



**Stamford Water Pollution Control Authority Special Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 26, 2014 – 5:30 PM**  
**Stamford Government Center**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board of Finance Conference Room**  
**888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT**  
**Full Meeting Minutes**  
**(The meeting was videotaped.)**

Attendees

Michael Handler	Chairman, WPCA Board, Director of Administration
Cristina Andreana	WPCA Board Member
Gerald Bosak	WPCA Board Member
Daniel Capano	Vice-Chair, WPCA Board
James Fountain	WPCA Board Member
Donald Huppert	WPCA Board Member
Ernie Orgera	WPCA Board Member, Director of Operations
Dan Schwartz (absent)	WPCA Board Member
William Brink	Executive Director, WPCA
Rhudean Bull	Administration Manager, WPCA
Prakash Chakravarti (absent)	Supervising Engineer, WPCA
William Degnan (absent)	Plant Supervisor, WPCA
Marie Sabo	Laboratory Director, WPCA
Mark Turndahl	Accountant, WPCA

Call to Order, Pledge and Roll Call

M. Handler led the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:30 PM. A quorum was present (7 Board Members).

Discussion and Approval: FY 2014-2015 SWPCA Operating & Revenue Budget

B. Brink presented and led discussion on the budget handouts. Various points were made:

- R. Bull added that all “YTD” numbers were current as of that day
- M. Turndahl stated that he expected depreciation to be ~\$5.5 million for 2014 and ~\$5.6 million for 2015
- C. Andreana commented on the new revenue line for “sewer non-connection penalties” as had been recently discussed and approved
- B. Brink stated that the Nitrogen Credit projected revenue was a gross number and does not include the subtract the portion to be paid to Darien
- M. Turndahl commented that the FY13-14 budget presented to the BOR last year required a \$991,861 adjustment to balance, which was added to the interest line and was equal to the difference between the depreciation and the debt service principal
- C. Andreana said that to balance out everything, it looks like the sewer use fees line item would increase by ~5% and commented that the connection charges are going down
- M. Handler noted that all stormwater and all hurricane barrier costs are paid by the City, including salaries and benefits

- J. Fountain asked where the working capital reserve build-up is represented in the budget; M. Handler answered that it is reflected in the rate-setting, not in the budget; C. Andreana commented that last year it was put below the line so that is was represented
- M. Turndahl was instructed to make changes adding \$1.15 million for the payback to the City loans for operating expenses and \$1.5 million to the capital reserve fund; M. Turndahl explained that these monies were in the budget's summary totals but were not correctly stated in the detail

M. Handler, after asking for any additional questions, called for a motion to approve the budget as presented with corrections and/or additions to the two items discussed: the \$1.15 million payback to the City to reimburse for Operating Expenses and the \$1.5 million to the Operating Reserve Fund. The motion was made by J. Fountain; seconded by G. Bosak. There was no further discussion.

**Vote: 7-0-0.**

G. Bosak asked if there had been any follow-up with Corporation Counsel on having Darien sit on this Board. M. Handler replied that he had not and that this item was not on the Agenda. G. Bosak commented that he wanted to get back to Jamie Stevenson on her request.

#### Discussion and Approval of Bid Waiver: Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. for Ultra-Violet Disinfection System Improvement, \$68,720.60

B. Brink reported that there had been discussions with the UV system vendor about recommendations for improvements for more efficient operation of the equipment following from recent exceedances. He went on to explain that there were 3 major items included: replacement of the UV sensors which are the originals, now ~8-10 years old; programming changes to the system alarming when one channel is out of service; and installation of direct flow monitoring in each of the channels to dose more efficiently. M. Handler asked how long it would take to complete the improvements to which B. Brink answered they would be done by the end of March. He added that the level sensors also needed to be ordered separately as they were not available for purchase from Xylem.

D. Capano informed the Board of a conference call with Xylem to take place on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, to discuss additional programming changes which would automatically close the influent gate under certain alarm conditions and would require no interaction with Staff to initiate.

G. Bosak made a motion to approve the bid waiver; seconded by D. Capano. Further discussion: D. Huppert stated that he wanted to be sure that we have people on staff to do this work and was assured there is.

**Vote: 7-0-0.**

G. Bosak mentioned that the Chairman of the Board of Finance has had discussions and approval has been given to use the BOF room for the SWPCA Board meetings. R. Bull to provide a meeting schedule to Lorraine Gilden.

#### Adjournment

At 6:00 PM, E. Orgera made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by G. Bosak. There was no discussion.

**Vote: 7-0-0.**