



**Stamford Water Pollution Control Authority **Special** Board Meeting (REVISED)**  
**Tuesday, February 19, 2013 - 5:30 PM**  
**Stamford Government Center – 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Operations Conference Room**  
**888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT**  
**Full Meeting Minutes**

Attendees

Ernie Orgera	Chairman, WPCA Board
Tim Abbazia (absent)	WPCA Board Member
Cristina Andreana	WPCA Board Member
Daniel Capano	WPCA Board Member
Michael Handler	WPCA Board Member
Donald Huppert (absent)	WPCA Board Member
Mitchell Kaufman	WPCA Board Member
Donald Rullman	WPCA Board Member
Dan Schwartz	WPCA Board Member
William Brink	Interim Executive Director, WPCA
Rhudean Bull	Administration Manager, WPCA
Prakash Chakravarti	Supervising Engineer, WPCA
Mark Turndahl	Accountant, WPCA

Call to Order, Pledge and Roll Call

E. Orgera, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:38PM with Roll Call. Due to the absence of a flag, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A quorum was present (6 Board Members).

Discussion & Approval of Wright –Pierce Contract

P. Chakravarti opened the discussion stating that the Wright –Pierce contract had been sent to and previously approved by the Board. He explained the scope of work included ending with a request for the Board to award the contract since the City’s legal counsel has weighed in on certain paragraphs. It was mentioned that paragraph 9 was missing. P. Chakravarti was asked if this oversight was a numbering error or was language missing from the document, to which he replied, he believed it to be a numbering error. D. Rullman pointed out that at the Tech Committee meeting on Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> he noted then that the contract is missing paragraph 9. After discussion, it was agreed that the contract would be approved pending SWPCA contact with the legal department to ascertain if in fact paragraph 9 is missing or simply a typographical numbering error. M. Handler made a motion to award the contract to Wright –Pierce pending the issues with paragraph 9 in the document; seconded by D. Rullman. **Vote:** 6-0-0.

Discussion & Approval: Xylem Bid Waiver \$87,592.00

B. Brink requested the approval of the aforementioned Bid Waiver. He stated that the purchase from Xylem, formally Wedeco, is a sole source provider purchase and explained that the bulbs, wipers and ballasts are required for the U.V. system. After questions from the Board that B. Brink answered to their satisfaction, D. Capano made a motion to approve the bid waiver to Xylem in the amount of \$87,592.00; seconded by D. Rullman. **Vote:** 6-0-0.

Discussion & Approval: FY 14 Operating and Revenue Budget

M. Turndahl presented the final budget handout and B. Brink opened the discussion by explaining those line items with increases from the previous year’s budget above 10%. M. Handler requested that only the significant

increases be addressed. B. Brink explained the need for increases in several line items beginning with the legal expenses. The Board entered into a discussion regarding the necessity to have legal counsel at each meeting. It was agreed that legal counsel would be asked to attend only those meeting where legal advice/council is required. There was a brief discussion of the appropriateness of Ackerly & Ward handling the SWPCA collection needs. M. Handler stated that he had consulted with Corporation Counsel regarding this matter and it was agreed that the SWPCA has the appropriate firm handling collections.

Note that Board Member M. Kaufman arrived to the meeting at 6:05PM.

B. Brink continued with the explanations on those line items that increased by 10%. There was a lengthy discussion after his presentation of cuts that can be made before final budget approval and whether or not the Operating budget was the appropriate place for the \$1.5 million reserve that must be set up in accordance with the CT State DEEP request. During the discussion, the Board cut approx. \$380,000 from the Operating Budget as well as removed the \$1.5 million as an Operating expense. B. Brink to send the final budget with the changes to the Board.

C. Andreana made a motion to accept the FY 14 Operating and Revenue budget with the changes recorded at the meeting; seconded by D. Capano. **Vote:** 7-0-0.

Note: The final Operating and Revenue budget amounts to be noted at the March meeting for the record.

#### Adjournment

M. Handler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24PM; seconded by M. Kaufman. Discussion: none. **Vote:** 7-0-0.