

# **TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

S. McCord moved to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2019 meeting, seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

S. McCord moved to approve the claims as presented plus a manual claim from Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP for \$9248.17, seconded by J. Schnadenberg, approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

1. Greg Babcock, representing Janice Coker, addressed the Board to request a sanitary sewer and treatment agreement for a 30 acre parcel at NW corner of Pearson Rd. and 1050N, outside of the Town's boundaries. Ms. Coker will be responsible for the sewer line, easement acquisition, all fees and maintenance. There will be a tap-on fee for each living unit.
2. L. Brandt was concerned about it being called a private system but C. Parkinson assured him the Town could make it public and offer sewer service to other properties in the future.
3. S. McCord moved to approve the agreement with the added language of the Town option it could make the sewer line public and offer service to other properties in the future, seconded by J. Raffin, approved by unanimous voice vote.
4. G. Babcock representing John Nekus's Retirement Village, behind the Post Office, requested a Capacity Allocation/Certification letter. The Barrington Bridge Liftstation currently being built was upsized to handle the additional flow and Mr. Nekus has been notified his share of the cost will be \$10,000.
5. J. Raffin moved to approve this Capacity Allocation/Certification letter, seconded by S. McCord, approved by unanimous voice vote.

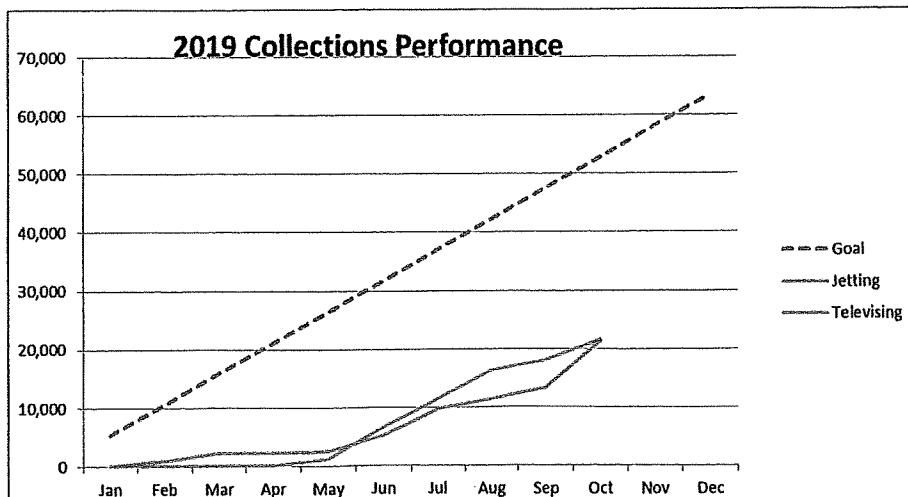
### **Superintendent's Report**

1. **Administration** Heavy rains on 10/26 – 10/31 required extra hours by our staff. These episodes totaled almost four inches. Kudos to our team for their dedication.

2. A few of us met with reps from Duneland Schools on 10/25 to explore their interest in connecting the Liberty Schools to our sewer system.
3. Conversations and inquiries regarding the currently private Kmart lift station are still taking place.
4. The replacement of the pipe on our pipe bridge over the river behind the plant is scheduled to take place on November 5th.
5. We continue to retrofit burned out fluorescent lights with L.E.D. bulbs for improved lighting and reduced cost of operation.
6. The Annual Report for our Streamlined Mercury Variance was completed and submitted to IDEM on time.
7. 2020 Budget prep is underway.

### Collections

1. There was one pump starting to fail this month. It was a 2hp at Foulis Ct. LS. It has a seal failure and we will run it to failure and then replace it with a spare we have and then replace the spare.
2. We televised 3,601 feet and jetted 8,068 feet.
3. We completed 293 locates and 11 inspections.
4. The Collection crew worked on some portable generating training at the Dogwood LS, after a tree fell on the power lines and cut the power.
5. The vac crew has been jetting with both vac trucks, when possible, to maximize their efforts prior to the weather shutting us down.
6. We cut out two sinkholes on Morgan caused by prior sewer issues, and also one on Wabash for the same reason.
7. We jetted and cleaned out the pipe on the bridge over the river behind the plant in preparation for the replacement of the pipe.



### Treatment

1. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program

- a. Continuing to meet the annual requirements.
2. Maintenance Tasks
  - a. Additional hours of operator attention have been required to manage elevated influent flows caused by heavy rains.
  - b. Effluent disinfection season ended on October 31<sup>st</sup>. All ultra violet disinfection equipment has been winterized and is being prepared for refurbishment for the 2020 season that starts on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - c. We continue to identify and correct possible causes for our faulty influent control sluice gate.
  - d. We continue to investigate Primary Digester plugging problems and corrective actions.
  - e. The winterization of plant/snow and ice removal continues.
3. Pre-Treatment
  - a. Efforts are ongoing to monitor industry effluents and commercial grease traps.
  - b. We continue to progress on reviewing our Local Limits in our Sewer Use Ordinance, including the Bi-monthly metals testing of the Plant influent/effluent for baseline monitoring.

### **Engineer's Report**

M. O'Dell reported the Duneland Prairie project is being reviewed, Easton Park is in phase IV, and working on Springdale project.

### **Town of Porter Report - None**

### **BOARD REPORT**

Chesterton – 60%    Porter – 57%    Indian Boundary – 62%

### **OLD BUSINESS – None**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. L. Brandt will meet with D. Ryan to go over the budget then report back to the Board.
2. After the next regular Board meeting there will be an Executive meeting to go over employee recognition.
3. S. McCord moved to approve an agreement with the Redevelopment Commission that any additional connection fees collected in the Rossman and Pope properties will be turned over to the Redevelopment Commission, seconded by J. Raffin, approved by unanimous voice vote.
4. D. Ryan reported there were three sink holes and he has three contractors working on cost estimates.
5. J. Raffin moved to let D. Ryan use his judgement to take care of these sinkholes based on the estimates he will receive, seconded by J. Schnadenberg, approved by unanimous voice vote.

**LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS – None**

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

1. A. Michel wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
2. S. McCord expressed his disappointment over the low voter turnout.

**ADJOURNMENT**

J. Schnadenberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m., seconded S. McCord, approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Lawrence Brandt Chairman

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Deb Schoenfelt Secretary