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**CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL
VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
REGULAR MEETING
May 15, 2023**

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

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

Others: John Marcin, Veolia
Mathew Brown, Project Manager, Veolia

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON APRIL 17, 2023. (COPY INCLUDED)

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH (5) FIVE IN FAVOR AND (1) ONE ABSTENTION- MS. SMYTH**

3. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:

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

Mr. Brown reported and said for the month of April the collections system team completed over two miles of TV inspections, over 3.9 miles of cleaning, 180 manhole inspections, and 5.12 miles of SL-RAT inspections. He also said there were 34 IPP inspections completed.

Mr. Brown said there was a significant rain event at the end of April and there were flows that exceeded 30MGD and had to activate Outfall 002 for a duration of 58 minutes and the facility maintained 30MGD of full treatment throughout the event and were in compliance with all permit requirements. He said they averaged 11.5 MGD for the month of April and for the previous six months have averaged 12.2 MGD. He said that all required reports were submitted to the DEEP and EPA in April

Mr. Brown said the survey of Webster Lot has been completed and smoke testing was done, and he expects to see the full report early next week.

Mr. Brown said the catch basin disconnection will be completed at the end of this week on Seaview Avenue @ Osbourne Avenue and will connect the catch basin to the storm system beginning tomorrow.

- b. Blend Tank No. 1 Rehabilitation
- c. West Gravity Thickener Rehabilitation
- d. Major Repair or Replacement/ Out of Scope Items:
1. Final Settling Tank No. 1 Repairs (copy included)
 2. Hot Water Coil-Headworks Building (copy included)

Mr. Brown presented photos and provided an update of the blend tank repair, final clarifier number one, and the west gravity thickener and said he expects to have all the repairs completed by July 1, 2023.

4. REPORTS

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

There was no discussion.

- b. Discussion on sanitary sewer billing FY 23/24

Mr. Kolb said that WPCA staff plans to have a completed file at the end of this week to share with the Tax Collector's office for sewer billing, and that First District Water and SNEW have provided their water data.

- c. Discussion on Engineering Projects:

- 1) WPCF Facility Plan Update

Mr. Kolb said that the team has reviewed the preliminary draft report and has provided comments back to ARCADIS and they are working on incorporating the comments into the final draft report. He said he would like to present it to the WPCA board for their feedback in a special meeting in June and then present it at the regular WPCA meeting in June for public comments. Mr. Valadares said that the deadline to file the report is June 30th.

- 2) CB Disconnect Program (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said there is a signed task order that was included as part of the agenda and there are 38 critically identified catch basins that are still connected to the sanitary sewer system that were identified in the modeling of the collections system master plan to disconnect and will be working closely with DPW engineering over the next six months to come up with various projects to accomplish their goals.

- 3) Sammis and Bell Island Sewershed Design

Ms. Bauer said staff had a meeting last week with the consultant to finalize some items and at the end of the month they will be submitting the final specifications and GIS figures for staff to review and are hoping to put the project out to bid in July.

- 4) Keeler Brook PS Replacement (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said last week WPCA staff submitted a Zoning Board of Appeals application for a variance for a one-story structure on Connecticut Avenue due to the high-tension power lines that are above the pump station. He said the goal is to replace the Keeler Brook pump station at a new location on the Eversource property and all parties are in agreement to move this forward. He said that Wright-Pierce has 90 days to complete the design of the pump station and it will be put out to bid later this year.

d. Discussion on WPCA Construction Projects (photos included)

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

Ms. Bauer presented the updates on the Wall Street/Knight Street relocation and improvements and said the contractor is revisiting the plan to abandon the old sewer main under Wall Street, and the parking lot area where construction work took place has been cleaned up and limited to a smaller area.

2) Collection- Dreamy Hollow Project

Ms. Bauer presented the updates on the Dreamy Hollow project and said there have been some sanitary sewer improvements on Daphne Drive.

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

Ms. Bauer presented the pump station updates on Karen Drive and Woodward Avenue and said the work has been completed at the Karen Drive pump station, and the consultant is working with the contractor on the Woodward Avenue pump station to schedule the lining of three pipe segments that were identified to be in poor condition, and next week will be submitting a bypass plan to WPCA staff to review and the lining work will begin in two to three weeks and will be completed in one day.

4) WWTP-SCADA-Phase III Improvements

Ms. Bauer presented updates on phase II of the SCADA upgrades which included new chemical flow meters, filtrate wet well level instrument, and scum tank instrumentation, mixer, and pump.

e. CTDEEP's Clean Water Fund FY 2024 and FY 2025 Priority List (memo included)

Mr. Kolb said that the DEEP has reached out for a list of priority projects for the 2024-25 Clean Water Fund program and WPCA staff is preparing Clean Water Fund requests for both the wastewater treatment plant and collection system and hope to get some grant monies in the future.

f. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update

1) Appeal Status

Ms. Bauer said the appeals to date are \$39,693 and have not changed from last month.

g. Informational Copies:

1) Wilton Sewer Invoice FY 22/23 (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said the Wilton sewer use invoice for fiscal year 2022-23 is in the amount of \$836,628.82.

5. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. BURNETT MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:49PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd