

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
November 18, 2013

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
Dave McCarthy
Galen Wells
Doug Hempstead
Fred Wilms

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

Others: John Ahern, CH2MHill, OMI, INC.
Susan Sweitzer, Redevelopment Agency

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

**2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 21, 2013
(COPY INCLUDED)**

Mr. Wilms said on Page 4, Item 7, to remove his name and that he did not attend the meeting.
Mr. McCarthy said that his name should be added on Page 4, Item 7

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED
** MOTION PASSED
** ONE ABSTENTION- MR. WILMS**

**3. AUTHORIZE THE CHARMAN OR THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER
POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT
WITH ARCADIS U.S. INC., FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 CONTRACT
OPERATIONS MONITORING SERVICES FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED
\$125,000 IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROPOSAL DATED NOVEMBER14,
2003 (COPY INCLUDED)**

Mr. Kolb said that there is currently a contract with Malcolm Pirnie and they have officially changed their name to Arcadis U.S. Inc. Mr. Wilms asked if the \$125,000 was the original agreement. Ms. Burns said yes and that it has stayed flat.

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

4. ACT ON CONNECTION FEE APPEAL- WAYPOINTE PROJECT

Ms. Sweitzer said that the Redevelopment Agency is the applicant that is submitting the request and is part of public support for the first phase of the Waypoint project. She said that the purpose of the application is part of a program of public assistance that both the city and state had provided to the Waypoint project. She said that given the difficulty attracting private investors to the West Avenue corridor the agency thought it was important to put forth a policy to assist developers, and are requesting immediate relief from the sewer connection fees in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. Mr. Alvord said that staff has just received the request last week and at this point do not know what the credited meters are going to be, or what the final impact will be and have had no opportunity to develop a staff position other than to say the request is premature and would like the opportunity to bring a recommendation back to the Board. Mr. Wilms requested that the Redevelopment Agency provide an explanation as to why economically they need the relief. Mr. McCarthy asked if this has ever been done in the past on either a residential or developmental level. Mr. Wilms said this was done for the affordable housing project on 8 Fair Street. Ms. Burns said that was the first and last time that it has been done. Mr. Alvord said that the Board has had several requests from residents and other commercial establishments and there has been no discounts given other than the Fair Street project. Ms. Burns said that staff will continue to work with the Redevelopment Agency to further get the economics of the project.

**** MS. WELLS MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. REPORTS

- a. FY12/13 Revenues/Expenditures Report (MUNIS report included)
Mr. Kolb said that overall everything is tracking as anticipated on both the revenue and expense side.
- b. Draft NPDES Permit Status (CTDEEP letter included)
Mr. Kolb said that staff is continuing to work with the DEEP and they have accepted some of staff's comments regarding the permit, and others they did not agree to and in going through the permit there are a couple of more clarifications that staff will be responding back the State and that will take place this week.
- c) WWTP Main Lift Pumps Failure (letters included)
Ms. Burns that staff is continuing to press for warranty coverage on the main lift pumps and all six of the new main lift pumps are compromised and need to be rebuilt. Mr. Clark asked if they all have the same failure. Mr. Ahern said "yes" to various degrees of severity and as a contingency plan he has contacted Godwin. Mr. Hempstead asked what the lead time is on getting a rental pump. Mr. Ahern said three to four weeks. Ms. Burns said that she has sent two letters to their warranty manager and they have not been responsive. Mr. Clark asked who is paying for the repairs. Ms. Burns said the WPCA is until everything gets settled. Mr. Hempstead asked how old the pumps are. Ms. Burns said they are a 1 ½ years old and are still under full warranty and had also purchased the extended warranty through Flowserve. Mr. Hempstead asked if a claim has been submitted through insurance. Ms. Burns said "no" Mr. Hempstead suggested that a claim be submitted.

- d. Sammis Street Pump Station and Ann St Siphon Project Update (invitation for construction included)
Mr. Kolb said that on November 7, 2013, that three bids were received for the Sammis Street Pump station and that Delray Contracting was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. He said that the bids were just over \$1.46 million dollars. He said that The Norwalk Land Trust has submitted a letter stating that they are in agreement that the height restriction of four feet is no longer enforceable and that they would very much like to work with the WCPA on developing a natural landscaping plan for the pump station
- e. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update
 - 1. Appeal Status
Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$35,971.
- f. Information Copies
 - 1. OMI Monthly Operating Report- October 2013 (copy included)
Mr. Kolb reported on the maintenance and said that all the concrete repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the pump stations have been completed. He reported on the collection system and said that the force main has been repaired at Woodward Avenue. He said for the month of October nitrogen fell in band "D".

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:10PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd