

# **TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**September 19, 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, and J. Schnadenberg , Supt. D. Ryan, Engineer M. O'Dell, Asst. Engineer M. Gavelek, Clerk-Treasurer C. Udvard, P.A. Liaison K. Nevers, and Attorney C. Parkinson. Absent was Board Members S. McCord and J. Raffin, Town Manager D. Cincoski, and Town Council Liaison S. Darnell.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Michel moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022 meeting, seconded by J. Schnadenberg, approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

J. Schnadenberg moved to approve the claims as presented, seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

NWI Paddling Association gave an award the Chesterton Utility Department for outstanding partnership and support. L Brandt congratulated Superintendent Dave Ryan and the staff. The Board appreciates what they are doing for the community organizations.

### **Superintendent's Report**

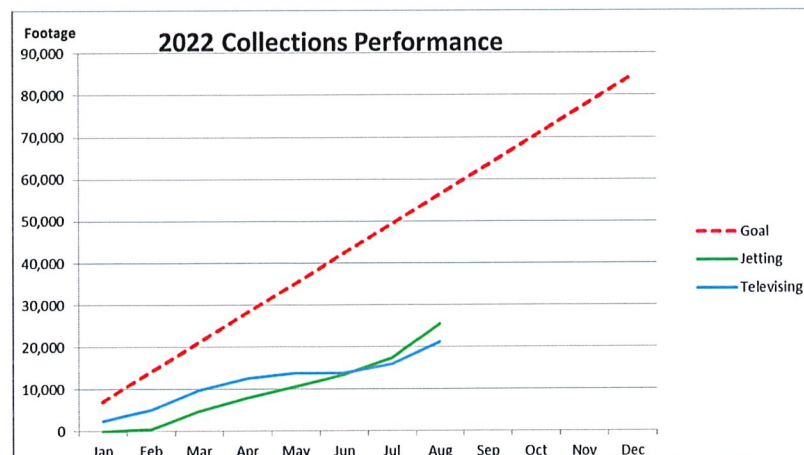
#### **Administration**

1. Update-Collection Vacancy: Fully staffed. Damien Layne started with us on 9/6.
2. Update-Lab Tech Vacancy: Fully staffed. Evgenia Henson started with us on 8/22.
3. Update-Porter Cove Odor: We received another complaint on 9/3 from one of the same residents that complained previously. We added the remaining chemical on 9/6. It doesn't appear that this chemical is the best or possibly most cost effective solution. I will be looking at other possible alternatives, some of which I identified in my initial search for a solution.
4. Imhoff Tank Update: We continue to monitor daily. Town Manager Cincoski and I met with Liz Johnson from State Rep Frank Mrvan's office on 8/18 to review the project. If we are still interested in pursuing funding from the Army Corps, through Mrvan's office, we will have to apply in spring of 2023, for potential funding in 2024. I am working with Mark & Matt in engineering to find a solution that will get us through the winter, and possibly much longer.

5. IBCD Update: No further news on IBCD's decision to move forward with pursuing the Arbitration process, as our agreement allows.
6. We did not haul any biosolids to the farm due to equipment availability issues at the farm needed to spread what is there, resulting in no space for us to dump. We continue to explore additional options for our biosolids disposal, including a potential farm in Portage.
7. A contractor completed our annual fire system inspection on 8/22.
8. Mark, D. Cincoski and I met with Town of Porter reps on 8/2 regarding their plan to add another lift station to serve potential future developments. We just received some hard data and will be spending some time reviewing it.
9. IDEM visited us here at the plant on 9/7 to perform a CSO Audit, including our Long Term Control Plan and Post Construction Monitoring report. The previous audit was done in 2014. There were five reps from IDEM. We gave them a tour of the plant, with Bill doing a great job narrating the flow through the plant, and then we sat down to review their 13 page questionnaire I had submitted prior to their visit. I am waiting for their official report, but they were definitely impressed with the condition of our plant, our organization and our operations.

### Collections

1. There were no pump failure this month.
2. We televised 5,284 feet and jetted 8,092 feet.
3. We completed 446 locates and 21 inspections.
4. The crew is completing filming Pioneer Trail and the sewer leading to the old KAT wet well and will then move to Morgan's Corner.
5. The newer guys continue to train on different functions.
6. We installed a replacement louver motor at the 49 Corridor lift station.
7. Several of our phone lines at lift stations have been hit by the companies installing fiber optic in Town.
8. American Water has repaired a couple of sewers where our camera has found water service lines bored through them.



## **Treatment**

1. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
  - a. Continuing to meet the annual requirements.
2. Maintenance Tasks
  - a. The Centrifuge sludge pumps mechanical seal was successfully replaced.
  - b. The Draft Tube Mixer #1 has failed and will need to be re-built. We are waiting for the contractor to receive the parts.
  - c. The lab incubator air circulating fan failed and was replaced.
  - d. The Lab's HVAC unit has failed and we are waiting on costs to repair or replace.
  - e. The shaft seal on the #1 digester circulating pump has failed and is being scheduled for replacement.
3. Pre-Treatment/Lab
  - a. Efforts are ongoing to monitor industry effluents and commercial grease traps.
  - b. We did receive the Lab Excellence award for this year from IWEA. L.Brandt congratulated the lab staff on an outstanding job.

## **Engineer's Report – None**

**Town of Porter Report** – Superintendent D. Ryan met with Porter concerning their plans to potentially install a new liftstation at Marquart and Waverly. It would probably only be used during wet weather events. It could also be used if there were additions like the State Park or improvements at the old Splash Down site. Porter would be responsible for the maintenance.

## **BOARD REPORT**

Chesterton – 48%    Porter – 50%    Indian Boundary – 51%

## **OLD BUSINESS – None**

## **NEW BUSINESS - None**

## **COMMENTS**

1. J. Schnadenberg complimented the Utility Staff on all their achievements.
2. A. Michel agreed with J. Schnadenberg
3. L. Brandt said this is the best first eight months of the year the department's had in sometime. He also commented that at some point they need to think of a succession plan for employees as they get closer to retirement.

**ADJOURNMENT**

J. Schnadenberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m., seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.

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Lawrence Brandt Chairman

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Courtney Udvare Secretary