

TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Members S. McCord, J. Raffin and J. Schnadenberg, Supt. D. Ryan, Engineer M. O'Dell, Council Member Liaison D. Lafata Porter Rep. B. Brueckheimer, Attorneys C. Parkinson and C. Nolan and Secretary D. Schoenfelt. Absent were Members L Brandt and A. Michel, Town Manager B. Doyle, Clerk Treasurer S. Kuziela and Attorney J. Paulson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

J. Schnadenberg moved to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2015 meeting, seconded by J. Raffin, approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

J. Raffin moved to approve the claims as presented, seconded by J. Schnadenberg, approved by voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Gregory Babcock addressed the Board requesting a letter that certifies the town has the capacity to add Brassie Estates Unit 2 and 3 and Brassie Woods to the sewer system.

J. Raffin moved to approve the request for Mr. Babcock's letter, seconded by J. Schnadenberg, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Superintendent's Report

Administration

1. The Fox Chase Farms project is still moving forward. The lift station was successfully tested last Tuesday, 4/12, and training for our employees is scheduled for today, 4/18. Also scheduled for today, 4/18, is the start of the grinder pump installations and live connections to the residents. Wastewater should be flowing as we speak.
2. The pilot program that took place for odor control at the Westwood LS to Porter Cove LS is completed. The study found that the chemicals dripped in Westwood did not maintain potency to control any odor at Porter Cove. We will monitor any complaints this year and assess the need for further action.
3. Our wet weather pump system was tested by the rain storm on 3/31/16, and worked properly by diverting approximately 15,000 gallons of influent to the basin instead of the river.
4. Ordinance to amend the Sewer Use Ordinance for the revised copper limit approved by IDEM on 3/23.

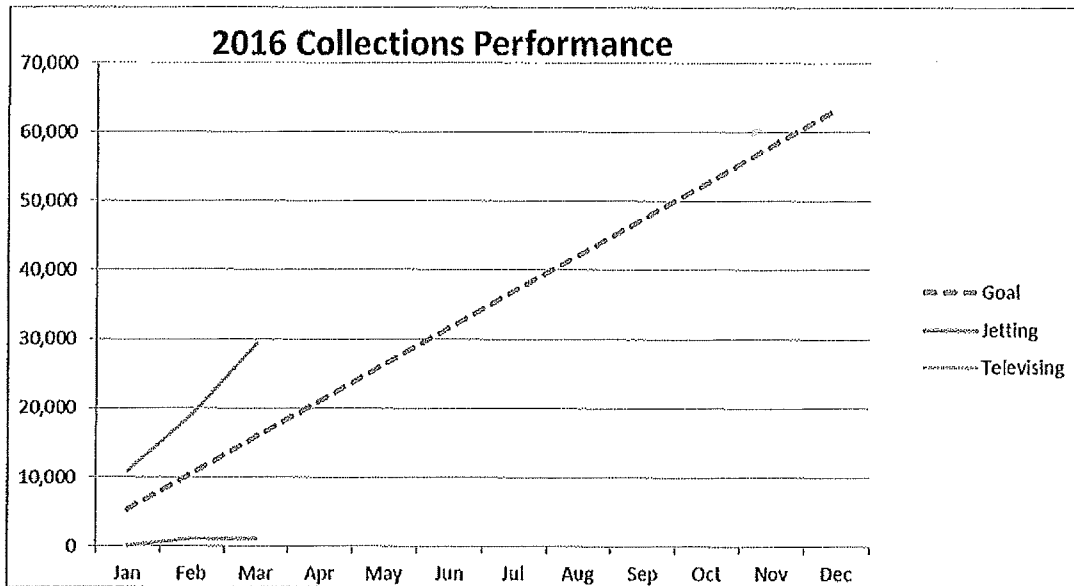
Action: Recommend presentation to Town Council for their approval.

5. Agreement for additional customer sewer connections in special utility area outside of Town limits.

Action: Approve Sanitary Sewer Connection and Treatment Agreement.

Collections

1. There was one total pump failure this month. It was at Rose Hill LS.
2. We received the new pump for the Rose Hill LS and installed it.
3. A two man crew spent 50 total hours on GIS locate verification.
4. We televised 10,185 feet.
5. We completed 272 locates and 6 inspections.



Treatment

1. Expansion Related Issues
 - a. SCADA upgrade is continuing with improvements to computer programs as the needs are identified.
 - b. Final punch list and warranty items are being addressed. New problems are immediately presented for review as they are discovered.
 - c. Work has begun on the addition of valve actuators to aeration tanks 5 and 6.
2. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
 - a. Working on the 24 month requirements.
3. Maintenance Tasks
 - a. April 1st was the start of the disinfection season. Our UV system is functional.
 - b. The centrifuge air conditioner is being repaired due to failure.
 - c. Influent pump #1 will be removed in April and sent in for refurbishing.

4. Pre-Treatment

- a. Continuing our efforts to assist local industries in meeting their discharge limits. Efforts are ongoing to monitor industry effluents and commercial grease traps.

Engineer's Report

M. O'Dell reported they were still working in finishing punch list items and a change order for tanks 5 and 6.

Town of Porter

B. Brueckheimer reported things were going well in Porter and there are no issues.

Board Report

Porter – 56% Indian Boundary – 73% Chesterton – 50%

OLD BUSINESS

1. J. Schnadenberg moved to approve sending ending an Ordinance to change the Copper limits to the Town Council for approval, seconded by J. Raffin, approved by unanimous voice vote.
2. J. Raffin moved to approve the sewer connection agreement to add home owner from lot 49 to the Fox Chase Farms sewer project, seconded by J. Schnadenberg, approved by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS – None

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. A letter was received from Art Yagodnik requesting the Board look into putting a self-addressed envelope with the utility bill. D. Ryan will be checking into the feasibility and cost.
2. A letter was received from Lauren Poncsak requesting sewer service on lot 49 of the Fox Chase Farms community.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

1. J. Schnadenberg comments on the rain we had on March 31, 2016 with no by-pass due to the new tank.
2. S. McCord wished L. Brandt the very best and for a speedy recovery.

ADJOURNMENT

S. McCord moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m., seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Lawrence Brandt Chairman

Deb Schoenfelt Secretary