

TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 19, 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, and J. Schnadenberg, Supt. D. Ryan, Council Member Liaison S. Darnell, Town Manager D. Cincowski, P.A. Liaison K. Nevers, Attorney C. Parkinson and Secretary D. Schoenfelt. Absent were member J. Raffin, Engineer M. O'Dell and Clerk-Treasurer C. Udvare.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

S. McCord moved to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2021 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. Schnadenberg, approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Marcus Key requested an extension of his sanitary sewer connection agreement for his property at 1039 N. Meridian due to problems getting construction done on the property.
2. S. McCord moved to approve this request for an extension of the sewer connection agreement, seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.
3. Bill Lopez, a resident of Porter Cove subdivision, addressed the board with his concerns about the terrible odor coming from the lift station near his home and how this might impact the value of the homes near the lift station.
4. Jean Pass, also from Porter Cove, echoed his concerns and told the board she and her husband can no longer sit outside in their yard due to the horrible smell. It was her opinion the smell had gotten worse.
5. Tracy Bishop, who lives directly in front of the lift station, agreed and said their houses were there before the lift station and they would not have purchased a home there if the lift station would have been there.
6. D. Ryan will look into what can be done and will then contact the home owners.

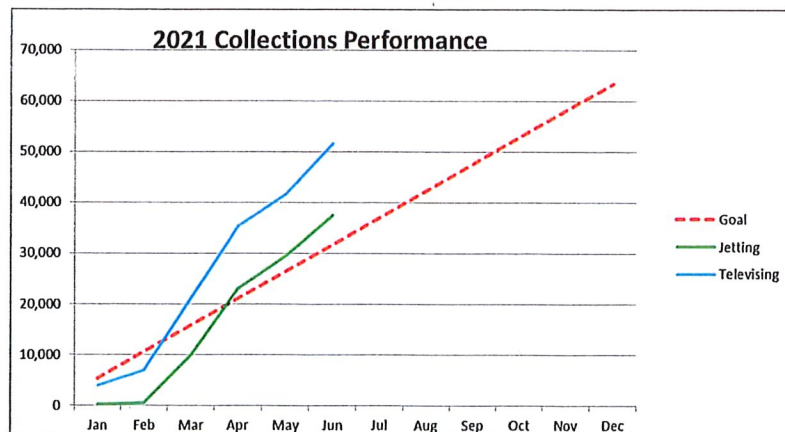
Superintendent's Report

Administration

1. The rain event on 6/30 caused us to send about 1.9", or 120,000 gallons to the basin. The majority of the 1.46" of rain poured down on us between 3:30p – 4:30p. The last time we used the basin was on 5/23/20 when we got 1.92" of rain and sent over 550,000 gallons up to the basin.
2. **ACTION:** During our inspection and evaluation of our Digester Boiler, due to over boiling issues we were having, it was determined that the tubes are aged, corroded and in definite need of replacement. We cannot go into the cold season with this type of reduced performance. The estimated cost to replace the 35 tubes inside and check performance will be just under \$20k. This was not budgeted for this year, so I ask you to consider and approve said expenditure.
3. We hauled 102 yards of sludge to the farm with the Utility truck.
4. Employees attended a mandatory training session on Sensitivity/Harassment on 6/29.
5. I will be determining the proper course for needed repairs on several breaks in sewer mains.
6. Pioneer Pointe lift station project: The job was awarded to Gasvoda to supply most of the materials and to Woodruff to do the removal and installation. I am estimating this project to start around the first part of August.
7. Rate Study: Still ongoing.
8. Indian Oak Inn Lawsuit: The court only granted a part of the Summary Judgement Motion that was filed and has set aside August 16-20 for the trial.

Collections

1. There were two pump failures this month. A 3hp @ 23rd & Dakota (\$4k), and a 2hp @ 21st & Union (\$2.5k).
2. We televised 10,000 feet and jetted 8,018 feet.
3. We completed 445 locates and 6 inspections.
4. We are cleaning and video taping the side streets on 5th St. from 1100 N to Porter Ave.
5. We started to clean wet wells as part of our annual goal.
6. We cut down three trees on the access path to Walro for power line safety.
7. We replaced a float tree in Fox Chase due to failure.



Treatment

1. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program

- a. Continuing to meet the annual requirements.
2. Maintenance Tasks
 - a. We completed cleaning and inspecting the remaining Primary Clarifiers for the year.
 - b. The vendor has repaired the Aon air handler in the headworks building. Unfortunately this came at a cost of \$8k. The issue was the main controller failed, along with some other needed calibrations. It also has a failed remote HMI board/screen and we are waiting on a quote on that.
 - c. The Grit removal system failed due to a broken belt that we assume was caused by excessive grit generated by heavy rain and the resulting high influent flow. It did not cause any further issues in the plant.
 - d. We cleaned and disinfected the UV disinfection structure.
 - e. Our Primary Sludge Pump #2 has a failed shaft seal which calls for a pump refurbishment from the manufacturer. We are coordinating that job, which should cost around \$3k.
 - f. Several more storms required extra attention from our plant operators due to many electric power interruptions, elevated Influent flows and equipment failures. Kudos to the team for a job well done.
 - g. We have received the evaluation and repair quotes on our PLC for the UV system. Unfortunately our system is outdated. Options included a variation of refurbished units, new PLC using existing I/O boards, and all new. Prices range from \$15k-\$20k. We are currently running it manually and I think we'll continue to do so until I have an engineering consultant evaluate our whole UV system, as I've planned for this year. After that evaluation, we will review the resulting recommendations and determine the best course of action.
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 – 55% Porter – 44% Indian Boundary – 57%

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

1. S. McCord moved to approve the purchase of new digester boiler tubes, seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.
2. S. McCord moved to declare the 2011 Crown Victoria vehicle surplus, seconded by J. Schnadenberg, approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS

1. A. Michel sympathized with the Porter Cove residents.
2. S. McCord offered condolences to the Willett and Quinn families for their losses.

ADJOURNMENT

S. McCord moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20p.m., seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Lawrence Brandt Chairman

Deb Schoenfelt Secretary