

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
February 9, 2015

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

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

Others: John Ahern, CH2MHill, OMI, INC.

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 5:30PM

Executive session ended at 5:45PM

No action was taken

3. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED FY 2015-16 SEWER USE RATES ON MARCH 16, 2015, AT 5:30PM (DRAFT NOTICE INCLUDED)

Mr. Kolb said that staff has proposed a 5% increase for the sewer use rates and that the residential rate will increase from \$300 to \$315, and that the commercial flat rate will increase from \$425 to \$450 and consumption component from \$7.75 to \$8.15 per 1,000 gallons of water. He said there is a new rate for in-law unit / accessory apartment and it will be \$157.50.

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Bikakis-Hajian arrived at 5:50PM

**4. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON
JANUARY 12, 2015 (COPY INCLUDED)**

**** MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
** MOTION PASSED
** ONE ABSTENSION- MR. JAMES CLARK**

**5. APPROVE SEWER USE FEE ADJUSTMENT FOR 106 WEST CEDAR
STREET (LETTER INCLUDED)**

Mr. Kolb said that 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. Mr. Flynn asked if they receiving a credit. Mr. Kolb said "yes".

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

**6. APPROVE SEWER USE FEE ADJUSTMENT FOR 3 BEDFORD
AVENUE (LETTER INCLUDED)**

Mr. Kolb said that this is another parcel that falls under land use code 108C and was billed based on consumption. He said going forward it will be based on the number of units based on the Tax Assessor records.

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

**7. AUTHORIZE STAFF TO RETAIN MECHANICAL SOLUTIONS, INC.
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO MLP LITIGATION
FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000 IN ACCORDANCE WITH
PROPOSAL DATED JANUARY 29, 2015 (COPY INCLUDED)**

ACCOUNT NO. 224062-5298

Ms. Burns said that this firm was suggested by ARCADIS to perform a shaft deflection analysis on the existing Flowserve pumps at different speeds, to see if there is any deflection on the shaft. Mr. Flynn asked how long the shaft is. Mr. Kolb said approximately three to four feet. Mr. Flynn asked what the minimum diameter of the shaft is. Mr. Kolb said it varies down the length of the shaft, but approximately four inches at its maximum. Ms. Burns said that confidentiality agreements were signed with Flowserve to obtain the shaft dimensions.

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

8. REPORTS

- a. FY13/14 and FY 14/15 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)
Mr. Kolb reported on the FY 13/14 report and said that everything is tracking as expected with the exception of the revenues from septic disposal. He said that Kaiser-Battistone was sold and since then they have been going to Bridgeport, and that they are one of the biggest septage haulers and will have a big impact on septage revenues.
- b. Draft FY 15/16 Capital and Operating Budgets (copy included)
Ms. Burns went over the highlights and said that the revenue for septage disposal fees will decrease to \$375,000. Nitrogen numbers were higher than the general permit number so Norwalk will be paying \$47,000 to purchase nitrogen credits.
- c. Discussion on the Sammis Street Pump Station
Mr. Kolb said that the pump station is operating and that the contractor has installed the pumps and have tied into the force main. He said that they are currently maintaining the station and that in approximately two to three weeks will be providing staff with training and following that they will be handing over the pump station. Mr. Oustafine asked if the pump station is tied into the SCADA system. Mr. Kolb said "yes".
- d. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update
 - 1) Appeal Status
Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$93,512.
- e. Information Copies:
 1. Town of Wilton Sewer Bill FY 14/15 (copy included)
Mr. Kolb reported and said that the payment has been received from the Town of Wilton in the amount of \$480,015.00
 2. 2014 CSO Report (copy included)
No discussion.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:35PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd