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**CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL
VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
REGULAR MEETING
July 17, 2023**

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
 John Igneri, Vice Chairman
 Barbara Smyth
 Greg Burnett
 Chris Mannella
 Neil Konstantin
 John Bovi
 Bryan Meek

Staff: Vanessa Valadares, Chief of Operations and Public Works
 Ralph Kolb, WPCA Senior Environmental Engineer

Others: Mathew Brown, Project Manager, Veolia

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC INPUT - (GUESTS AT WPCA MEETINGS MAY SPEAK TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA. COMMENTS SHALL BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN THREE (3) MINUTES PER SPEAKER.)

There were no public comments this evening.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON JUNE 20, 2023. (COPY INCLUDED)

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWO ABSTENTIONS- MR. BOVI AND MR. MEEK.**

4. AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF BALANCES IN THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS SET ASIDE IN FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 TO FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 TO BE USED FOR THE SAME PURPOSE THE FUNDS WERE INTENDED FOR.

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor</u>
224062-5258	\$2,335,975	Veolia
224062-5298	\$10,637.50	Snyder Group

Mr. Kolb said that Veolia is in the process of preparing the June invoice and the remaining funds are for various out of scope projects that were done over the past year, but the invoicing will not meet the financial deadline of July 20th. He said the second item is for the Snyder Group for ongoing website design that will not be completed by the end of this fiscal year.

**** MR.IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:

- a. Veolia Monthly Operating Report – June 2023 (copy included)

Mr. Brown reported and said the Veolia collections team performed .7 miles of CCTV inspection and the second vactor truck completed over 16 miles of sewer cleaning. He said there were 32 IPP inspections.

Mr. Brown said there were some air leaks in the seals on the aeration system which wear overtime and they hired Kovacs Construction to replace all the seals and repair all of the leaks in the aeration system.

Mr. Brown said the Norwalk Marine cleaned and dredged the grit channel in the influent area of the plant and was successful and has been completed.

Mr. Brown said the facility was in compliance with all permit requirements and all reports were submitted to the CT DEEP and EPA.

b. FST #1 Rehabilitation

Mr. Brown said last month he reported that final clarifier #1 was offline being repaired and the repairs are now complete and is back online.

c. 60-inch Interceptor pile removal and repair

Mr. Brown presented photos of a 60" sewer main that is at the entrance of Smith Street and Moody's Lane. He said when the rowing building was built, they drove a pile through the sewer line which was found a year ago and was a big planning process to the bypass but was executed at the end of June and was completed last week. Mr. Igneri asked who is responsible for paying for the repair. Mr. Kolb said the WPCA through Veolia will be paying for the removal of the pile as well as the bypass pumps and Veolia has taken on the cleaning of the line. Mr. Igneri asked if the contractor that drove through the pile through the sewer is responsible. Mr. Kolb said that the pipe was installed in the 1970's and they believe that the pile was installed in the early 2000's and the city's legal team is working with the property owner and their legal team.

d. Blend Tank No. 1 Rehabilitation

Mr. Brown said it was determined that the roof also needed to be replaced and they received the drawings today from the engineer with a few changes and are moving forward with the project and the repairs should begin in August and should take six to eight weeks to complete, but there is one blend tank that is operational.

e. Major Repair or Replacement / Out of Scope Items:

1) Site Security Cameras – TeleBeam (copy included)

There was no discussion.

2) Wet Well Cleaning – Inland Waters (copy included)

There was no discussion.

6. REPORTS:

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

There was no discussion.

- b. Discussion on WPCA Engineering Design Projects:

- 1) WPCF Facility Plan Update (letter included)

Mr. Kolb reported and said in the development of the facility plan update the team had conducted an analysis for viable and cost-effective measures to provide Outfall 002-1 with primary treatment or its equivalent which included evaluating options for advanced elimination of Outfall 002-1. He said there was a meeting held on June 20th with the CTDEEP and EPA and based on those conversations the WPCA has requested an extension until October 2, 2023, to continue to conduct further flow analysis and documenting a plan to advance the elimination of Outfall 002-1 in an effort to achieve the greatest water quality benefits for the Norwalk River and Long Island Sound.

- 2) CB Disconnect Program

Mr. Kolb said this is a task item that was signed with Brown and Caldwell, and they are in the process of working with the utilities to assess the 38 critical storm water catch basins that the team has identified to disconnect from the sanitary sewer system. He said in order to do that it is a six-month design and are now in the assessment phase and will be meeting with DPW engineering and working with them on their future plans and develop a plan that will work. Mr. Konstantin asked if there are many more catch basins that should be separated. Mr. Kolb said within the collection system master plan that was submitted in September, 2022 there were 75 stormwater catch basins that were identified that were tied to the sanitary sewer and out of those 75 the team evaluated all of them and determined that 38 were the most critical to reduce inflow into the sanitary sewer so those will be targeted first but the WPCA, DPW, and Veolia team are always looking to see if they can disconnect catch basins when possible.

- 3) Hubbells Lane Sanitary Relief Sewer Design (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said this project is to install a relief sanitary sewer on Hubbell's Lane and Smith Street to separate the flows so during a major wet weather event the line will be able to handle the flow and will eliminate SSO potential and will also be eliminating the combined sewer overflow on Wall Street and Main Street. He said that a task order has just been signed for the design and is a nine-month design task. Mr. Oustafine asked who the consultant is. Mr. Kolb said Brown and Caldwell as they are the primary collection system consultant.

4) Sammis and Bell Island Sewershed Rehabilitation

Mr. Kolb said this project has been in design for some time with Brown and Caldwell and the bid documents have been finalized and are working with Ms. Valadares and Mr. Meehan to ensure that it meets their standards and will go out to bid at the end of July.

5) Keeler Brook PS Replacement

a. Force Main Inspection

Mr. Kolb said the project is in design by Wright-Pierce and is ongoing and they continue to work with Eversource on the phase I and II environmental work of the existing and proposed sites. He said as part of the project they are continuing to access the force main and smart ball technology was used and was just done last week, and they will be providing a report to Wright-Pierce in the next couple of weeks which is another layer to access the condition of the force main to prolong its useful life.

c. Discussion on WPCA Construction Projects:

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

Mr. Kolb said last week National Water Main was a subcontractor to Holzner Construction and were able to televise the 30” sanitary sewer line at Wall Street/ 2 Knight Street and the team will be reviewing the video and assessing the best way to abandon the pipe and tunnel with flowable fill.

2) Collection – Dreamy Hollow Project

Mr. Kolb said this is the ongoing stormwater/sanitary sewer project in the Dreamy Hollow area and the contractor is continuing to install storm drainage and in certain areas are replacing the sanitary sewer and anticipate the project to be ongoing until the end of the year.

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

Mr. Kolb said in the last month at the Woodward Avenue pump station they were able to do CIPP on three sections of pipe from Woodward Avenue to the pump station and by lining it will provide at least a 50-year useful life.

d. Consent Order:

1) 2023 Annual Progress Report (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that on June 29th the WPCA staff filed the annual 2023 annual progress report with the DEEP to update the agency on its progress under the consent order. He reviewed some highlights of the report and said they have made substantial progress towards meeting the goals outlined in the collections system master plan, and while the WPCA awaits approval from DEEP on the collections system master plan they continue to take steps to initiate the projects where possible. He said some of the highlights for the agency included ongoing implantation of cured in place piping, moving forward with the catch basin disconnect program, actively identifying new sources I&I, issuing a preliminary design memo for

Hubbles Lane earlier this year, pursuing the Dreamy Hollow infrastructure improvements which will help reduce infiltration, and issuing a bid for the Sammis Street/Bell Island pump station sewer shed. He said the report also updates the DEEP on the WPCA's progress on the Facility Plan update.

e. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update

1) Appeal status

Mr. Kolb said the tax bills have gone out and the sewer use fee is on the tax bill and have had some questions regarding the calculations but there have been no appeals to date.

f. Information Copies: None

Mr. Burnett asked what if any impact there were on the recent heavy rains. Mr. Brown said Norwalk was lucky compared to other areas and nothing was discharged of the stormwater system but did fill the tanks onsite put the plant handled the flows fine. He said there were no CSO's or overflows in the system, but the team did go out last week for one surcharge, but nothing left the system. Mr. Burnett asked if that was because of luck or because that we were prepared this type of situation and have an infrastructure that can absorb these types of storms. Ms. Valadares said it is a combination but in the past few years have been investing a lot in the assets.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:03PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd