

TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Board Members S. McCord, A. Michel, and J. Schnadenberg, Supt. D. Ryan, Town Engineer M. O'Dell Asst. Engineer M. Gavelek, Clerk-Treasurer C. Udvare, Town Manager D. Cincoski, P.A. Liaison K. Nevers, and Attorney C. Parkinson. Absent were Board Members L. Brandt and J. Raffin, and Town Council Liaison S. Darnell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

J. Schnadenberg moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting, seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Matt Keiser from Abonmarche Consultants Inc. requested sewer access for 13 single family homes being building in Sand Creek Phase 5. A letter has been submitted with the calculations. Superintendent D. Ryan is okay with granting these homes access. J. Schnadenberg moved to approve sewer access for the 13 homes in Sand Creek Phase 5, seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Superintendent's Report

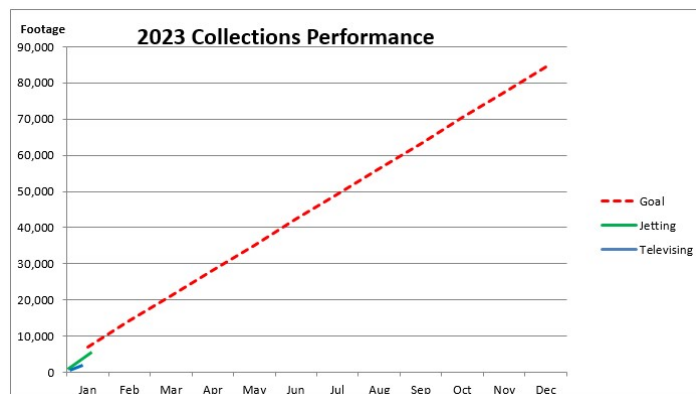
Administration

1. Staffing – On 1/12 a Collection employee resigned. On 1/20 Brittany-Admin. Asst., who was on maternity leave, informed me she was not returning to the workforce. And on 1/20 Jodi-Admin. Asst., told me she planned to retire in April of this year. I promptly posted an Admin. job. The response was surprisingly out of bounds. I received over 200 resumes. I interviewed four good candidates and have an accepted offer. The tentative start date is March 6th. In the meantime, I have utilized Rebecca, Admin. Asst. to the Town Manager, and part time Utility Billing Asst., to sponge up as much training here as possible on several topics to enable her to serve as a backup/refresher trainer for the new Admin. if needed. My hope is to get the new Admin. up to speed and then look at potentially hiring a part-time Admin. to fill the other vacancy. I have also posted the vacant Collection position but have not yet seen a good response rate.
2. Update-Porter Cove Odor: I will get back to exploring odor control alternatives.
3. Imhoff Tank Update: We continue to monitor daily.
4. IBCD Update: No further news on IBCD's decision to move forward with pursuing the Arbitration process, as our agreement allows.

5. We still have not hauled any biosolids to the farm, now due to wet ground conditions resulting from the warm weather spells we've had. This continued delay will force us again to hire trucks to haul and dump them down in Fowler at the Wealing Bros. facility. We continue to press our TPA on securing the logistics for a new farm, but that continues to move slow. We will continue to push and at the same time, explore any other available options. I did meet with Republic Services on 1/18 to discuss their offerings. They have not returned their formal offer yet but I'm guessing they'll be more expensive than trucking it to Wealing.

Collections

1. There was one pump failure this month: #2 @ McDonald's, 11.3hp, \$7,956.
2. We televised 1,458 feet and jetted 6,690 feet thanks to the streaks of mild weather.
3. We completed 186 locates and 9 inspections.
4. The crew continues to film in the Morgan's Corner area.
5. A crew temporarily repaired the guide rails at McDonald's LS. A permanent fix is on order.
6. The crew finished cleaning the Dickinson and 49 Corridor wet wells thanks to some mild weather.



Treatment

1. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
 - a. Continuing to meet the annual requirements.
2. Maintenance Tasks
 - a. The Draft Tube mixer that was recently rebuilt now has a loud vibration to it. The contractor is returning to investigate.
 - b. A contractor has replaced the two hanging heaters in the Centrifuge building.
 - c. We are still waiting on parts for the polymer system on the centrifuge to rebuild a pressure regulating valve that should solve the issues we've been experiencing.
 - d. We have been experiencing some extremely high plant influent solids levels and have attempted to locate the source. As part of us isolating possibilities, we relocated the influent auto sampler and increased the frequency of maintenance on the sampler suction

