

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
October 20, 2014

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
Mayor Rilling
James Clark
John Flynn
Galen Wells
Dave McCarthy
Frederika Bikakis-Hajian

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

Others: Robert Sardaro, CH2MHill, OMI, INC
Lisa Gustafson

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

**** MR. JAMES CLARK MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Executive session began at 5:32PM

Executive session ended at 5:55PM

No action taken

**3. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 (COPY INCLUDED)**

**** MR. FLYNN MOVED TO TABLE THE MINUTES**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. APPROVE SEWER USE FEE ADJUSTMENT FOR 20 NORTH TAYLOR AVENUE (LETTER INCLUDED)

Mr. Kolb said that this is a parcel that falls under land use code 108C in the Vision database, and that there are approximately 105 properties that are now under this land use code. He said that due to some communication issues between the Vision software company and the City that he had requested the property owner submit a letter for the Boards assessment. He said that it is his recommendation that it should be billed as a residential property.

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE CHANGING THE BILLING TO BE SEVEN TIMES THE RESIDENTIAL RATE AND TO TAKE FOLLOW UP ACTIONS AS APPROPRIATE WITH THE TAX ASSESSORS OFFICE.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH OMI, INC. FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF COMMUNOTOR REPLACEMENT AT THE FIVE MILE, KEELER BROOK, WOODWARD AVENUE, AND OLD TROLLEY PUMP STATIONS, AND REPLACEMENT OF THE PUMP CONTROL SYSTEM AT THE BOUTON STREET PUMP STATION FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$204,000 IN ACCORDANCE WITH LETTER PROPOSAL DATED OCTOBER 17, 2014 (COPY INCLUDED)

Mr. Kolb said that there are two components to this item and the first is that the existing cutter components on the comminutors have surpassed their useful life, and require to be replaced in order to maintain compliance with the NPDES permit. He said that the second component is related to the Bouton Street Pump Station, and said that the station is getting older and that various components are failing. Mr. Flynn asked what items are being replaced due to corrosion. Mr. Sardaro said the starter and level controls. Mr. Flynn asked is if the price that has been quoted is reasonable for the repair. Mr. Sardaro said "yes". Mr. Flynn said that he wants staff to ensure that everything is being done to delay future repairs. Ms. Burns said that can be discussed with the OMI, Inc. staff as part of the long term maintenance program.

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. REPORTS

- a. FY13/14 and FY 14/15 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)
Mr. Kolb reported and said that everything is tracking as expected.
- b. Discussion on ongoing investigation by Norwalk Police Department
Ms. Burns said that she was contacted by Craig Motasky of the DEEP and he was asked to go to the Police Department to be questioned. She said that he then requested to meet with WPCA staff and after meeting with the detectives he could not tell staff what the nature of the complaint is, but that it focuses on one specific date which was May 1, 2014, and that the questions focused on the Keeler Brook pump station, but that there

was nothing specific. Mayor Rilling said that in his opinion this should be discussed in executive session. Mr. James Clark said since the nature is unknown there is nothing to discuss in an executive session. Mr. Alvord said that he will get a legal opinion from the Corporation Council's office.

- c. Discussion on the Sammis Street Pump Station (report included)
Mr. Kolb reported and said that the concrete floor has been poured and the new electrical control room house is being fabricated. He said that once the building is finalized that Connecticut Light and Power will take four to six weeks to complete their work. Mr. McCarthy asked what the date of completion is. Mr. Kolb said that per the contract they have until April, 2015 to complete the project, but that they believe that they will do start up in December, 2014.

- d. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update
 - 1. Appeal Status
Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$ 94,610.

- e. Information Copies:
 - 1. OMI Monthly Report- September 2014 (copy included)
Mr. Kolb reported on the major items that were completed and said that AJ Penna has repaired the force main on Hawkins Avenue and have paved a portion of Autumn Street at the site of a previous line repair. He said that nitrogen fell into band "D"

7. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. JAMES CLARK MOVED TO ADJOURN
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd