

TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 20, 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, S. McCord, J. Raffin and J. Schnadenberg, Supt. D. Ryan, Engineer M. O'Dell, Clerk-Treasurer C. Udvare, Attorney C. Parkinson and Secretary D. Schoenfelt. Absent were Council Member Liaison S. Darnell, Town Manager B. Doyle and Attorney C. Nolan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

S. McCord moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020 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 – None

Superintendent's Report

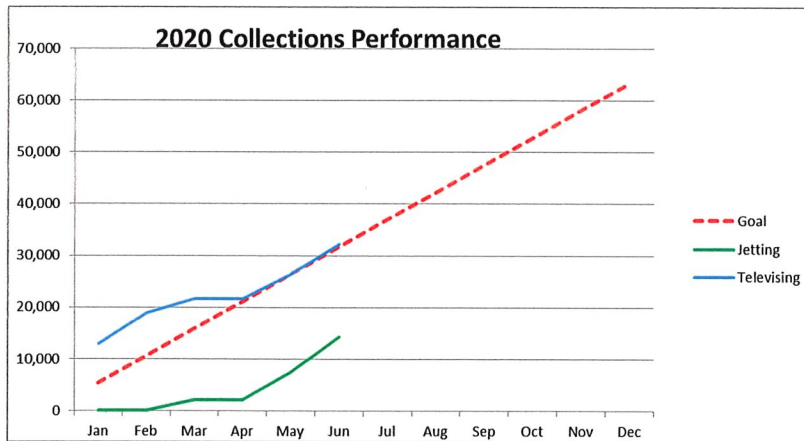
Administration

1. I finally found a new dump truck for the plant. I will trade-in our 32 year old truck for a new and slightly larger dump for a net price of \$121,717. It should be here in early August.
2. All our overhead cranes and hoists had the annual inspections completed.
3. A new sinkhole at 8th & Indiana was found and filled in on 6/23. Its cause is still unknown, but may be related to previous work done by Indiana American Water.
4. Another sinkhole was discovered on 6/25 just west of 666 Wabash. Monitoring of the patched sinkhole shows no further settlement.
5. Our backhoe blew the turbo on the engine on 6/29. The motor "ran away" until all oil was used up. This unit was budgeted for replacement in 2022, but will need to be replaced this year. Good numbers should be available at meeting time, but it's looking like it will cost us around \$100k w/trade.
6. No rain events in June required the use of our CSO basin.
7. We hauled 230 yards of sludge to the farm.
8. All employees have been healthy during this pandemic event.
9. IURC Cause No. 45312: The OUCC pre-filed its testimony as "Public's Exhibit No. 1" and recommended that "...the Commission approve Chesterton's request for approval of its Ordinance No. 2020-06 establishing a service territory for the city's municipal sewer system pursuant to Ind. Code Ch. 8-1.5-6". Sounds like good news for us!

10. As an “FYI” I have included some account aging data and Late Fees and Penalty data on the last page of this report for your review. As you know, our Governor has stated, through executive order, that Utilities can’t discontinue service to customers during this pandemic. This order was extended through 8/14/20, and I would expect it to be extended again. Once we are allowed to start sending out our late notices that explain the late fees and penalties and water shut-off, I would expect customers to ask for extended payment plans. Our next notice is scheduled to go out 8/10, but we could delay it until 8/14, unless the order is extended again. I would recommend that we consider allowing payment plans up to 12-months, if requested.

Collections

1. There were no pump failures this month.
2. We televised 5,802 feet and jetted 6,869 feet.
3. We completed 388 locates and 6 inspections.
4. Jetting crew is working between Broadway & Porter, and 15th to 19th.
5. Our lateral launch camera was received back after repaired under warranty.
6. Filled in a new sinkhole at 666 Wabash. It appears to still be stable.
7. We repaired a broken coupling at 851 Mirmar in Fox Chase.
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Treatment

1. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
 - a. Continuing to meet the annual requirements.
2. Maintenance Tasks
 - a. The last of the six primary clarifiers has been cleaned for the year.
 - b. The grit system pump check valves were cleaned due to blockages.
 - c. Estimates were received to retrofit our turbo blower with a heater for the intake air. They came in higher than expected and options are being reviewed to enable selection of the best value added option.
 - d. Fuses were replaced in the centrifuge due to a power surge.

