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**CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL
VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
SPECIAL MEETING
May 11, 2020**

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
John Igneri
John Bove
George Tsiranides
John Flynn
Edwin Camacho
Henry Dachowitz

Staff: Anthony Carr, Chief of Operations and Public Works
Chris Torre, DPW Superintendent of Operations
Ralph Kolb, WPCA Senior Environmental Engineer

Others: Paola Molloy, CH2MHill, OMI, Inc.
Kevin Dahl, CH2MHill, OMI, INC.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Oustafine called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON MARCH 16, 2020 (COPY INCLUDE)

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWO ABSTENSIONS – MR. CAMACHO AND TSIRINIDES**

3. AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FEBRUARY 19, 2016 AGREEMENT WITH CH2M HILL ENGINEERS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ON-CALL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE WALL STREET SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS.

ACCOUNT NO. 09194062-5777-C0361

Mr. Kolb said that CH2MHill is our on call provider for professional engineer services and we have been working with them for several months on a design for the Wall Street area. There is an active sanitary sewer line that goes underneath the building located at 2 Knight Street and during heavy rain events that line gets surcharged and leaks into a basement. There were repairs made over a year ago and we continue to investigate and need to relocate the line, but would need to pass through a large storm interceptor. Jacobs engineering will design and provide bid documents to go out to bid for construction of a new sanitary sewer interceptor, passing through the storm line and to maximize storm flow includes a box that will be designed with secondary containment. In addition to relocating the sewer line, the sewer line is under the building will be abandoned and fill in the tunnel that is under Wall Street.

Mr. Kolb said on Wall Street itself from Main Street to Smith Street there is an old 36" sanitary sewer interceptor that will be CIPP lined in conjunction with this project and anticipates the design completed later this summer, and go out to bid and construction late fall into next year.

Mr. Flynn asked is the cost is just for the planning or is it also for the execution. Mr. Kolb said it is for multiple items which includes final design, preparation of bid documents and drawings and construction services. He said that will be working with DPW to see if one of the junior engineers can assist with some of the day to day resident inspections to reduce some of the cost but for budget purposes have assumed to have a CH2MHill resident onsite. Mr. Flynn asked if the cost of construction is included. Mr. Kolb said "no" the construction will be approximately \$ 1.5 million dollars and once it goes out to bid it will come back to the board for approval with the most qualified low bidder.

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:

a. OMI Monthly Operating Report- March 2020 (copy included)

Ms. Molloy reported and said installation of the FST's scum pumps were completed at the WWTP and are still working on all of the upgrades for the primary settling tanks.

Ms. Molloy said there was a backlog of 9 work orders and completed 482. There were no excursions or performance guarantees, and the work on the Fox Run and Woodward Avenue pump stations has been completed. She said for the month of March nitrogen was in band "D".

b. End of Term Replacement Status (copies included)

Ms. Molloy reported on the items that were replaced and the total ETER funds available is negative \$803,261.31

5. REPORTS

a. FY 19/20 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Report (copy included)

Mr. Kolb said that everything is tracking as expected.

b. Discussion on Project Close-out with OMI

Mr. Kolb said that staff is currently in discussion with OMI regarding items for the transitioning that are being finalized. He said that one of the items is the collections system CCTV data and they have been working on cleaning up the entire televised system along with finalizing the ETER items and a majority of the items will be completed for the project closeout date of May 17, 2020. There are a few items that may go beyond that date and staff is in discussions with OMI management. He said once he has more details he will report back to the board for further discussion.

c. Discussion on WPCA Projects:

1) Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation- Various Locations

Mr. Kolb said due to Covid-19 Green Mountain Pipeline Services has remained out of state and are looking to come back in approximately two weeks to continue with the project. He said the AJ Penna is their subcontractor and staff is currently working with them on excavation repairs that they are able to do without the support of Green Mountain Pipeline Services, and they will be raising the buried manholes on Connecticut Avenue and will be done as night work.

2) Outfall 002-1- Chlorination/ Dechlorination Improvements

Mr. Kolb said the project is moving along well and CH Nickerson is onsite each day and still anticipate that the new system will be online either in July or early August.

d. Sewer Use Appeals/Adjustments Update

1) Appeal Status

Mr. Kolb said the appeals to date are \$112,077.

e. Information Copies: None

Mr. Camacho asked the status of the law suit regarding the main lift pumps. Mr. Oustafine said the outcome was not in favor of the WPCA and there are no further appeals planned.

Mr. Dachowitz said he has received the most recent financial statements for SUEZ and he has reviewed them and they look good. He said the limitation is that they are unaudited and there were no foot notes, but it looks similar to the numbers that were reviewed prior to selecting them and he looks forward to receiving quarterly and eventually year end numbers that are audited with footnotes. He said he will monitor to ensure that their finances look good as they continue their relationship with the WPCA.

Mr. Oustafine thanked Mr. Dahl and Ms. Molloy for everything that they have done for the WPCA and wished them well.

Mr. Flynn complimented Ms. Molloy for her presentations and said they have been very clear.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd