

CITY OF NORWALK  
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
June 16, 2014

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman  
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman  
James Clark  
John Flynn  
Frederika Bikakis-Hajian

Staff: Lisa Burns, DPW Operations Director  
Ralph Kolb, DPW Senior Environmental Engineer

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:34PM

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ONGOING LITIGATION WITH  
FLOWSERVE ABOUT MAIN LIFT PUMPS' FAILURE**

Mr. Clark asked if anything has changed from last month. Ms. Burns said that the cross complaint has been filed.

**\*\* MR. JAMES CLARK MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO DISCUSS THE MAIN LIFT PUMPS**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Burns said that the number one lift pump that had failed has failed again for the second time. She said on June 24, 2014, it will be taken apart with representatives present from Flowserve, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc., and the WPCA representative from CDM Smith.

There was no executive session held and there was no action taken.

**3. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON MAY 19,  
2014 (COPY INCLUDED)**

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

**\*\* MOTION PASSED**

**\*\* ONE ABSTENSION- MS. BIAKIS-HAJIAN**

**4. AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE NOVEMBER 28, 2012 WITH AARON ASSOCIATES OF CONNECTICUT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,590 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SCADA FUNCTIONS FOR THE PUMP STATION SCADA TELEMETRY SYSTEM PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A LETTER PROPOSAL DATED MAY 16, 2014 (COPY INCLUDED).**

Mr. Kolb said that staff had requested additional SCADA functions and he discussed the breakdown of the six tasks. He said that staff would also like to incorporate a WIN911 alarm system, which would call the operator on a cell phone to notify him that there is a pump station problem, or a problem at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He said in addition to the operator it can also notify multiple persons via telephone or email. Mr. Flynn asked why it is so expensive. Mr. Kolb said that it is a detailed system. Ms. Burns said that it is also communicating with 22 pump stations.

**\*\* MR. LEWIS CLARK MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM  
\*\* MOTION PASSED  
\*\* ONE ABSTENSION- MR. FLYNN**

**5. APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE SEPTAGE DISPOSAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (COPY INCLUDED)**

Mr. Kolb discussed the proposed changes to the rules and regulations and said the main changes relate to personal protective equipment and will now require the haulers to have specific personal protective equipment and that OMI, Inc. is very conscious about safety on-site. He said that all septage haulers will now also be required to implement odor reducing control measures. He also said that anytime the Wastewater Treatment Plant is above 30 MGD septage will not be taken for that period. Mr. James Clark asked if that has happened and if so how often. Mr. Kolb said "yes" that it has happened twice so far. Ms. Burns said that OMI, Inc. is working on a notification system that will let haulers know in advance.

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

**6. APPROVE SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION ALONG STRAWBERRY HILL AVENUE AND NORDEN PLACE FOR 8 NORDEN PLACE FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM (LETTERS AND DRAWING INCLUDED)**

Ms. Burns said that as part of the Avalon project that they needed to construct an extension to the sanitary sewer system to which the Board will need to approve. She said that they had hired Tighe and Bond to perform the inspection and that they have certified that the sewer was built in accordance with the city's requirements. She said in addition to that WPCA staff has verified that the two on site pump stations will only operate one at a time. Mr. Oustfine asked if there is a bond. Ms. Burns said "no". Mr. Flynn asked who is responsible for paying for the pump operation. Ms. Burns said that they will be and that the

WPCA will only be responsible for the gravity.

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

**7. ACT ON CONNECTION FEE WAIVER FOR THE WAYPOINTE (MID-BLOCK & NORTH BLOCK) PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$176,040 (CONNECTION FEE PAYMENT INCLUDED)**

**\*\* MR. JAMES CLARK MOVED TO OPEN THE ITEM FOR DISCUSSION  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Sweitzer said that the connection fees were paid because they were an inhibitor of getting their certificate of occupancy which would have been in violation with the agreement with the investors, and would have most likely led to a lawsuit and it made sense to just pay the fee and leave the waiver request on the table. Mr. Oustafine asked if she is requesting a refund. Ms. Sweitzer said there are several options that she would like to put on the table for the boards consideration. Mr. Flynn asked if this is the full extent of the connections fees or if there will be additional connection fees. Ms. Burns said that there will be additional connection fees. Mr. James Clark said at the last meeting he requested that if there was additional information that they would like to present that they present it at this meeting. Ms. Burns said that there was no additional information received and therefore there was nothing included in the board package. Mr. James Clark said to even consider approving waiving the fee he would need to see the incredible win for the city that Ms. Sweitzer has spoken about.

**\*\* MR. FLYNN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONNECTION FEE WAIVER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$176,040 FOR THE WAYPOINTE MID-BLOCK AND NORTH BLOCK PROJECT**

**\*\* MOTION REJECTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. JAMES CLARK MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. LEWIS CLARK MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO AUTHORIZE STAFF AND OMI, INC. TO SUBMIT ELECTRONIC RECORDING TO THE DEEP  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. James Clark requested reports for infractions and achievements on a quarterly basis.

**8. REPORTS**

- a. FY13/14 Revenues/Expenditures Report (MUNIS report included)  
Mr. Kolb said everything is tracking as expected with the exception of legal services account which is over budget. He said on the revenue side that the septic disposal fees are budgeted at \$525,000 and are currently at \$585,000.
- b. Discussion on the Sammis Street Pump Station (report included)

Mr. Kolb presented the report and said that the control panel designs for the Ann Street siphon are being reviewed and once it is approved and assembled it should take approximately one to two weeks to complete.

Mr. Kolb reported on the status of Sammis Street Pump Station work and said that they are currently working on the walkway and began excavating. Mr. Flynn asked if there have been any complaints. Mr. Kolb said the only request that was made was to protect the trees during construction.

c. Discussion on the Ely Avenue Cleaning and CCTV Project

Mr. Kolb said that for a couple of years staff has been trying to find a qualified contractor to clean and TV the line from Bouton Street to Ely Avenue which runs under the Metro-North. He said that this is the fourth contractor and that the work will begin tomorrow. Mr. James Clark asked how long to work to take to complete. Mr. Kolb said a day to a day and a half. Mr. Kolb said once the work has been completed ARCADIS will advise if a new pump station is needed or if the pipe can be lined to maintain flow.

d. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update

1. Appeal Status

Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$ 40,370.

2. Sewer Use Fee Billing (FY 14-15)

Mr. Kolb said that the billing has been finalized and are now being mailed. He said that the Tax Collectors office has gotten a new billing system and that there have been changes in land use codes and that he anticipates there will be complaints.

e. Information Copies:

1. OMI Monthly Report- May 2014 (copy included)

Mr. Kolb reported on the collections system and said that repairs were made on Loundsbury Avenue and Jennie Jenks Road. He reported on the pump stations and said that ARCADIS has completed the pump station inspection. He said that nitrogen fell into band "D"

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. JAMES CLARK MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd