

# **TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 17, 2021**

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, Engineer M. O'Dell, Clerk-Treasurer C. Udvare, Council Member Liaison S. Darnell, Town Manager D. Cincowski, Attorney C. Parkinson and Secretary D. Schoenfelt. Absent were P.A. Liaison K. Nevers and Attorney C. Nolan.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

S. McCord moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2021 meeting, seconded by J. Raffin, approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

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

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None**

### **Superintendent's Report**

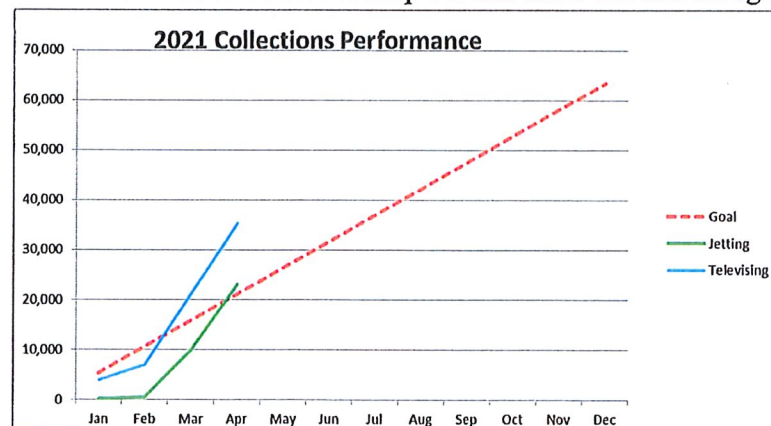
#### **Administration**

1. Mark and I have been working with Storypoint regarding their barscreen issue of clogging and backing sewage up into a building. We will be talking with DLZ to discuss possible solutions.
2. We hauled 237 yards of sludge to the farm with the Utility truck.
3. The employee that filled the open position in Collections on April 6<sup>th</sup> has quit to pursue other interests. He worked four days for us and called off sick for six days before quitting. Back to the search!
4. The Utility will be performing the locate services for the Town's fiber optic line which is managed by NITCO. I am coordinating training and equipment evaluation prior to starting.
5. Indian Oak Inn lawsuit. Mark O'Dell is scheduled to be deposed in May. A trial date has been scheduled in July. Stay tuned!
6. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be administering the IWEA Collections Exam here at the plant, on behalf of IWEA. We do have an employee who will be taking it for his Class 1 certification.
7. We met with the attorney for a developer that is looking to build a small condo development in the Sand Creek area.
8. We met with a developer interested in potentially building a residential community on the Brassie golf course.

9. On 4/28, we successfully replaced the auger/conveyor for the centrifuge, with the help of our contractor, Gaskill & Walton, and a couple of our lift station guys and their crane truck.
10. Plans have been finalized for the replacement of the Pioneer Pointe lift station, and the RFQ packet should be out to contractors very soon.
11. Efforts continue to keep the workplace sanitized and social distancing practices in place.

## Collections

1. There were no pump failures this month.
2. We televised 14,023 feet and jetted 13,200 feet.
3. We completed 342 locates and 16 inspections.
4. We are cleaning and video taping in the area of 15<sup>th</sup> St. east to 5<sup>th</sup> St., from Porter Ave. to 1050 N.
5. We finished hauling asphalt grindings to the access road for the Walro LS.
6. Two collection guys using our crane truck assisted our contractor at the plant in replacing the auger/conveyor for the centrifuge. They did a great job.
7. The liftstation crew had to disassemble both check valves and remove rag balls at the Jewel/Osco lift station, as well as pull both pumps and clean them.
8. Three collection guys helped the street dept. troubleshoot the issues at the Cozy stormwater lift station. Glad to be able to help out and share our knowledge.



## Treatment

1. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
  - a. Continuing to meet the annual requirements.
2. Maintenance Tasks
  - a. We have started the spring/summer grounds maintenance. Hopefully no more snow/ice.
  - b. Primary Clarifier #6 has been cleaned for the season.
  - c. We cleaned the holding tank for septic waste as well as the grease reactor tank, both with the help of collections.
  - d. We replaced the bearing/seal assembly in our #1 boiler hot water pump due to leakage.

- e. We are procuring a vendor to repair the Aon air handler in the headworks building. It appears the VFD is bad.
- f. We sent our UV system PLC into the vendor for evaluation due to failure.
- g. We had to replace the hydraulic lines on our skid loader.
- h. We have done some painting in the plants small garage, in time to host the IWEA exam on 5/20, as well as begun painting of the exterior metal doors at the plant. The plan is to paint all exterior doors this season. They are looking ragged and unattended to, so it's time to spruce them up.

3. Pre-Treatment/Lab

- a. Efforts are ongoing to monitor industry effluents and commercial grease traps.
- b. The lab is scheduled to have an audit performed on 5/12 by IWEA as a requirement to qualify for the lab excellence award.

**Engineer's Report**

M. O'Dell reported he is continuing his work with D. Ryan on the Pioneer Point lift station and will soon be deposed for the Waterbird lawsuit.

**Town of Porter Report – None**

**BOARD REPORT**

Chesterton – 52% Porter – 51% Indian Boundary – 61%

**OLD BUSINESS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS – None**

**COMMENTS**

- 1. J. Schnadenberg complimented J. Iler on his collaborative work on the Gasvoda problem.
- 2. S. McCord once again warned new home owners to get water separately metered if watering new lawns to avoid a substantial sewer bill.
- 3. J. Schnadenberg asked D. Cincowski to make sure K. Nevers includes S. McCord's warning in his Facebook reporting for the town.

**ADJOURNMENT**

J. Raffin moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m., seconded by S. McCord, approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Lawrence Brandt Chairman

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Deb Schoenfelt Secretary