

CITY OF NORWALK  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
APRIL 15, 2013

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman  
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman  
Mayor Moccia  
Fred Wilms  
Mark Berns  
Dave McCarthy  
Galen Wells

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:32PM

**2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON MARCH 18, 2013 (COPY INCLUDED)**

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

**3. APPROVE THE REVISED FY 2013-14 OPERATING BUDGET (COPY AND TALBE ATTACHED)**

Ms. Burns said that after last month's meeting staff had received the water consumption data and that the gross numbers were down 11%. She said that since the operating budget was approved last month prior to having received the data staff wanted to come back to the Board with a revised budget for approval. She said that the budget that is being presented now has a conservative revenue requirement that will need to be pulled from the fund balance for rate stabilization.

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **4. REPORTS**

- a. FY12/13 Revenues/Expenditures Report (MUNIS report included)  
Mr. Kolb said that Kaiser-Battistone owes approximately \$150,000 and he will be having Mr. Bader follow up with them. Mr. Oustafine asked how far in arrearage they are. Mr. Kolb said a couple of months and said if there is still an issue after Mr. Bader contacts them they will be notified that their pin numbers will be locked out so that they will be unable to discharge until the bill has been paid. Mr. Oustafine asked if they have a bond. Mr. Kolb said “yes”
- b. Discussion on the Sammis Street Pump Station  
Mr. Mc Carthy said that he would like to thank staff for the excellent job they had done on the presentation and that 24 people had attended and there was great discussion. He said that he had forwarded a letter to staff from Mr. Hynes and said that he is interested in exploring an alternate plan that would allow the station to remain underground with elevated venting, and to see if that would be potentially less expensive than the proposed fixes. Mr. Mc Carthy said from his perspective he respects the recommendations that staff have presented but that he is curious to see whether there is any monetary difference in a proposed solution, but said that it would have to be fairly compelling for him to reconsider. Ms. Burns said that she has spoken to Mr. Hynes and told him that she would speak with Wright-Pierce who the design is engineering firm regarding an alternative design to try and keep the station below grade, and see if it would be technically feasible. She said that Wright-Pierce did e-mail her back and the existing structure is not water tight and said that to rebuild a water tight structure was going to be significantly more than putting the shed like structure above ground and further, FEMA would not consider it an eligible cost item. Mayor Moccia asked how long the pump station has been there. Mr. Kolb said since 1967. Mr. Mc Carthy requested that the footprint of the new pump station be staked when the plans were completed.
- Mr. Hamilton said that the indication from FEMA now is that they consider this not a mitigation project but a replacement project and they do not fund replacement projects. Mr. Oustafine asked if any of the cost will be covered by FEMA. Mr. Hamilton said “yes” and that they will cover the costs to replace in kind. Mayor Moccia asked how much that will be. After further discussion Mr. Alvord said staff will collect all of the facts and get back to him.
- c. WWTP Phase I Upgrade Project Closeout  
Mr. Kolb said that sampler number two has failed and is the new unit is now on site and are waiting for Gilbane to install it. He said that staff in continuing to monitor the south grit system number four and it seems to be working well based on the modifications that were made to that unit, and the same modifications will be made to the other three systems. Ms. Burns said that she is holding back the final payment of \$130,000 to Gilbane until these issues get resolved.
- d. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update
1. Appeal Status  
Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$64,572

- e. Information Copies
  - 1. OMI Monthly Operating Report- March 2013 (copy included)  
Mr. Kolb reported and said that nitrogen fell into band "D".

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd