

TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 15, 2016

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

S. McCord moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2016 meeting, seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Terry Hiestand addressed the Board to request for a capacity allocation for the Residences of Coffee Creek for a proposed 110 unit senior assisted living center.

S. McCord moved to approve this request pending on approval by M. O'Dell and D. Ryan, seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Superintendent's Report

Administration

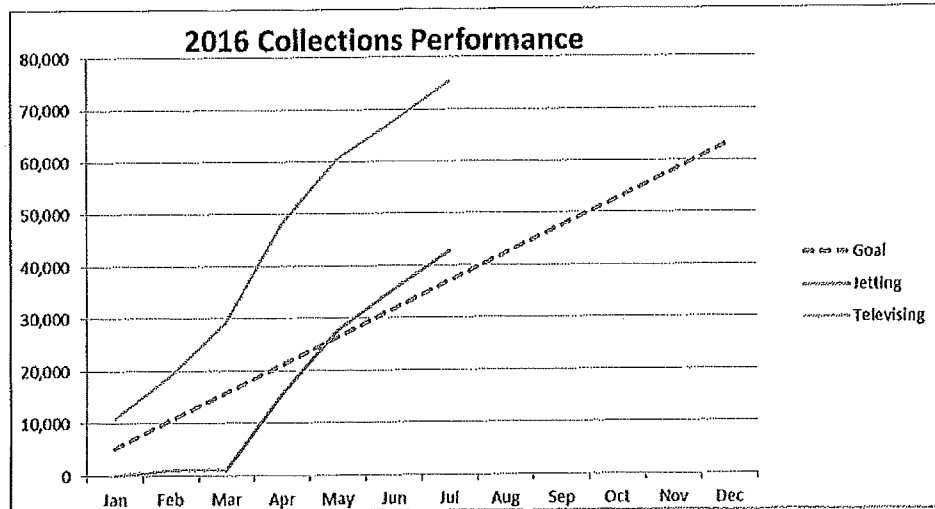
1. Whispering Sands is moving forward, but with some delay. The contractor is wanting to relocate the force main on Meridian to avoid conflicts. John Sturgill is waiting for revised plans from Grimmer so he can discuss with the Enbridge people.
2. Progress continues on identifying additional projects and procuring estimates to spend the remaining funds from the phase-2 WWTP expansion project.
3. We are procuring estimates to automate the restarting of the Grit removal system after a power interruption and also to implement flow proportional operation of that system.
4. I have requested NIPSCO to get involved in evaluating the quality and consistency of the power being delivered to our plant. We continue to experience power interruptions that aren't always related to local storms. NIPSCO has agreed to do an inspection of our incoming supply as well as install a recording meter.
5. WIN911: On Thursday 7/7, our WIN911 alarm system computer failed and had to be replaced. This was an old pc that was never upgraded when SCADA was upgraded. On

Monday 7/25, WIN911 was found to not be calling out due to the phone line being down. Frontier was able to restore our phone line from their office. On Friday 7/29, the WIN911 system was found not to be calling out when we tested it. ACE found a glitch in the WIN911 program as the system was trying to use 2 different notification systems simultaneously. A "work-a-round" has been added to prevent this from happening until a hard fix is created by WIN911.

6. On Sunday 7/24, a storm knocked out power to our plant at approximately 7:30pm. The generator was found off and eventually it was determined to be caused by dead batteries due to the battery charger being inoperable. This resulted in us having to dump untreated wastewater into the river for approximately 1.5 hours until new batteries could be installed. Much time and effort has been spent to prevent this from happening in the future.
7. On Saturday 7/30, our Turbo Blower quit at approximately 7pm and did not restart. There was no alarm. This failure was not discovered until the following morning when Bill Lopez logged into the system from home. This failure caused our treatment process to be without the needed air to keep the bacteria functioning normally. However, fortunately our lab results did not exceed the permitted levels. Work continues on this to prevent this from happening again.

Collections

1. There were no pump failures this month.
2. Annual generator inspection/maintenance was completed.
3. Cleaning of all wet wells at the lift stations was completed.
4. We have been pulling the pumps more often at the Dickenson lift station due to an increase in the number of rags or wipes. We will be investigating to try to determine the source.
5. We televised 7,522 feet and jetted 7,221.
6. We completed 212 locates and 7 inspections.



Treatment

1. Expansion Related Issues
 - a. SCADA modifications will continue as the needs are identified.
 - b. Final punch list and warranty items are completed with the exception of over-seeding, which will be done in September.
 - c. Still waiting for arrival of the automated valve actuators for aeration tanks 5 and 6. This add-on project to phase 2 will result in improved balancing of wet weather flows. Expected delivery date is early September.
 - d. HVAC modifications in headwork building still to be done as schedules allow.
2. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
 - a. Working on the 24 month requirements per our NPDES permit.
3. Maintenance Tasks
 - a. Waste Activated Sludge valve actuator has been repaired and is on-line.
 - b. Aeration tank #1 has been drained, cleaned, inspected and put back on-line.
 - c. Continuing on the annual drain/clean/inspection of clarifiers and aeration tanks.
4. Pre-Treatment
 - a. Continuing our efforts to assist local industries in meeting their discharge limits. Efforts are ongoing to monitor industry effluents and commercial grease traps.

Engineer's Report – No report.

Town of Porter – No report

Board Report

Chesterton – 40% Porter – 46% Indian Boundary – 50%

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Larry gave a report on the Rate Review meeting with Ted Sommer, A. Michel and D. Ryan. A draft will be ready the second week in September and a formal presentation will be at the next regular meeting.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

1. S. McCord said the plant has worked hard to avoid bypasses and just needs to fix latest electrical glitch.
2. A. Michel commented on a letter to the editor that was in the local paper, that people should get the facts before they write.

3. L. Brandt was appreciative of the letter because it showed someone was concerned about Lake Michigan and our environment. He emphasized we need to do everything possible to keep our water sources in great condition.

ADJOURNMENT

S. McCord moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m., seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Lawrence Brandt Chairman

Deb Schoenfelt Secretary