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**CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL
VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
REGULAR MEETING
June 20, 2023**

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
John Igneri, Vice Chairman
Barbara Smyth
Greg Burnett
Chris Mannella

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

Others: John Marcin, Project Manager, Veolia
Mathew Brown, Asst. Project Manager, Veolia
Jason O'Brien, Veolia
Mat Todaro, Verrill Law

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS FACILITY PLAN UPDATE

**** MR.IGNERI MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Executive session began at 5:31PM.

Executive session ended at 6:20PM.

There were no motions made and no votes were taken.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON MAY 15, 2023. (COPY INCLUDED)

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND SECRETARY FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN JULY 1, 2023, TO JUNE 30, 2024.

****MR.IGNERI MOVED TO NOMINATE MR. OUSTAFINE FOR CHAIRMAN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MS. SMYTH MOVED TO NOMINATE MR.IGNERI FOR VICE CHAIRMAN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO NOMINATE MS. BYRD FOR SECRETARY.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:

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

Mr. Brown reported and said the collections system team completed over 1.96 miles of CCTV inspections, and cleaned over 4.8 miles of sewer, and inspected over 228 manholes, and completed over 6.5 miles of SL-RAT inspections. He said they also completed 22 IPP inspections.

Mr. Brown said the smoke testing at Webster Lot was completed in May and the findings of the report was shared with WPCA staff.

Mr. Brown said that on May 20, 2023, a significant rain event was experienced resulting in flows exceeding 30 MGD to the facility, and Outfall 002 did activate for 58 minutes and the facility maintained full 30 million gallons of treatment throughout the entire facility. He said the facility was in compliance with all permit requirements for the month of May, and all necessary reports were submitted to the CT DEEP and the EPA.

Mr. Brown said there was some grit and material in the grit channel that needed to be removed and they needed to come up with several different options and one of the options was to a dredging operation and utilized Norwalk Marine to do the work and the work was preformed overnight when there were low flows and the project went great.

b. Contract Year 4-Inflation Adjustment (letters included)

Mr. Brown said

c. Blend Tank No. 1 Rehabilitation

Mr. Brown said this is a large project that has been ongoing and during the rehabilitation it was determined that the roof would also need to be replaced and the materials have been ordered but the project is on hold but should restart in July once the materials have been delivered.

d. West Gravity Thickener Rehabilitation

Mr. Kolb said the west gravity thickener has been rehabilitated. Mr. Brown said the work was done by Northeast Water and they did a good job and was completed in a timely manner.

e. FST #1 Rehabilitation

Mr. Brown said has been off-line and under repair by Northeast Water and are making good progress and should be back on-line by the end of the month.

f. 60-Inch Interceptor pile removal and repair

There was no discussion.

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

- 1) Building 1- channel cleaning- Norwalk Marine (copy included)
- 2) Building 1- channel cleaning- Inland Waters (copy included)
- 3) Filtrate pump impeller upgrade (copy included)
- 4) Keeler Brook PS- force main inspection (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said the city has approved for Veolia to proceed with these four items.

6. REPORTS:

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

There was no discussion.

- b) Discussion on WPCA Engineering Projects:

- 1) WPCF Facility Plan Update (letter included)

Ms. Kolb said a 30-day extension request letter was sent to the DEEP.

- 2) Sammis and Bell Island Sewershed Rehabilitation

Ms. Bauer reported and said that staff has been working with Brown and Caldwell on the final bid documents and will be reviewing them over the next few weeks and are targeting mid-July to go out to bid.

- 3) Keeler Brook PS Replacement

Ms. Bauer reported and said last week staff presented at the Zoning Board of Appeals and received approval that evening for a variance from a two-story structure to a one-story structure.

- c) Discussion on WPCA Construction Projects:

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

Ms. Bauer said National Water Main is waiting for approval to begin the work to abandon the old sewer main beneath Wall Street.

- 2) Dreamy Hollow Project

Ms. Bauer said over the last few weeks the box culverts have been installed along Daphanie Drive and are now moving towards Saddle Road to perform the sanitary sewer work there.

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

Ms. Bauer said at the lining work for the three pipe segments has been scheduled at the Woodward Avenue pump station for one day next week and will be one full day of work. She said they have reached substantial completion for the work at the Woodward Avenue and Karen Drive pump station and most of that work has been completed aside from painting and landscaping.

d) Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update

1) Appeal Status

Ms. Bauer said the adjustments to date are \$39,693.

e) Information Copies:

1) FEMA Reimbursement Letter (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said the WPCA will be receiving \$90,000 in reimbursement from damages and labor related to Tropical Storm Ida.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:34PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd