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

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Barbara Smyth
John Bove
John Igneri
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
Attorney Mathew Todaro, Verrill Law

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:33PM.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PROPOSED VEOLIA STAFFING

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Executive session began at 5:34PM

Executive session ended at 5:53PM.

There were no motions made and no votes were taken.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM WPCA MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2023 (COPY INCLUDED)

On page 1 change “Manella” to “Mannella”

On page 2, Item 2, add “6 in favor” to the motion.

On page 3, Item 7, change “Manella” to “Mannella”

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. CONTRACT OPERATION REPORT:

- a) Veolia Monthly Operating Report- February 2023 (copy included)

Mr. Marcin reported and said that the vector truck that was out for repair is back in service so there will be good improvement in the jetting and inspection mileage over the next few months. He said the facility was in compliance for all of the perimeters.

- b) Major Repair or Replacement/Out of Scope items:

- 1) West Gravity Thickener Repair (copy included)

Mr. Marcin said they received a good proposal for the repair of the west gravity thickener and the next step is to get an engineering drawing to verify that the new steel beams that will be installed will be able to support the structure.

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5. 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

Mr. Kolb said there is a meeting scheduled tomorrow for the facility plan update to review the final settling tanks and irrigation system and in April will begin to see some sections of the draft report and hopefully by May have a final draft report.

c) Discussion on WPCA Construction Projects (photos included)

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

Mr. Bauer reported on the collections system updates and said the new 30" sanitary sewer line on Wall Street is in service and the contractor is revising the plan to abandon the old sewer main under Wall Street.

2) Dreamy Hollow Project

Ms. Bauer said the catch basins have been installed on Friendly Road as part of the Dreamy Hollow project.

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

Ms. Bauer reported on the pump station rehabilitation projects and said the pump station bypass has been set up for the Karen Drive pump station to pump out the wet well for cleaning and coating, and new suction piping and valves have been installed on the pumps. She said the work is largely completed and are just doing some exterior work and should be completed by the end of April or beginning of May.

Ms. Bauer said that bypass pumping was set up at the Woodward Avenue pump station to pump out the wet well for cleaning, and new electrical equipment has been installed as well as two new dehumidifiers on the lower level of the pump room for moisture control. She said they had identified some concrete chipping on the walls that will require concrete repair work that was not originally anticipated but are working with the contractor on a scope of work for the repair. It was also identified that the existing gravity sewer is in poor condition and will require CIPP lining of three sections to improve the condition of the pipe. The work at this pump station is likely to continue through May. Mr. Mannella asked if coring was considered for the repair of the concrete failure to see the extent of the failure. Mr. Kolb said the consultants have not recommended as they believe it is all surface that, but he can ask that question.

d) Sewer Use Bill Appeals/Adjustments Update

Mr. Kolb said the appeals to date are \$39,693 have been made.

e) Information Copies:

1) Public Notice-FY 23/24 Approved Sewer User Rates

There was no discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:09PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd