

CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
April 20, 2015

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
James Clark
John Flynn
Galen Wells

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

Others: John Ahern, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.
Paola Molloy, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.
Dale Schmude, 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. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
Executive session began at 5:30PM
Executive session ended at 5:50PM
No action was taken
Ms. Wells arrived at 5:38PM
Mr. James Clark arrived at 5:46PM

**3. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON MARCH 16, 2015
(COPY INCLUDED)**

Mr. James Clark said on Page 4, Item 9 to remove "Clark".

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

4. **AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE APRIL 5, 2013 AGREEMENT WITH WRIGHT-PIERCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,500 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, TRAINING, AND RECORD DRAWINGS RELATED TO THE SAMMES STREET PUMP STATION AND ANN STREET SIPHON CHAMBER IN ACCORDANCE WITH A LETTER PROPOSAL DATED DECEMBER 16, 2013 (COPY INCLUDED)**

ACCOUNT NO. 09114062-5777-C0360

Mr. Kolb said that staff has requested that Wright-Pierce do record drawings once the pump station is completed, and additionally have requested overall training for OMI staff on the pump station as a whole rather than per component. He said that there were also additional engineering services done that was outside of the original scope of work due to change orders. Mr. McCarthy suggested that going forward the record drawings be included in the original scope of work once the change orders have been completed. Mr. Kolb agreed.

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

5. **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, and they are down more than was anticipated due to Kaiser-Battistone being sold since then they have been going to Bridgeport. He said the Town of Wilton has paid their sewer use fee but that it has not reflected the MUNIS report yet.
- b. Discussion on Finance Committee Comments on Rate Structure
Ms. Burns said that at the Finance Committee meeting the Chairman had made some comments and requested that the WPCA Board look at rate structure, consumption based billing at discounted rates for senior citizens. Mr. McCarthy said that the rates being favorable to the residential homeowner are probably better for senior citizens than going to consumption based billing with senior discounts. Ms. Burns said that a study was done in 2008 which showed that generally the residential bill would increase if consumption based billing is implemented. Mr. Alvord said that Norwalk has one of the lowest residential rates in the state. After further discussion it was decided that staff would look into information on a senior citizen discount.
- c. Discussion on Shellfish Closures (letter included)
Mr. Kolb said that when the Pine Point sewer replacement was completed last week he had immediately notified the Shellfish Commission. He said that it had sounded like they were going to open the shell fish beds but due to the heavy rains in the forecast they are going to be closing them.

d. Discussion on WPCA Projects:

- 1) Beacon Street Interceptor Service Area Sewer System Rehabilitation Project
Mr. Kolb said that the project is going well and that the contractor is getting ready to set up the last bypass and that it will be set up for approximately six weeks.

Ms. Burns said that there was an issue on McIntosh Street and that when all of the laterals were re-commissioned by the contractor after the lining, there were three homes that had back-ups. She said that staff had AJ Penna perform a repair, and it was discovered that the laterals on that street have a siphon under the water line, so when their service was disconnected the line backed up and could not be flushed through because the siphon was lost. She said that even though they have non-conforming laterals, she had told them to submit the claims and it would be taken care of as part of the project because the backup would not have happened had the project not be done, but that she will be having them sign a release holding the city harmless for any future repairs.

- 2) Sammis Street Pump Station and Ann Street Flood Damage Upgrade
Mr. Kolb reported and said that the contractor is now working on the punch list for the Sammis Street Pump Station, and they are finalizing some of the change order work that was identified. .

e. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update

- 1) Appeal status
Mr. Kolb said that the adjustments to date are \$73,403.

f. Information Copies:

1. OMI Monthly Operating Reports-March 2015 (copy included)
Mr. Kolb reported on the collections system and said that nitrogen fell into band "D"
Mr. Ahern introduced Dale Schmude as the Maintenance Manager for OMI, Inc.

6. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. FLYNN MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dilene Byrd