

TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MAY 15, 2017

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

S. McCord moved to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2017 meeting, seconded by A. Michel, 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

Greg Babcock told the Board he had filed a petition for annexation for Jill Chitwood that morning.

S. McCord moved to have D. Ryan and M. O'Dell work out the details for Jill Chitwood's sewer connection, seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.

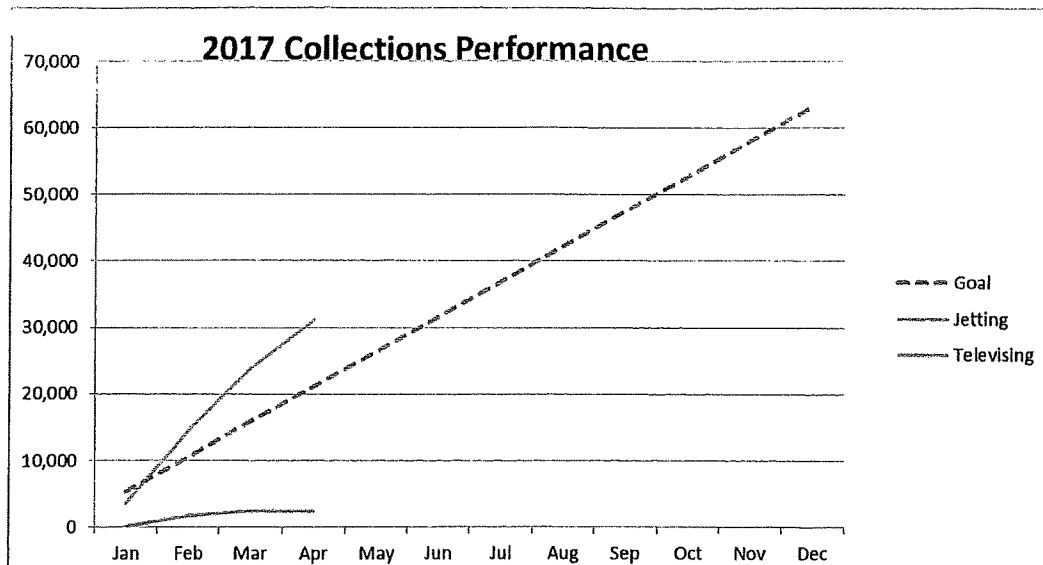
Superintendent's Report

Administration

1. Jerry Graves from the collection crew is still out on medical leave and is doing well. He is planning on returning by the end of May.
2. Jay met an insurance adjuster at the KAT lift station on 4/4 regarding the damage claim from the 12/26/16 backup on Tour Trace in Sand Creek.
3. Research for a new Vac truck is in progress. I am currently reviewing vendor product literature and scheduling demos.
4. Repair parts for the Vac truck pony motor transmission are scheduled for delivery the week of 5/8. We are hoping for a quick turnaround.
5. We met with Gasvoda reps on 4/20 to correct SCADA issues at the Porter Cove lift station.
6. I met with reps on 4/28 at the Duneland Bus Barn regarding their connection to our sewer system. Plans have been approved and construction is anticipated in early summer.
7. Recruitment for the Lab Chief position is ongoing. I had one interview on 4/26.

Collections

1. There was one pump failure this month. It was at 854 Mirmar in Fox Chase.
2. The collection crew repaired the force main from the Walro lift station.
3. The recent hires have been involved in a lot of training, including for their CDL, and are doing well.
4. We televised 7,230 feet and did not jet any. We will catch up once the Vac truck is repaired.
5. The camera crew completed taping in the Coffee Creek area heading toward the Kat lift station. They moved and then found some infiltration issues in the Morgan's Corner area.
6. We completed 178 locates and 3 inspections.



Treatment

1. Expansion Related/Warranty Work
 - a. Grit removal equipment changes are needed to automatically restart equipment after power interruptions. We also need the unit to automatically adjust to wet weather flows. Gasvoda is still working on these issues with the manufacturer.
 - b. Grit Pump #2 is faulting out. Gasvoda is investigating the problem under warranty.
2. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
 - a. Continuing to meet the annual requirements. Sampling and testing for Mercury in the wastewater collection system will resume this summer.
3. Maintenance Tasks
 - a. The Centrifuge failed to start. The serviceman changed the program settings per manufacturer's recommendations and the unit is now operating normally. We are

scheduling Major Service due to years of service time and manufacturer commendations.

- b. The Digester Circulating pumps need to be refurbished or modified to stop units from tripping out. Investigation continues on this issue.
 - c. The Digester Boiler failed to fire. A Contractor was called to service the unit. Unit is running but will require some more repairs.
 - d. 105 yards of biosolids was hauled to the Meyer farm on 4/25 by Utility crews. We thank the Street Dept. for providing an extra dump truck.
4. Pre-Treatment
- a. Efforts are ongoing to monitor industry effluents and commercial grease traps. We are currently working to identify the critical locations so we can provide manpower to inspect at those at a minimum until we fill the Lab Chief vacancy.

Engineer's Report – None

Town of Porter – None

Board Report

Chesterton – 63% Porter – 57% Indian Boundary – 81%

OLD BUSINESS

1. S. Kuziela reported her office is going to be more aggressive with liens by increasing the recording fee from \$11.00 to \$25.00.
2. S. McCord moved to approve eliminating bid alt. 2 for the launderer from the Phase 3 Clarifier project, seconded by J. Raffin, approved by unanimous voice vote.
3. Easement for the Walro lift station, serving the Deer Run apartments has been granted.

NEW BUSINESS

1. S. McCord approved the tie-in for Alex Curiel's property in the north side of C.R. 1050N, between Meridian Road and C.R. 50W, seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.
2. Jeff Ban from DVG addressed the Board requesting them to approve lowering the tap-on fees for the apartment complex Eagle Crossing citing the rates are based on a house and these apartments have less usage. He also said tap-on fees were less in other municipalities.
3. Developer Mike Sakich told the Board they had reduced the fees on The Enclave, 15 years ago. He also said IDEM schedules tend to not change but over the years many water conservation fixtures have been installed and this should be considered.
4. L. Brandt had no memory of the previous reduction for The Enclave, thought, according to IDEM, all municipalities had to charge the same. He wants D. Ryan and staff to review this matter further and report at the next meeting.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

1. A. Michel expressed he was glad we can help customers and we had no more by-passes.
2. S. McCord sent his condolences to the family of Elliott Lowe, the Gland family and Bruce Mathias.
3. L. Brandt also expressed his condolences for Elliott's family.

ADJOURNMENT

S. McCord moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m., seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Lawrence Brandt Chairman

Deb Schoenfelt Secretary