

TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2022

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

S. McCord moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2022 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

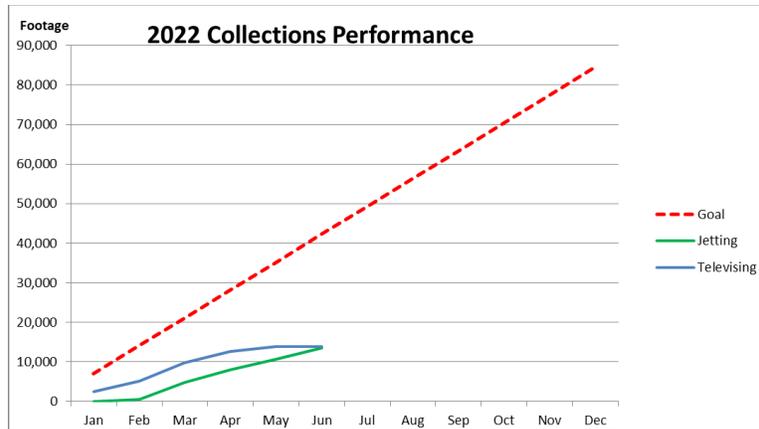
1. Update-Sinkhole in plant yard over 48" sewer: The new sinkhole over the south end of the original repair seems to have been stopped. Our contractor entered the 48" sewer and found ground water infiltrating near the joint of the previous repair. Holes were drilled and a two part chemical was injected that reacted with the water and along with packing material, seems to have stopped the infiltration. Periodic checks will take place to ensure the repair holds.
2. I still have two vacancies in collections. I had an accepted offer from a candidate who then changed his mind and stated the wage was too low to support a family. I will be making an offer to another candidate soon.
3. I am still working on filling the Lab Tech position.
4. Many of our employees attended high voltage training at our street dept., hosted by REMC.
5. Update-Porter Cove Odor: We received an odor complaint from the same resident in Porter Cove. I responded to her, via email, telling her I was getting ready to add the odor chemical but was waiting on our contractor to repair a hole in one of the pumps discharge pipe. She said thanks. On 7/8 I received a call from IDEM regarding the odor complaint. The resident filed a complaint with IDEM. IDEM visited the liftstation on Friday 7/8, but did not notice any odor. IDEM advised me to send info on the chemical to the permits section of IDEM and wait for their ok to use it. I sent them all the information on 7/11 and am

waiting for their ok. The discharge pipe was replaced on 7/11 so we will add the chemical as soon as I get the ok from IDEM.

6. Kmart/Aldi liftstation: I have not heard any further requests or comments.
7. Imhoff Tank Update: We continue to monitor daily. We pumped the tank out on 6/23. As stated at our previous meeting, I was planning on submitting an application for round two of the SWIF grants. I recently learned that the State decided not to accept any applications for a second round and will instead allocate any remaining funds from the round one grants to eligible projects that are in the process of finalizing their SRF Loan closings. I am currently pursuing the possibility of applying for a grant from the Army Corps of Engineers. This will entail setting up a meeting with our Town Manager and State Rep Frank Mrvan's office to review the project with his team. His office will be the entity that applies for the funding for us. I have received one "ballpark" estimate for this project and it is \$1.2mil. This doesn't include the estimated \$30-\$95K engineering and design fees. Although I have a feeling that number is high, it is still going to be an expensive project and I think it's a must that we try to qualify for any potential assistance. It may be prudent for us to consider trying to find the leak in the tank and fix that before winter so we are not needing to pump the tank periodically, especially during the winter months which can be risky with the vac trucks.
8. IBCD Update: No further news.
9. We hauled 91 yards of biosolids to the farm. The farmer has requested us to start weighing every load we bring out, in an attempt to establish a good average for application rates and billing. We have been doing so since June 3rd. I met with Earthwise, our land app management company, on June 30th, to discuss this request and get a feel for what changed and how long we will need to do this. We haven't yet agreed on any terms, but during this discussion I did ask them to keep alert for any farms or land that may be closer to us that would be a potential dump site for us.

Collections

1. There were no pump failures this month.
2. We televised 0 feet and jetted 2,840 feet.
3. We completed 563 locates and 13 inspections. This is another record for locates in a month. It continues to hamper us from completing other needed tasks, such as jetting and televising. I will be exploring the possibility of contracting out all locates and will provide a report once all data is collected.
4. The crew has finished cleaning the bi-monthly manholes.
5. A couple of the guys have been training on the backhoe and fiber locates.
6. The crew helped the plant clean out one of the primary clarifiers with the vac truck.
7. We tested 5-15hp pumps at the Crocker lift station trying to figure out what size pump will give us the best performance during wet weather events. We will be evaluating the data.



Treatment

1. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
 - a. Continuing to meet the annual requirements.
2. Maintenance Tasks
 - a. The Centrifuge's manufacturer's redesign of the circuitry and a new power supply module and fusing seems to be working well.
 - b. One of the two new check valves for the Grit System was installed. The second one will be installed soon.
 - c. Telephone land lines were down and rendered the plant alarm system inoperable for several days until the repair was made by Frontier.
 - d. Draft Tube Mixer #1 continues to fail periodically. We are procuring quotes for a rebuild of the wear parts.
 - e. Ultra Violet Disinfection structure North and South channels were emptied and cleaned.
 - f. We had to make repairs to UV module #5A due to electrical connections shorting out and lamp ballasts failing due to the incorrect ballasts installed previously, accompanied by normal wear and aging.
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 – 52% Porter – 47% Indian Boundary – 57%

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

1. J. Schnadenberg moved to transfer two million dollars to the Trust Indiana account, seconded by J. Raffin, approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS

1. The Board members thanked retiring secretary D. Schoenfelt for her many years of service for the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Lawrence Brandt Chairman

Deb Schoenfelt Secretary