

CITY OF NORWALK  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
February 24, 2014

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman  
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman  
Mayor Rilling  
Dave McCarthy  
Fredericka Bikakis-Hajian  
James Clark

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

Others: John Ahern, CH2MHill, OMI, INC.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2014**  
**(COPY INCLUDED)**

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**3. AUTHORIZE REIMBURSEMENT OF \$69,819.92 IN FEMA FUNDS**  
**RECEIVED FROM HURRICANE SANDY TO OMI, INC. FOR THEIR**  
**COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT (SUMMARY SHEET**  
**INCLUDED).**

**ACCOUNT NO. 224062-4172**

Mr. Kolb said that OMI, Inc. had covered the expenses for damages due to Hurricane Sandy and those expenses totaled \$141,932.84 and were submitted to FEMA and the reimbursement from FEMA will be \$69,819.92. Mr. McCarthy asked how the difference will be made up to OMI Inc. Mr. Kolb said through the replacement reserve account. Mr. Oustafine asked if this is per their contract. Ms. Burns said "yes" and that whatever monies are not used in the contract year will be rolled into the next year. Mayor Rilling asked if all work has been completed and inspected to satisfaction. Ms. Burns said "yes"

**\*\* MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE 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. Discussion on Main Lift Pumps Litigation Status  
Ms. Burns said that on February 7, 2014, she and Mr. Kolb had met with representatives from Flowserve in an attempt to settle prior to going into litigation. She said that she had the advice of legal counsel prior to the meeting, and that some ground rules were set on the interaction during the meeting and what would be shared. She said that she had followed up with them last week, and at the close of business on Friday she had received a letter stating their position is still that the pumps were run dry, which was the position they took prior to coming to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and looking at any data. She said that they had offered a very small settlement and was not even a place that can be negotiated from, and that she has spoken to Scott Orenstein today and he wanted her to advise the board that he will be getting the paperwork processed to move forward with litigation as soon as possible. Mr. Clark asked if all the pumps are serviceable now. Mr. Kolb said "no" and that two pumps have been repaired, the third pump is at the repair shop now and that there are three more that need to be sent out for repair. Mr. Clark asked how many pumps are currently operating. Mr. Ahern said that five are currently operating. Ms. Burns said that she will have more to report at the next meeting.
- c. Draft NPDES Permit Status  
Mr. Kolb said that the record of decision was filed with the State and are now waiting to receive the permit.
- d. Draft FY 14/15 Capital and Operating Budgets (copies included)  
Mr. Kolb presented the draft capital budget and said that staff is requesting \$250,000 for pump station upgrades and replacements. He said the collection system rehabilitation is still ongoing and are currently in the final design of the Beacon Street project and following that the Ely Avenue/ Bouton Street collection project will begin. He said that there is \$500,000 that was identified for supplemental treatment upgrade. Ms Burns said that this would have been addressed if the phase II upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment Plant had moved forward. Mr. Kolb said that \$200,000 has been identified for solids handling facility. Ms. Burns said that staff will have a consultant come on board to perform a study and evaluate alternatives for bio-solids handling.  
  
Ms. Burns reported on the operating budget and said that due to there not being a rate increase last year that the financial model will need to be rerun. She said that the finance department will be getting some additional information to the consultant and will have it finalized by the next meeting so that the Board can set the public hearing on the rate. She said that she will have the consultant attend the meeting to discuss how the model works.
- e. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update
  1. Appeal Status  
Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$ 37,661

f. Information Copies

1. OMI Monthly Operating Report- January 2014 (copy included)  
Mr. Kolb reported and said the major items that were completed were that frozen water lines in the primary and secondary buildings were repaired and that primary pump number four was replaced. He said for the month of January nitrogen fell in band "D".

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd