

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
April 16, 2012

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
Mayor Moccia
Marc Berns
Sheiree Powell
David Mccarthy

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

**2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON MARCH 19, 2012
(COPY INCLUDED)**

**** MR. BERNS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
** MOTION PASSED
** TWO ABSTENSIONS- MAYOR MOCCIA, MR. MCCARTHY**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR THE 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.
(SCOPE OF WORK INCLUDED)**

Mr. Kolb discussed the scope of work and said that Loureiro Contractors will be the main excavator contractor on the job, and they will be opening the 72-inch pipe and placing a concrete plug to ensure that no wastewater leaks through the gate. He said that the reason staff is seeking board approval is because per the contract with Gilbane under Article 5, Section D called out specific amount for the general conditions and staff if requesting to amend that portion of the contract and increase their general conditions by \$51,569.00.

****MAYOR MOCCIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. AUTHORIZE STAFF MEMBERS TO PROCEED WITH THE ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION SCOPE OF WORK (DATED MARCH 26, 2012) RELATED TO THE WWTP PHASE I PROJECT FOR DECOMMISSION OF EXISTING WWTP INFRASTRUCTURE (I.E. EQUIPMENT, CHANNELS, PIPING, ETC.)

Mr. Oustafine asked if the work was bid out. Mr. Kolb said “yes” and that Gilbane had contacted multiple companies and received two bids.

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

5. AUTHORIZE STAFF MEMBERS TO UTILIZE \$10, 218.92 IN FEMA FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE JANUARY 11-12, 2011 SNOWSTORM DISASTER FOR ADDITIONAL WORK RELATED TO THE WWTP PHASE I PROJECT. (LETTER INCLUDED)

Mr. Kolb said that the snowstorm had impacted construction operations and that staff had submitted that time to FEMA because it was an additional cost to the project. He said that FEMA had reimbursed 75% of that cost which is \$10,218.92 and staff is seeking Board approval to put the funds back into the project. Mr. Hamilton asked if the funds will be used to do additional work. Mr. Kolb said “yes”.

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

6. AUTHORIZE STAFF MEMBERS TO UTILIZE \$13,104.77 IN FEMA FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2-4, 2011 TROPICAL STORM DISASTER TO REIMBURSE OMI FOR THEIR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT (LETTER INCLUDED)

Mr. Kolb said that this was from the tropical storm disaster and during the storm OMI, Inc. had additional staffing and staff is seeking Board approval to reimburse OMI, Inc. for their additional expenses. Ms. Burns said that the city is the agent that applies for FEMA on behalf of OMI, Inc. Mr. Hamilton asked if this is in accordance with their contract and if they are entitled to the funds. Ms. Burns said that this was above and beyond the normal course of business and the city could not have submitted the cost because they did not incur the cost. Mr. Hamilton asked if they are taking the 75% reimbursement as payment in full. Ms. Burns said “yes”.

**** MR. BERNES 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 (report included)
Mr. Kolb reported on the project update and said that on March 20, 2012, the main gate

was lifted allowing the wastewater to flow into the new headworks building and everything went well, and the new generator had also been tested with the old and new equipment and that also went well and that WPCA staff and OMI, Inc. staff were very pleased. Mr. Kolb said that he has submitted to the city's risk manager what is deemed to be a very large insurance claim related to site settlement. He said that staff has been working through the construction manager and their trades to resolve this issue and have met numerous times, but it is apparent at this point that it will need to go to the city's insurance carrier for discussion with the parties involved.

c. DEEP Meeting Summary

Mr. Alvord said that he thought that the meeting had gone well and that he anticipates an invitation with DEEP to meet and brainstorm once the legislative session is over, and that there would be an opportunity to relook at the way Clean Water Funds are allocated.

d. Collection System Project Update:

1. Lockwood Lane and Buckingham Place Project Update:

Mr. Kolb said that he has received a price of \$142,000 from A.J. Penna to replace 633 feet of pipe, replace 6 manholes, reconnect 18 laterals and do the bypass pumping. He said that he has asked OMI, Inc. through the major repair and replacement account to proceed with this work and that it will take approximately 3 weeks to complete.

2. CIPP Lining on Lockwood Lane & Douglas Drive

Mr. Kolb said that there is 600' section of pipe farther down on Lockwood Lane that is broken and is a perfect lining project option in lieu of replacing it and can be done for \$35 per linear foot. He said that he is waiting for Green Mountain who is the contractor for OMI, Inc. to schedule the work. Mr. Clark asked how big the pipe is. Mr. Kolb said 12". Mayor Moccia asked if the residents in the neighborhood will be notified. Mr. Kolb said "yes" they will receive a flyer and will also be asked to reduce their sewer use while the lining is being done which is approximately an 8 hour process.

Mr. Kolb said that on Douglas Drive there is a 10" sewer line that is in very poor condition and is an ideal lining project in lieu of replacing it and Green Mountain will also be doing the lining.

3. Sanitary sewer cleaning and CCTV at Ely Avenue and Bouton Street

Mr. Kolb said that Green Mountain has provided him with very good pricing to clean and TV underneath the railroad tracks between Ely Avenue and Bouton Street. He said that the work will be performed at night within in the next couple of weeks, and will then make an assessment of what if anything will need to be done.

e. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update

1. Appeal Status

Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$24,997 and he is working with the staff at the finance office on this year's sewer use billing.

f. Information Copies:

1. OMI Monthly Operating Report- March 2012 (copy included)
Mr. Kolb said that pump 1 controls were replaced at the Westport Avenue pump station, Pump 2 controls at the Fort Point pump station and replaced contactor for pump 1 at the Bouton Street pump station. . He said that nitrogen fell into band "D".

2. WPCA Contact List (copy included)
No discussion.

8. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. CLARK MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd