

TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 17, 2018

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

J. Raffin moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2018 meeting, seconded by J. Schnadenberg, approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

Superintendent's Report

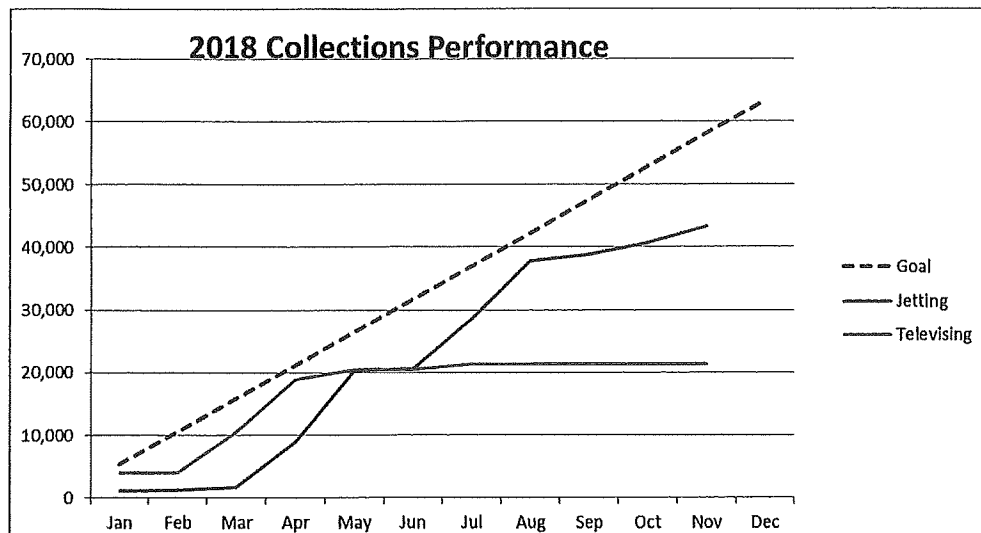
Administration

1. We met with NIPSCO on 11/21 to review the options for upgrading/replacing the power line supplying the Walro lift station. I am waiting on their estimates.
2. The contractor has started cleaning the 30" sewer main on Morgan Ave. Once cleaning is completed it will then be lined. This will be between 14th & 8th streets and will provide enhanced structural integrity and reliability to a major backbone in our system.
3. The locating of the force main discharging from Barrington Bridge, and the testing of the lift station performance are still in progress. This work is needed to ensure continued performance and the ability to properly serve the proposed new subdivision behind the post office. The upgrade to this lift station was budgeted for in 2018 but will carry over into 2019.
4. Our Biosolids Land Application Permit Renewal Application is currently being prepared for submission to IDEM.
5. The preparation of the 2019 Budgets are complete.
6. Employees attended first aid and CPR training in November.

Collections

1. There was one pump failure this month. It was a 20hp at KAT LS. It is being re-built.

2. We televised 0 feet and jetted 2,600 feet. The camera truck is not being used.
3. We completed 164 locates and 2 inspections.
4. We replaced the bad pump at KAT LS.
5. The collection crew began manhole inspections.
6. The collection crew trained on using the portable generators.
7. The collection crew cleaned all the wet wells on the east side of town. All wet well cleaning is now complete for this year.



Treatment

1. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
 - a. Have met the annual requirements for 2018.
2. Maintenance Tasks
 - a. The storm on the 25th and 26th caused high flows and power interruptions at the plant. Our crew was able to get in and man the plant through the night and keep all needed systems operational. Kudos for a job well done.
 - b. The furnace in the shop was replaced due to failure.
 - c. Plant equipment lubrication schedules have been modified to ensure the optimum type of lubricants and quantities are used.
 - d. Two newly refurbished Primary Clarifier Scum Beach flushing mechanism springs will be replaced under warranty due to breakage.
 - e. The Headworks Building main furnace repairs are ongoing as problems are diagnosed.
3. Pre-Treatment
 - a. Efforts are ongoing to monitor industry effluents and commercial grease traps.

BOARD REPORT

Chesterton – 51% Porter – 53% Indian Boundary – 62%

OLD BUSINESS

1. D. Ryan reported the Rate Review is not finished.

NEW BUSINESS

1. J. Raffin moved to approve payment of the write-offs, seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS – None

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

1. A. Michel thanked Utilities for a job well done and wished all a Merry Christmas.
2. J. Raffin and J. Schnadenberg also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
3. S. McCord complimented the Park Department on the new restrooms and reminded us to not forget those in need during the Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

S. McCord moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m., seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Lawrence Brandt Chairman

Deb Schoenfelt Secretary