

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
September 16, 2013

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
Fred Wilms
Dave McCarthy
Frederika Bikakis-Hajian
Galen Wells

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

Others: Robert Sardaro, CH2MHill, OMI, INC.
Cathy Mallon, Arcadis
Lonnie Metzler, Arcadis

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON JULY 15, 2013 (COPY INCLUDED)

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,628.55
PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 19, 2012 FROM A "TBD"
ACCOUNT TO BE PAID FROM ACCOUNT NO. 09084062-5777-C0256
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BY WRIGHT-PIERCE RELATED TO
THE SAMMIS STREET PUMP STATION AND ANN STREET SIPHON
CHAMBER PROJECT**

Ms. Burns said that during Hurricane Sandy Wright-Pierce was retained on an emergency basis for the Sammis Street pump station and Ann Street siphon chamber. She said that until the end of this fiscal year the payments were being processed using the Hurricane Sandy account out of the operating budget which will be getting reimbursed by FEMA. She said that they are now finishing up the capital project and in order to process the paperwork staff needs approval to spend the funds out of the capital account and will receive reimbursement either from insurance or FEMA.

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4. APPROVE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORK'S RECCONDATION FOR A NITROGEN CREDIT SHARING OF 25 PERCENT FOR 7 MONTHS TO OMI. INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,861. (COPY INCLUDED)

Mr. Kolb said the Norwalk had received \$204,809 for nitrogen credits and that OMI is requesting nitrogen credit revenue sharing at 25% for the seven months in which the total nitrogen performance fell into band D. Mr. Oustafine asked if this is in accordance with their contract. Mr. Kolb said "yes" and is in accordance with amendment two of the contract.

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5. REPORTS

- a. FY12/13 Revenues/Expenditures Report (MUNIS report included)
Mr. Kolb said that overall everything is tracking well but that septage revenues are still down. He said that staff had anticipated \$525,000 would be collected in revenues last fiscal year but that the city had only collected \$437,000. He said that all the accounts are currently paid to date and that staff will continue to monitor.
- b. Contract Operations Status- Annual Inspection Report (representatives from Arcadis, U.S., Inc. to attend, draft copies included)
Ms. Mallon said that the report was overall positive and that there were no major issues. Ms. Metzler said that both the WWTP and the majority of the eight selected pump stations appear to be in good operating condition and that many MRR and capital improvements continue to be implemented throughout the WWTP and the pump stations. She said that during the evaluation period, the WWTP was successful at complying with both the contract and permit limits for BOD and TSS monthly averages, fecal coliform and chlorine residue and that nitrogen performance continues to excel. She said that many capital improvements continue to be planned or implemented which include CSO/Wetweather treatment, SCADA and Collections System.
Mr. Hempstead arrived at 5:55PM
- c. Draft NPDES Permit Status (letter included)
Ms. Burns said that she recently received the draft permit and that due to low staff availability were not able to touch base with the DEEP prior to them issuing the draft permit. She said that the current permit expired in 2010 and that there are some changes in the draft permit that staff would like to be addressed. She said that they did not incorporate some of the changes from last time and had just issued the permit without taking into consideration the comment and said at this point if that were to happen again this year that staff will have to see what the options are.
- d. WPCA Projects Update:
 1. WWTP Phase I Upgrade Project Closeout
Mr. Kolb said that the final payment has been issued to Gilbane to close out the project. He said however, recently there is an issue with the main lift pumps and that four out of the six pumps had partial or full contamination with wastewater into the coolant system. He said that Flow Serve who is the pump manufacturer had sent a represantive down to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and that the technician realized that all of the seals had failed in four of the pumps and will

now need to be repaired, and that OMI, Inc. has put the State on notice that there are issues with the pumps. Ms. Bikakis-Hajian asked the cost of the pumps. Mr. Kolb said approximately \$1.2 million dollars. Mr. Clark asked if the pumps are still under warranty. Mr. Kolb said "yes" until the middle of September but that Flow Serve is not being responsive. He said that he has contacted CDM to contact Flow Serve to further investigate and that he will provide an update at next month's meeting.

2. Sammis Street Pump Station and Ann Street Siphon
Mr. Kolb said that based on discussions from the neighborhood meeting that staff had contacted Wright-Pierce and have revised the layout. Mr. Kolb presented and discussed the revisions. Mr. Mc Carthy asked if there were any further drawings like there were earlier in the process. Ms. Burns said "yes". Mr. Oustafine asked how close the 100% drawings are to completion. Mr. Kolb said that they will be completed within the next week and will go out to bid at the end of September.

Ms. Burns said that she had an extensive meeting with the insurance carrier and are still working through the process to understand what will be covered through insurance and said whatever will not be covered will be reimbursed by FEMA but that the WPCA will need to pay the costs and then be reimbursed. Mr. Oustafine asked what the cost will be. Ms. Burns said the engineers estimate is \$1.3 million dollars.

3. SCADA Pump Station
Mr. Kolb said that Aaron Associates is working with Wright-Pierce and are approximately 80% complete and are looking at the beginning of October to perform some communications testing from the pump stations back to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
 4. Connecticut Avenue CIPP Lining
Mr. Kolb said that as of this morning 4 sections of pipe has been lined at that there will be no cost to the WPCA.
- e. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update
 1. Appeal Status
Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$35,571.
 - f. NACWA Silver Peak Performance Award (copies included)
MS. Burns said that the WPCA has recieved the NACWA Silver Peak Performance award. She said that staff would like to thank the board for all of their support and that there was a very positive article in the Norwalk Hour.
 - g. GIS Analyst Interviews
Ms. Burns said that the interviews will be held tomorrow and that 75 candidates had applied, and that 35 were deemed qualified, and the interview panel has selected 3 candidates to interview.
 - h. DPW Open House- September 28th
Mr. Kolb said the DPW open house will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2013, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at the Public Works Center.

i. Information Copies

1. OMI Monthly Operating Report- July & August 2013 (copy included)
Mr. Kolb reported and said that nitrogen is very good and fell into band "D". He reported on the pump stations and said that both pumps and all valves were replaced at the Bell Island pump station. He reported on the collection system and said that a blockage had caused a sewage spill on Bouton Street and that the line had been flushed and cleared.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 5:55PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd