

# **TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 15, 2020**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Michel moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020 meeting, seconded by J. Raffin, approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

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

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

1. Marcus Key asked the Board for an extension of the sewer connection agreement, he had made with Utilities, which was set to expire before he will be finished constructing his house on 1038 N. Meridian.
2. A. Michel moved to extend the sewer connection agreement with Marcus Key for one more year, seconded by J. Raffin, approved by unanimous voice vote.
3. J. Raffin moved to approve D. Ryan to sign the extension agreement with Marcus Key on the Board's behalf, seconded by J. Schnadenberg, approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Superintendent's Report**

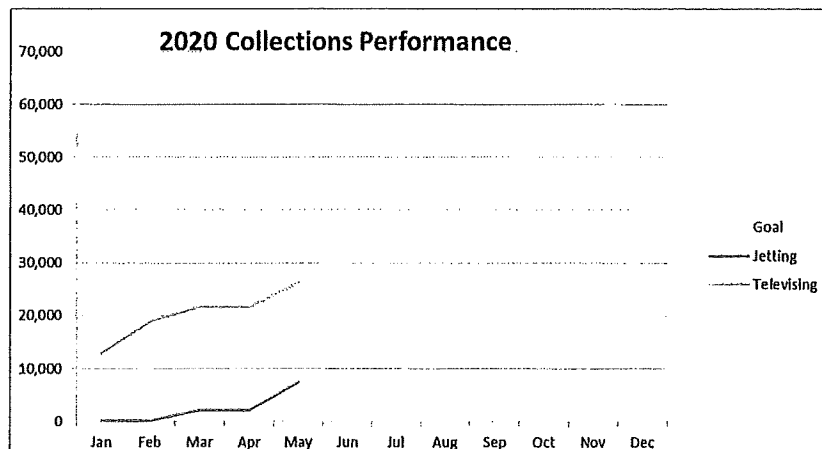
#### **Administration**

1. No comments were received on the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan that was posted for a 30-day public comment period ending 5/20/20.
2. All Town departments resumed normal work schedules on 5/18/20 after being on a modified schedule for COVID-19. The 15<sup>th</sup> St. billing office doors are scheduled to be open on 6/8.
3. Modifications were made to the glass work at 15<sup>th</sup> St. for our billing clerks and building and parks clerks to provide an increased level of protection from droplet transmission.
4. The replacement of our Barrington lift station was successfully completed on 5/12. Hats off to the techs at GAI and our crews for a successful project.

5. A new sinkhole was discovered on 5/5 in front of 610 Wabash. Our camera shows a failed wye connection. More work will be done to determine if it's an active service or not and then a plan for repairs will be determined. Monitoring of the patched sinkhole shows no further settlement.
6. Our portable generators were load tested on 5/12 with no problems.
7. The rain event on 5/15 dropped 1.18" and sent just over 200,000 gallons to the basin. The event on 5/23 dropped 1.92", sending just over 550,000 gallons to the basin.
8. We hauled 95 yards of sludge to the farm on 5/8.
9. Valpo case update-Cause No. 45306: On 6/3/20, the IURC approved 1) the Joint Stipulation and Settlement Agreement between Valpo & Chesterton; 2) Valpo's Regulatory Ordinance #27-2019, amended by Ordinance #7-2020, and subject to the terms of the Joint Stipulation & Settlement Agreement; 3) stated that Valpo shall have an enforceable Regulated Territory as described in item 2) above.
  - a. The IURC ordered Valpo to also pay the following:
    - A. \$3,943.02 – Commission Charges
    - B. \$2,915.98 – OUCC Charges
    - C. \$ 174.78 – Legal Advertising Charges
10. TOCU case update – Cause No. 45312: Dave McGimpsey, Dentons Bingham Greenebaum LLP, filed our case in chief with the IURC on 5/29.

## Collections

1. There were no pump failures this month.
2. We televised 4,720 feet and jetted 5,235 feet.
3. We completed 317 locates and 11 inspections.
4. Cross training for vacuum and mandrel testing manholes took place.
5. Jetting in section 2 was completed. This covers between Broadway & Porter, and Morgan to 15th.
6. NIPSCO had a planned power outage on 5/9 that affected our Crocker lift station. Two of our guys managed a portable generator for the duration of the outage.



## **Treatment**

1. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
  - a. Continuing to meet the annual requirements.
2. Maintenance Tasks
  - a. Backup batteries were replaced in the plant fire alarm system.
  - b. The replacement Ethernet switches for both the UV system and CSO basin are in, and will be scheduled for installation and programming.
  - c. Progress still continues on gathering design and cost estimates to retrofit our turbo blower with a heater for the intake air. We expect to have the estimates by mid to late June.
  - d. Valve Actuators on Aeration Tanks #5 and #6 were reprogrammed for improved operation during power interruptions and elevated flows.
  - e. We are requesting quotes to replace our inaccurate primary sludge flow meter.
  - f. We are still exploring adjustments for the controls on the plant influent control gate.
3. Pre-Treatment/Lab
  - a. Efforts are ongoing to monitor industry effluents and commercial grease traps.

**Engineer's Report** – None

**Town of Porter Report** – None

## **BOARD REPORT**

Chesterton – 85%    Porter – 67%    Indian Boundary – 75%

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. The Revised Local Limits were approved by IDEM on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and will now go to the Town Council for approval.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

## **COMMENTS**

1. A. Michel commented the big rains make the Board look smart for building the holding tank to avoid bypasses.
2. J. Schnadenberg thanked the crew from Utilities for their help with the sewer collapse.
3. L. Brandt offered condolences to S. McCord and his family for the loss of his daughter-in-law.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

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Lawrence Brandt , Chairman

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Deb Schoenfelt Secretary