

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
June 18, 2012

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

Staff: Hal Alvord, DPW Public Works Director
Lisa Burns, DPW Operations Manager
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

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON MAY 21, 2012 (COPY INCLUDED)

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

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND SECRETARY

**** MR. OUSTAFINE MOVED TO NOMINATE THE CURRENT OFFICERS AND SECRETARY
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. 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

Mr. Kolb said that the total cost related to the January 2011 transformer failure at the Wastewater Treatment Plant was \$323,034.92, and after working with the City's insurance person negotiated a total reimbursement of \$264,308.54 and of that the total portion that should be paid to OMI, Inc. is \$129,571.91 to reimburse the MRR account. Mr. Hamilton requested that the item be tabled until next month so that he has a chance to review the claim.

5. AUTHORIZE STAFF MEMBERS TO UTILIZE \$145,587 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

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE ITEMS 4 AND 5
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF WPCA APPROVAL ON APRIL 16, 2012

ORIGINAL APPROVAL:

AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE JUNE 25, 2009 AGREEMENT WITH GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY TO INCREASE GILBANE'S GENERAL CONDITIONS (ARTICLE 5, SECTION D IN THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT) BY \$51,569.

CHANGE TO:

AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE JUNE 25, 2009 AGREEMENT WITH GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY TO INCREASE GILBANE'S GENERAL CONDITIONS (ARTICLE 5, SECTION D IN THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT) BY \$51,569 AND GILBANE'S CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FEE (ARTICLE 5, SECTION B IN THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT) BY \$13,281.

Mr. Kolb said that in the contract with Gilbane the general conditions and the construction management fee are set figures. He said that an increase of \$13,281.00 is needed for the additional scope of work that was added to the phase I project. Mr. Berns asked if the \$13,281.00 is a calculation based on a percentage. Mr. Kolb said it is 1.8% of the total project cost.

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. 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 said that staff is continuing to work with Gilbane and that it is his understanding that LCI Contractors is agreeing to resolve the issues that were identified as high priority, and that Gilbane has a change authorization for the city to review and approve.

 - 2. Additional Scope of Work
Mr. Kolb said that the additional scope of work is almost complete and that all the abandonment of the existing buildings has been completed. He said that Clean Harbors and Environmental Partners are currently pumping out the last amount of grit and once that tank is cleaned out the scope of work will be completed.

 - 3. Project Closeout Schedule
Mr. Kolb said that staff is continuing to work with Gilbane on the punch list items.

 - 4. Project Budget
Mr. Kolb said that there have been no other change authorizations since last month and that he will have more information next month on when the budget and punch list items will be completed. He said that he has asked Gilbane to provide him with the final schedule for the project close out.

- c. WWTP Performance:
 - 1. Aquaculture sampling- 5/23/12 (e-mail attached)
Mr. Kolb said that that on May 23, 2012 there was a solids loss and it was reported to the state and local health department. He said that Aquaculture had come down and took samples of the effluent and tested for fecal coliform and the results had come back well in compliance with the permit.

 - 2. Storm Event- 6/2/12 (rain gauge data included)
Mr. Kolb said that on June 2, 2012, that 100 year storm was approached and that the Wastewater Treatment Plant had peaked at 75 million gallons per day (mgd). Mr. Clark asked if Phase I of the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade had performed well. Mr. Kolb said that the pumping had done excellent but that the screens had failed and it was found to be a programming issue which has now been corrected.

- d. Collection System Project Update:
 - 1. Pump Station SCADA Telemetry System Project (invitation attached)
Mr. Kolb said that no bids were received and that it will go back out to bid. He said that another pre-bid meeting will be held and that all bids are due back on July 17, 2012.

 - 2. Lockwood Lane and Buckingham Place Project Update
Mr. Kolb said that Green Mountain had lined approximately 1200' of cracked broken pipe and the cost is \$31/per linear foot versus a pipe replacement of

\$200/per linear foot and the work should be completed in the next couple of days.

3. CIPP Lining on Lockwood Lane & Douglas Drive
Mr. Kolb said that the work has been completed.
 4. Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and CCTV at Ely Avenue and Bouton Street
Mr. Kolb said that he is waiting for Green Mountain to schedule the work.
- e. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update
1. Appeal Status
Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$27,277. He said that \$13.5 million dollars was projected for the City of Norwalk's sewer billing and that \$13.3 million dollars in actual bills had gone out. He said that water consumption is down by 2% from 2009 and down 3% from 2010. Ms. Burns said this impacts revenues because the commercial accounts are billed based on consumption.
- f. Information Copies:
1. OMI Monthly Operating Report- May 2012 (copy included)
Mr. Kolb said that there was a daily maximum permit excursion for TSS on May 10, 2012, and a performance guarantee violation for the daily maximum and monthly exceedences for TSS and BOD, due to the transition from cold to warm weather. He said that nitrogen fell into band "D"
 2. DEEP 4-10-12 Inspection (report included)
Mr. Kolb said that a DEEP inspector was on site on April 10, 2012, and had performed an inspection on the bio-solids handling and had noted that the sludge pump and gravity thickener were down for repair but noted that everything else was good.
 3. Contract Year 13- CPI Adjustment (copy included)
Mr. Kolb said that the CPI increase is 2.35% and is based on the CPI from April 2011 to April 2012 numbers.
 4. WPCA Contact List (copy included)
No discussion.

8. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:20PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd