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**CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL
VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
REGULAR MEETING
November 21, 2022**

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Barbara Smyth
John Bove
John Igneri
Chris Mannella
Neil Konstantin

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

Others: Mathew Brown, Asst. Project Manager, Veolia

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:31PM.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 2022. (COPY INCLUDED)

****MR.IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS TO ISSUE ORDERS ON CONTRACT TO KOVACS CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PUMP STATION UPGRADE PROJECT (WPCA 2021-01) FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000

Mr. Kolb said the additional \$250,000 is for the pump station project at Old Trolley Way, Five Mile, Woodward Ave., and Karen Drive and the total project cost is just over \$ 4 million dollars. He said the initial change order monies was for \$200,000 but currently \$170,000 has been spent and the additional \$250,000 will cover the costs for the remainder of the project.

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT

a. Veolia Monthly Operating Report- October 2022 (copy included)

Mr. Brown reported on the highlights and said that Veolia staff participated in the DPW and wastewater treatment facility open house on Saturday, October 1st and the turnout was excellent, and their staff enjoyed providing tours as well as demonstrating the collection system equipment during the event.

Mr. Brown said the collections team completed over 2.63 miles of TV inspections, 2.32 miles of sewer cleaning, 57 manhole inspections, and completed 45 inspections for the industrial pretreatment program and are on track to complete all the inspections by the end of the year.

Mr. Brown said they had one regulatory issue in October due to the sodium bisulfite pump that lost communication with the SCADA system, but they do sample every two hours, so they caught it right away, but it did create an instantaneous limit exceedance, but the issue was corrected as soon as the operator ran the test. He said that all the other permit limits were in compliance for the month of October.

Mr. Brown pointed out that as of 2020 since Veolia took over the operations of the wastewater treatment plant the average daily flow for the month was 10.9 million gallons, the 12-month

average flow for the plant was 11.41 million gallons, and the total nitrogen is 487. He also said the design flow is 18 million gallons per day and 90% design flow is 16.2 million gallons. Mr. Kolb said if the 180-day moving average for flow approaches the 16.2 million gallons the WPCA would have to submit a plan on reducing flow to the wastewater treatment plant or look at future expansion of the wastewater treatment plant.

b. Orchard Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements Update

Mr. Brown said they are continuing to put the final plans in place.

c. Contract Year 3- Inflation Adjustment (letter included)

Mr. Kolb said that the CPI adjustment was 7.3% and the employee cost index number was 3.63% and using the formula in the contract comes out to 5.4% with an annual increase of \$435,000.

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

1) New Chicago Pump and Motor- Keeler Brook PS

Mr. Brown said this was a back up pump for the Keeler Avenue pump station and was ordered over a year ago and just received it.

2) Instrumentation and Controls- Scum Storage Tank

Mr. Brown said there was no scum removal at the wastewater treatment plant and last year a piping project was done to get scum out of the system, and this was for the electronics that are inside the holding tank.

3) Back-up Float Systems at Five Pump Stations

Mr. Brown said if there is a failure of the electronic level controllers for the backup for the current float controls in the systems and the plan is to do a few per year. Mr. Kolb said the intent is to avoid a sewage spill on the road or into someone's house or business.

5. REPORTS

a. FY 22/23 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)

There was no discussion.

b. Discussion on WPCF Facility Plan Update

Mr. Kolb said the team has a wet weather meeting that is scheduled for December 1, 2022, with ARCADIS and a Clean Water Fund application was submitted for grants from the state and the WPCA will be receiving just over \$265,000 through this process.

c. Discussion on WPCA Projects (photos included)

1) WWTP- Aeration Tanks Electrical Infrastructure Improvements

Mr. Kolb presented photos of the capital improvement projects and said the electrical infrastructure project at the wastewater treatment plant has been completed and the cost was just over \$1 million dollars.

2) Collection- Wall Street/ 2 Knight Street Relocation and Improvements

Mr. Kolb said the project consists of moving a 30' pipe from under the building to around the structure and the project cost is \$2.2 million dollars and are anticipating construction to be completed in the spring of 2023.

3) PS- Bell Island Improvements

Mr. Kolb said that a section of the force main was cut out and installed a vault which in an emergency will allow bypass pumping to minimize impact to the residents and in the spring will be working with the Bell Island Association to restore the area.

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

Mr. Kolb said the electrical has slowed the project down and a lot of backorder issues and are still waiting for components to be delivered to the site.

5) SCADA Upgrade Phase III

Mr. Kolb provided an overview of the upgrade said the SCADA has been enhanced to monitor the system.

d. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update

1) Appeal status

Mr. Kolb said there has been no adjustments since last month so the adjustment to date are still \$39,341.

e. Information Copies:

1) Wright-Pierce Task Order 14

Mr. Kolb said this is to provide misc. assistance at the pump stations and at the wastewater treatment plant related to the pumps and is in the amount of \$65,000 and is not a new contract and was approved by the board but are now linking it to a task order with Wright-Pierce.

6. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR.IGNERI MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd