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CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
REGULAR MEETING
December 19, 2022

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Barbara Smyth
John Bove
Chris Mannella
John Igneri
Greg Burnett
Neal Konstantin

Staff: Vanessa Valadares, Chief of Operations and Public Works
Ralph Kolb, WPCA Senior Environmental Engineer
Neyla Bauer, Wastewater Systems Manager

Others: John Marcin, Project Manager, Veolia

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

2. INTRODUCTION OF GREG BURNETT, COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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Ms. Valadares introduced Mr. Burnett and said that he is the new President of the Common Council and is assigned as a member of the WPCA, but he does have the option to name an alternate. She welcomed Mr. Burnett to the WPCA board. Mr. Burnett said it is great to be back on the WPCA and he is always excited to hear the good work that comes out of the WPCA, and he is here to support. He said that he will attend as many meetings as possible and would welcome Mr. Konstantin's continuation as his alternate and attend the meetings for consistency for when he cannot attend the meetings.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 21, 2022 (COPY INCLUDED)

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:

a. Veolia Monthly Operating Report – November 2022 (copy included)

Mr. Marcin reported and said that over four miles of camera inspections were completed and 1 ½ miles of cleaning, and year to date have completed approximately 19 miles of sewer cleaning and approximately 16 miles of CCTV inspections which is well above the monthly obligation of two miles of CCTV and three miles of cleaning.

Mr. Marcin said there were no contract or permit exceedances for the month and the facility effluent was excellent quality.

b. Orchard Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Update

Mr. Marcin said the Orchard Street lining project has been scheduled between January 13, 2023, and the third week of January and should be completed by the end of January. He said

the notification processes will be done for the neighbors that will be impacted as well as the other city agencies.

c. Major Repair or Replacement / Out of Scope Items (copies included):

1) Orchard St CIPP Lining

This was discussed under item 4 b.

2) North Water St Stormwater PS Controls Relocation

Mr. Marcin said they have put together a price to rewire for the North Water Street stormwater station that he has sent to Mr. Kolb

3) DPW and WWTP Site Fencing

Mr. Marcin said that they have selected a vendor for the fencing improvements at the wastewater treatment facility and the work will begin in the next couple of weeks.

4) Sludge Blend Tank Rehabilitation

Mr. Marcin said they are also working on the rehabilitation of the sludge blend tanks and the work will begin after January 1, 2023.

5) Overhead Door Replacement

Mr. Marcin said the overhead door will also be replaced in the solids handling building.

5 REPORTS:

a. FY22/23 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)

There was no discussion.

b. Draft FY23/24 Capital Budget (copy included)

Mr Kolb said for fiscal year 2023/24 the capital budget request consists of collection system rehabilitation in the amount of $10,850,000 and that number was developed as part of the collections system master plan and includes both consent order items and long-term infrastructure improvements. He said there is also a request of $250,000 each year for pump stations, and a $25 million dollar placeholder for the wastewater treatment plant rehabilitations but the WPCA is currently working with ARCADIS on the facility plan update and will refine those numbers at the end of the review process and will update the numbers in next year's capital review process. Mr. Igneri asked how much the increase is in the budget over the last year. Mr. Kolb said at the January meeting Woodard and Curran will attend and present the financial model and show what rates are projected based on the information that is known today.

c. Discussion on WPCA Engineering Projects:

1) WPCF Facility Plan Update

Mr. Kolb said the team held a workshop on December 1, 2022 and discussed the wet weather treatment options in regards to the consent order and narrowed it down to a few of the technologies that ARCADIS will continue to evaluate as part of the process.

2) WWTP- SCADA Enhancement and Miscellaneous Support (copies included)

Mr. Kolb said that staff is continuing to evaluate some SCADA enhancements along with some other miscellaneous support and assigned ARCADIS with two task orders for their assistance at the wastewater treatment plant.

3) Sammis and Bell Island Sewershed Design

Ms. Bauer said that staff has been working with Brown and Caldwell and they have provided the 50% design documents and staff has reviewed them and provided comments and expect the design documents to be completed early spring and potentially begin the project in the spring of 2023. She said they have also begun to work on a list of larger and multi-unit properties that can be impacted by the lining work and are planning the bypasses in those locations.

4) Hubbell's Lane Preliminary Design

Mr. Kolb said this is part of the collection system master plan recommendations project and they are still waiting for the signoff from the DEEP on the plan but are starting the preliminary engineering because the project cost is estimated at $5.4 million dollars. He also said that they will be conducting soil borings which will confirm what they anticipate or the installation the new interceptor.

5) Keeler Brook PS

Mr. Kolb said there was a meeting held today with outside council, city council and WPCA staff to discuss the Keeler Brook pump station regarding pump station replacement and the biggest hurdle is working with Eversource to gain a new easement on their property. He said they eventually construct a new pump station and relinquish the old easement of the existing pump station footprint.

d. Discussion on WPCA Construction Projects (photos included):

1) Collection – Wall Street / 2 Knight Street Relocation and Improvements

Ms. Bauer presented and said the 30" sewer line is being relocated, and in late November there was a concrete pour for the walls of the structure, and she provided a brief overview of the upcoming work.

2) Collection – Dreamy Hollow Project

Ms. Bauer presented photos of the sanitary sewer improvements along Saddle Road over the last few weeks.

3) Infrared Thermography Using Drone Technology – Force Main Inspections

Ms. Bauer presented photos of the infrared thermograph using drone technology and said the drone inspections were completed on Fort Point Street, Sammis Street, and the Bell Island pump stations as a preventative inspection to see if there is a potential to detect leaks or defects. She said the drone flights were preprogrammed using GIS mapping of the force main. She said they will report back in approximately two weeks on what data they were able to get from the drone flights.

4) PS - Five Mile, Old Trolley Way, Karen Dr., and Woodward Ave. Rehabilitation

Ms. Bauer presented photos of the Karen Drive pump station rehabilitation project and said they are working on some exterior updates which will provide resiliency if there is an emergency at the pump station. She said at the Woodward Avenue pump station they are installing new HVAC ductwork and the upcoming work includes electrical work and coating of the existing wet well.

5) SCADA Enhancements

Ms. Bauer said the SCADA upgrade, phase II includes and installed a new level instrument at the thickened sludge storage tank in the secondary controls building and there was also enhanced programming with automatic alteration of the secondary lift pumps. Mr. Manella asked if the pumps in the other pump stations exercise automatically or do they need to be done manually. Mr. Marcin said "yes" there is automatic alternation on mostly all the pumps, and this was one of the last systems that did not

e. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update

1) Appeal status

Mr. Kolb said the sewer use appeal adjustments to date are $39,341.

f. Information Copies:

1) 2023 WPCA Meeting Schedule

There was no discussion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd