

TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 16, 2021

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

J. Schnadenberg moved to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021 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 unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

Superintendent's Report

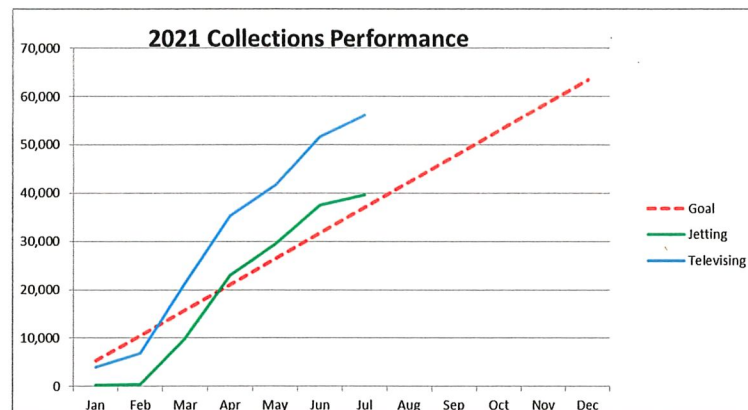
Administration

1. On 7/14 several employees assisted members of the Northwest Indiana Paddlers Association in clearing downed trees from in the river behind the plant to open access.
2. I submitted the SWIF application on 7/15 and am awaiting a decision regarding our approval status.
3. On 7/21 we met with a team at the Aldi's site to review required enhancements to the old Kmart liftstation to bring it up to Town standards, should we end up taking it over.
4. We began training on 7/27 with NITCO on how to locate the CFON line. The process and our observations to date lead me to believe that it is much more involved than we imagined, and potentially outside the scope of our abilities. We are tracking data and will evaluate further once we have a sufficient amount of data and experience.
5. On 7/29 we met with reps regarding a potential mixed development at the southeast corner of Dickinson Rd. & Porter Ave.....adjacent to our liftstation.
6. We hauled 113 yards of sludge to the farm with the Utility truck.
7. Pioneer Pointe lift station project: I am expecting submittals by EOB 8/13. I'm estimating that actual construction won't start until the end of September. Things are taking longer than planned, but that seems to be the trend this year with everything, including the supply chain and labor.

8. Rate Study: Still ongoing. I met with Ted Sommer on 7/13 to discuss the status of the study.
9. Indian Oak Inn Lawsuit: The Trial has been postponed from August 16-20 to the week of October 4th.

Collections

1. There was one pump failure this month. A 2hp in Fox Chase. Cost = \$2117.
2. We televised 4,411 feet and jetted 2,165 feet.
3. We completed 345 locates and 27 inspections.
4. We are still cleaning and video taping the side streets off of 5th St. from 1100 N to Porter Ave.
5. We continued cleaning wet wells as part of our annual goal.
6. We had to vac out the Dickinson wet well due to a large rag island that developed.
7. We implemented a pump tagging process to identify the purchase date and install date to better track the status of our pump inventory in the system.



Treatment

1. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
 - a. Continuing to meet the annual requirements.
2. Maintenance Tasks
 - a. Our Primary Sludge Pump #2 has a failed shaft seal which calls for a pump refurbishment from the manufacturer. After evaluating the pump, the cost of recommended repairs from the manufacturer was just under \$13k. I opted for the return of that pump and the purchase of a new pump for just under \$18k.
 - b. Aeration tanks #1 & #2 have been drained, cleaned and inspected. We replaced the air diffusers in grid #1 in both tanks due to wear and end of useful life. We replaced them with a new Teflon type membrane instead of the normal neoprene type as a trial to evaluate performance and life compared to the neoprene type.
 - c. We've experienced intermittent plugging on our digester level control pipes and have been successful at unplugging them.

