

# **TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 17, 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, Clerk-Treasurer S. Kuziela, Attorney C. Nolan and Secretary D. Schoenfelt. Absent were Council Member Liaison D. Lafata, Attorney C. Parkinson, Town Manager B. Doyle, Engineer M. O'Dell, Porter Rep. B. Brueckheimer.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

S. McCord moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2019 meeting, seconded by A. Michel, 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**

Greg Babcock addressed the Board asking for approval to switch the sewer connection agreement from the Montessori School to the YMCA's Early Childhood Learning Center. Being able to switch to another party was part of the original agreement.

S. McCord moved to switch the sewer agreement from Montessori School to YMCA Early Childhood Learning Center, seconded by J. Schnadenberg, approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Superintendent's Report**

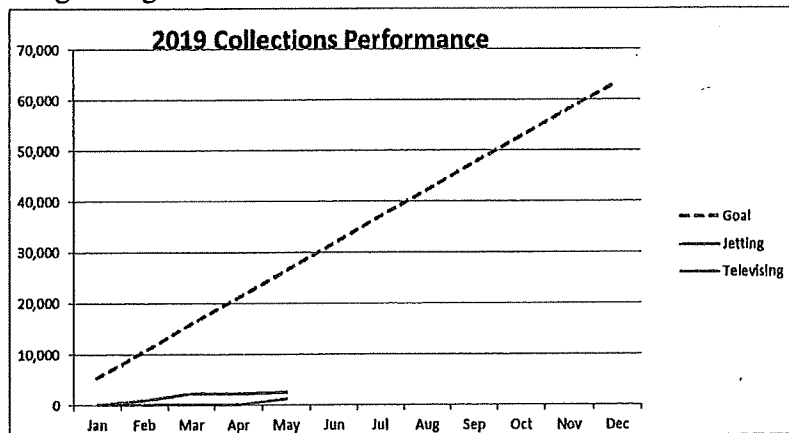
#### **Administration**

1. It was another month of dealing with periods of heavy rain and many elevated plant influent flows. We had 8.12" of rain, a max day flow of 9,076,000 gallons and an average daily flow of 3,981,000 which put the plant use at 86.54% of capacity. Time for some dry weather!
2. Our Biosolids Land Application Permit Renewal application was approved by IDEM on 6/5, and is effective through 5/31/2029.
3. We met with reps from Sulzer on 5/6 to discuss our options with our Blower during cold weather.
4. I have presented a conditional offer of employment to a candidate to fill a vacancy in collections.
5. I've been working with attorneys again for the lawsuit from the Waterbird that originated back in 2016 in reference to their sewage backup in July of 2015.

6. Work continues on our Long Term Control Plan Post Construction Monitoring Plan. We met with reps from DLZ on 5/22 to train on report generation. We are establishing procedures for accessing needed data and working on rainfall monitoring gauges.
7. Our new Camera truck was delivered on Monday 5/20. Training took place for two days.
8. Tailgate corrosion damage on the sludge dump truck was repaired by the garage.
9. Biosolids have not been hauled to the farm due to the wet conditions. We are hoping for dry conditions soon.

## Collections

1. There was one pump failure this month. It was pump #1, a 3hp, at 23<sup>rd</sup> & Dakota. It was replaced at a cost of \$3,757.
2. We televised 1,162 feet and jettted 270 feet.
3. We completed 391 locates and 2 inspections.
4. The Vactor crew started working on the bi-monthly manholes.
5. The lift station crew had to rebuild the pump #1 side of the add-a-phase at Walroe lift station.
6. Grass cutting has started at the lift stations.
7. We hauled grindings out to Walroe LS.



## Treatment

1. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
  - a. Continuing to meet the annual requirements.
2. Maintenance Tasks
  - a. Several electrical power bobbles caused equipment problems with calibration and operation.
  - b. The centrifuge screw conveyer is intermittently making loud knocking sounds. We will need to hire a contractor to disassemble and inspect/repair. We are planning the timing of that task. While repairs are pending, we are closely monitoring its performance and have been in touch with factory reps.
  - c. Digester #1 overflow pipe was jettted due to plugging.
  - d. A Primary Clarifier skimmer beach flush spring failed and was replaced.

- e. Air bleeders were added to our four Wet Weather pumps with the intent of relieving air locking when needed.
  - f. The Headworks HVAC exhaust fan was repaired.
3. Pre-Treatment
- a. Efforts are ongoing to monitor industry effluents and commercial grease traps.
  - b. We are currently reviewing our Local Limits in our Sewer Use Ordinance. In order to support this, we have begun sampling and metal testing of the plant influent/effluent to establish a baseline.

**Engineer's Report – None**

**Town of Porter Report – None**

**BOARD REPORT**

Chesterton – 88%    Porter – 76%    Indian Boundary – 126%

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. L. Brandt asked S. Kuziela about investing and she discussed two options, CD's and using Trust Indiana instead of local banks.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. D. Ryan informed the Board #310 a 2003 Chevy truck used by Collections has been pulled from service. He has checked on a new replacement truck that would be approximately \$35,000.
- 2. S. McCord moved to approve D. Ryan to make the purchase of this truck, not to exceed \$37,000, seconded by J. Schnadenberg, approved by unanimous voice vote.

**LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS – None**

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

- 1. A. Michel and S. McCord both complimented J. Schnadenberg on the job he and his crew are doing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

S. McCord moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m., seconded A. Michel approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Lawrence Brandt

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Chairman

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Deb Schoenfelt

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Secretary