement/Potential Claim Resolution  
Ms. Burns reported that staff was able to settle the potential claim resolution with Gilbane and all of the subcontractors that were involved, and that the work will be starting in August and is primarily electrical.
  - 2. Additional Scope of Work  
Ms. Burns said that the additional scope which was to decommission the old facility and the cleaning of the grit should be completed this week.
  - 3. Project Closeout Schedule  
Ms. Burns said that staff is continuing to work with Gilbane on the punch list items and will be extending the Clean Water Fund amendment to the end of the year.

Ms. Burns said that there were some issues with the new headworks facility from the storm last night and today and staff is still gathering data. She said that the

new influent screens performed well, but are now experiencing some pump issues and it is creating a hydraulic problem that seems to be impacting the operation of the grit tanks. She said that a lot of time was spent today gathering data from the SCADA pump system to try and determine what the issue is, but on the positive side the WPCA does not technically own the equipment yet so it is good to experience the issues before the equipment gets turned over. Mr. Berns asked if there was any external impact. Ms. Burns said that there was some on site and that the covers on the elevated grit tanks had come off and that the lower level of the facility was flooded. Mr. Clark asked what the peak flow was. Ms. Burns said it was not high and was 56 MGD.

4. Project Budget  
No discussion.
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- c. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update
    1. Appeal Status  
Ms. Burns said that the adjustments to date are \$2,211.
  - d. Information Copies:
    1. OMI Monthly Operating Report- June 2012 (copy included)  
Ms. Burns said that there was an overflow at the Erin Court pump station during the last heavy rain and that nitrogen fell into band "D".
    2. Mike's Septic (letter included)  
Ms. Burns said that on April 6, 2011 Mr. Kolb had sent Mr. Maiorino a letter regarding his antics and unprofessionalism at the facility and in June, 2012 had another instance. She said that technically according to the rules and regulations staff cannot revoke his right to come into the facility because he has been rude. Mr. Berns asked if the rules and regulations can be changed. Ms. Burns said "yes". Ms. Bikakis-Hajian said that it is unfair for employees to be verbally abused and is unacceptable and suggested that his employees be allowed to come into the facility but that his privileges should be revoked. Mr. McCarthy said that there will need to be an appeals process and that the rules and regulations can not be changed and then retroactively revoke his privileges. He suggested first changing the rules and regulations and then put him on notice stating the next offense will result in revoking his privileges. After further discussion it was decided that staff will update the rules and regulations and have the Director make a decision on the changes.

**2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON JUNE 18, 2012 (COPY INCLUDED)**

Mr. Wilms said that he did not attend the June meeting and his name should be removed from the attendance.

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES  
\*\* MOTION PASSED  
\*\* TWO ABSTENSIONS- MR. WILMS, MS. BIKAKIS-HAJIAN**

**3. AUTHORIZE STAFF MEMBERS TO UTILIZE \$129,571.91 IN TRANSFORMER CLAIM FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE JANUARY 2011 TRANSFORMER FAILURE TO REIMBURSE OMI'S MRR FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT ( SUMMARY SHEET PROVIDED)**

**ACCOUNT NO. TBD**

Ms. Burns said that items 3 and 4 came before the Board last month and it was requested that it be tabled until it was looked into further. She said that staff had a conference call on Friday with Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Iannacone regarding the transformer claim and the bottom line is that OMI's cost was \$177,447.92 and are requesting to reimburse the MRR account because it allows the WPCA to do other projects. She said that the costs incurred of \$145,587 for additional costs related to the construction project and would like to apply the funds to any overages for the project.

**4. AUTHORIZE STAFF MEMBERS TO UTILIZE \$134,736.63 IN TRANSFORMER CLAIM FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE JANUARY 2011 TRANSFORMER FAILURE FOR ADDITIONAL WORK RELATED TO THE WWTP PHASE I PROJECT (SUMMARY SHEET PROVIDED)**

**ACCOUNT NO. TBD**

**\*\* MS. BIKAKIS-HAJIAN MOVED TO APPROVE ITEMS 4 AND 5  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. WILMS MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:20PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd