

# **TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 15, 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, S. McCord and J. Schnadenberg, Supt. D. Ryan, Clerk-Treasurer C. Udvare, P.A. Liaison K. Nevers, Engineer M. O'Dell, Town Council Liaison S. Darnell, Town Manager D. Cincowski, Attorney J. Paulson and Secretary D. Schoenfelt. Absent were Board member A. Michel and Attorney C. Parkinson.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

S. McCord moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 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

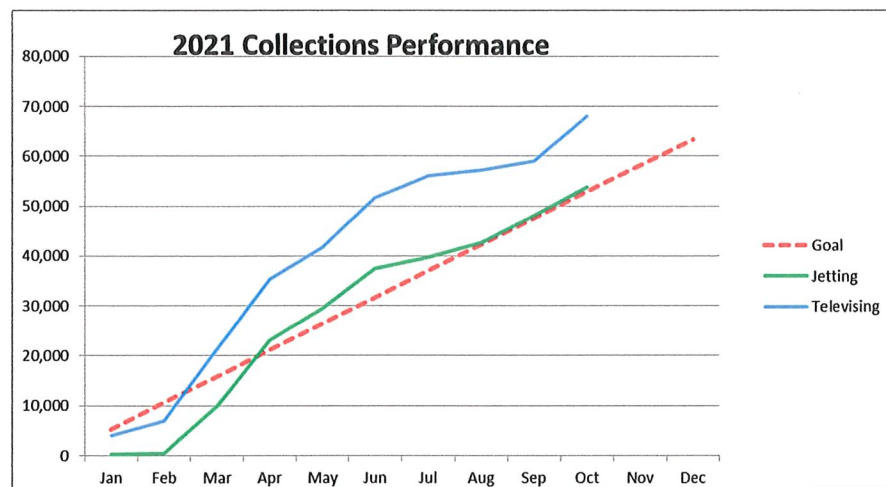
### **Superintendent's Report**

#### **Administration**

1. Update, Odor Control at Porter Cove liftstation: I was able to obtain one reference so far in regards to the chemical treatment option. The Town of St. John uses this product and is very happy with the results. This is our preferred option as there is no mechanical items that may need additional power supplies or periodic maintenance. I would suggest we try this option. We can either start now or wait till the end of winter or beginning of spring to pour a dose into the wet well and evaluate its effectiveness.
2. We had one collection employee quit. I am now trying to fill 2 vacancies in collections.
3. Kmart/Aldi liftstation: I have not heard anything new on this.
4. I will begin working on the budgets for next year very soon, as I am behind schedule.
5. Update, Sludge/Boiler Heat Exchanger: We found a local contractor (LaPorte) to fabricate a new heat exchanger and install it for \$7,700. This compares to our next best price of \$50k we received using the original manufacturer and a contractor. Success!!!
6. We hauled 57 yards of sludge to the farm with the Utility truck.
7. Rate Study: We have received two drafts for review, and will be scheduling a meeting to discuss.
8. Indian Oak Inn Lawsuit: The Trial is scheduled for the week of December 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Collections

1. There was one pump failure this month, a 2hp at Westchester South. \$3k.
2. We televised 8,989 feet and jetted 5,753 feet.
3. We completed 291 locates and 15 inspections.
4. We assisted the Stormwater dept. with replacing a check valve at the Kozy lift station.
5. We assisted the Police dept. in opening up their service line to the main building. It was backing up three toilets.
6. The camera and jetting crews have been working in the area of Porter Ave. from 5<sup>th</sup> to Calumet, and south to Westchester Ave.



## Treatment

1. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
  - a. Continuing to meet the annual requirements.
  - b. The Annual SMV report was sent ahead of its due date.
2. Maintenance Tasks
  - a. Aeration tank #6 was drained, cleaned and inspected.
  - b. The UV disinfection season is over. All modules will be removed, cleaned and inspected for next season.
  - c. We have a broken primary sludge valve that is preventing us from replacing the primary sludge meter. We are waiting on quotes for a replacement.
  - d. Heavy rains in October required Operators to maintain the plant after normal hours.
  - e. The natural gas modulating valve on the digester hot water boiler was replaced.
3. Pre-Treatment/Lab
  - a. Efforts are ongoing to monitor industry effluents and commercial grease traps.
  - b. We rerouted the lab sink drain due to continuous clogging and the inability to open it up.

