

TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Board members A. Michel, S. McCord, L. Brandt, J. Raffin and J. Schnadenberg, Supt. D. Ryan, Engineer M. O'Dell, Council Member Liaison D. Lafata, Clerk- Treasurer S. Kuziela, Town Manager B. Doyle, Poeter Rep. Brenda Brueckheimer, Attorney C. Parkinson and Secretary D. Schoenfelt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

S. McCord moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2018 meeting, seconded by J. Schnadenberg, 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 - None

Superintendent's Report

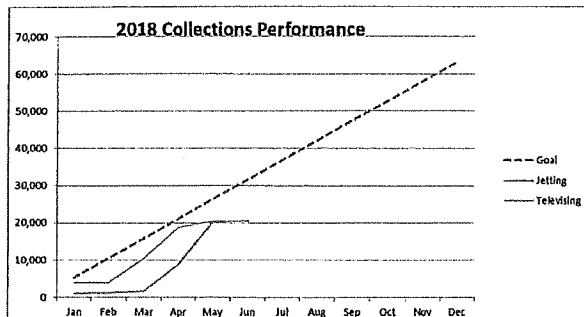
Administration

1. We experienced several issues at the Pioneer Point lift station. They most recently began on 6/25, but we also had some similar issues back in December of 2017. Most recently, tubing and fittings have been replaced and we ordered a new vacuum compressor and a rebuild kit. One of the two motors is in the shop and will have the mechanical seal replaced as well as the shaft sleeve. The second pump will need the same work upon the return of the first pump. Utility Services spent the better part of two days with us at the station trying to get it working. We used the vac truck one night on scheduled times to vac the wet well out. Once we got a pump working, we scheduled guys to come in every 4-5 hours over-night to manually run the pump. I am gathering data that will allow us to review some options, such as upgrading the station or eliminating it by installing a gravity sewer from there to the KAT wet well. Stay tuned.
2. You may have heard about a letter we received from IDEM on 6/29 regarding a notice of violation for over application of nitrogen at the Meyer farm. This is where we take our sludge. It appears there was no violation but rather some incorrect data sent to IDEM by our bio-solids/land application administrator, EarthWise, Inc. Corrected data has been sent to IDEM.
3. We had another camera truck demo on 6/7. We will have another one in July.

4. I met with Nathan from Midwest Contract Operations (MCO) on 6/26 regarding backup operator services. I am awaiting their proposal.
5. Training continues with our newest employees.
6. The crews did not get any camera footage in June due to several breakdowns, but also due to using our manpower on the 5-year cleaning of the holding tanks in the Crocker area, which is also why there was very little jetting footage in June.

Collections

1. There were no pump failure this month.
2. We televised 0 feet and jetted 365 feet. The manpower was used on tank cleaning in Crocker.
3. We completed 357 locates and 6 inspections.
4. We continue to do CDL training with the new guys.
5. The collection crew is working on completing the tank cleaning in Crocker.
6. The crew also prepped the sinkhole on 11th & Morgan for an asphalt patch.



Treatment

1. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
 - a. On-Track to meet the annual requirements for 2018.
 - b. Samples have been collected in the collection system and have been sent in for mercury level results.
2. Maintenance Tasks
 - a. Our recently installed clarifier scum box flush valves have been failing and are being repaired under warranty. So far, three of the four have failed due to broken springs.
 - b. The digester draft tube controls failure has been repaired and stand-by parts ordered.
 - c. The digester boiler continues to fault out occasionally and is being diagnosed.
 - d. The UV channels have been inspected and cleaned.
 - e. We are still working on the warranty repair/controls adjustment of grit pump #2.
3. Pre-Treatment
 - a. Efforts are ongoing to monitor industry effluents and commercial grease traps.

Engineer's Report- None

Town of Porter – None

Board Report

Chesterton – 53% Porter – 59% Indian Boundary – 59%

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS – None

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD – None

ADJOURNMENT

S. McCord moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m., seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Lawrence Brandt

Chairman

Deb Schoenfelt

Secretary