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**CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 15, 2024**

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
John Igneri
Chris Mannella
John Bove
James Frayer

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

Others: Mathew Brown, Project Manager, Veolia, Inc
Ross Gambino, Asst. Project Manager, Veolia, Inc.
Jared Schmitt, Chief Financial Officer
Tom Ellis, Director, Management and Budgets

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC INPUT- (GUESTS AT THE WPCA MEETING 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 THE WPCA MEETING HELD ON MARCH 18, 2024. (COPY INCLUDED)

**** MR.IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2024, AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. CONTRACT OPERATIONS REPORT:

a. Veolia Monthly Operating Report- March 2024 (copy included)

Mr. Brown reported and said they have completed cleaning all the heavy areas that are cleaned each quarter, and completed 1.73 miles of TV inspection, 0.43 miles of cleaning, 12 manhole inspections, and 0.53 miles of SLRAT as most of the resources were used to clean the hotspots and other things that are not included in those numbers. He said that 38 IPP inspections were also completed.

Mr. Brown said that backup float systems were installed at the Keeler Brook, Winfield Street, Red Oak Lane, and Bethel Street pump stations.

Mr. Brown said there was a lot of rain in March and the wastewater treatment plant did experience three significant rain events. The first was on March 6th and Outfall 002 was activated for storm flow for 13 hours and discharged a total of 3.22 million gallons over that duration, on March 9th, it was activated again for 24 hours and discharged approximately 7.5 million gallons, and on March 23rd was activated again for 8 hours and 45 minutes and discharged approximately 5 million gallons. He said that all the samples were collected during those storms and because of the heavy rain for the month the average flow for the month was high at 19.6 MGD, but hopefully going forward will get down to the 12 or 13MGD range.

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

1) Sammis St. PS-Pump Repair (copy included)

Mr. Brown said the pump has been sent out for repair and has expedited it and is hoping to get it back by the end of the month.

2) Yard Hydrant Replacement (copy included)

Mr. Brown said there are yard hydrants throughout the facility and some of them are over 40 years old but instead of replacing them all they will begin with replacing the key hydrants that are needed before the full upgrade of the area in the coming years.

Mr. Oustafine asked since disconnecting some of the storm drainage if anything measurable has been noticed. Mr. Brown said the one thing he has noticed is during the duration of the storms the amount of flow seems much lower. Mr. Kolb said beginning in 2005, the city and the WPCA board began to put capital monies into the collection system and began doing lining projects, sanitary sewer rehabilitations, and misc. repairs and over the years used to have an average flow of 14MGD and now are averaging 12 to 13MGD with all of the development that has come into Norwalk in the last 10 years. He said it is a dynamic system and there are a lot of variables but has noticed a decline based on all the infrastructure improvements that the team has done over the years. He said the pump stations are also well maintained, and the wastewater treatment plant has activated Outfall-002 but there were no SSO's to report so overall the collection system and pump stations are doing very well.

5. REPORTS

a. FY 23/24 Revenues/Expenditures MUNIS Reports (copy included)

There was no discussion.

b. Discussion on WPCA Engineering Projects:

1) Catch Basin Disconnect Program

Ms. Bauer said that staff is coordinating with Brown and Caldwell to finalize the report for that program and come up with a plan to move forward.

2) Hubbell's Lane Relief Sewer

Ms. Bauer said the sewer project consists of 1100' of new sewer along Smith Street and Hubbell's Lane and is currently moving from 60% to 90% design with Brown and Caldwell.

3) Beacon Street Sanitary Sewer

Mr. Bauer said that Brown and Caldwell did a survey of the area and will be doing some modeling which will provide more information on that site.

4) Keeler Brook PS Replacement

Ms. Bauer said they have just applied for the wetlands permit on April 8, 2024.

c. Discussion of WPCA Construction Projects

1) Collection- Sammis and Bell Island Sewershed Rehabilitation

Ms. Bauer presented photos of the CIPP lining work and said approximately 13% of the lining work on the 8" piping has been completed, and approximately 26% on the 10" piping has been completed, so 12% of the total project has been completed.

Mr. Oustafine said that there was lining work added and asked if that was due to finding other areas that needed it when doing the TV work. Mr. Kolb said the original scope of work didn't include approximately 7,000' of pipe that Insituform found after doing the CCTV and cleaning work where they identified PVS or previously lined pipe, so that work was taken out of the scope of work and added the Marvin Beach area as well as other additional locations.

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

Ms. Bauer said that the Old Trolley Way pump station is back online as of April 8, 2024, and has completed the pump start up as well as putting the SCADA back online and are now just finalizing some punch list items and cleaning up the site.

d. Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update

1) Appeal status

Ms. Bauer said the appeals to date are \$ 61,263.

e. Information Copies:

1) Public Notice- FY 24/25 Approved Sewer Use Rates

There was no discussion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. FRAYER MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd