

TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Board Members, L. Brandt, A. Michel, S. McCord, 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, Attorney C. Parkinson. Absent was Porter Rep. B. Brueckheimer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

S. McCord moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2017 meeting, seconded by A. Michel, 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

Emerson Delaney addressed the Board asking for a refund for the tap-on fee EasyDial had already paid. The request was made due to the delay in construction of the facility that EasyDial is having built. The fee will be paid again once construction resumes.

S. McCord moved to refund the tap-on fee of \$22,437.16, seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Superintendent's Report

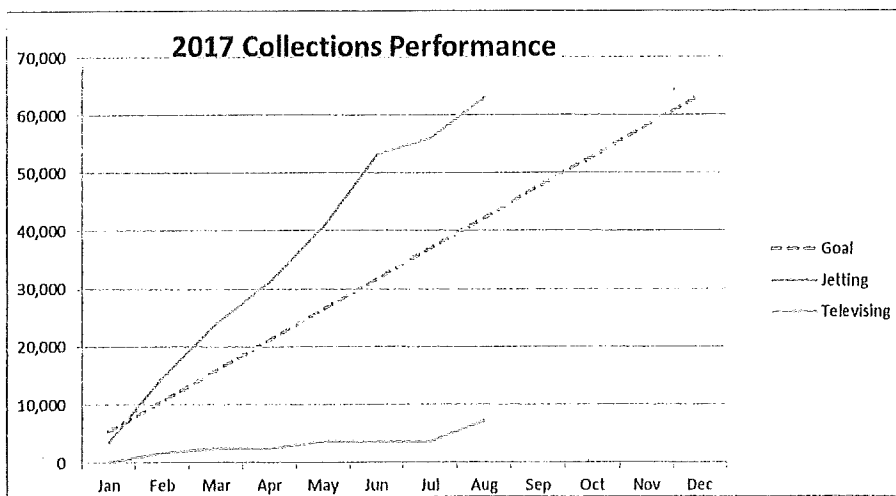
Administration

1. The Purdue Water Institute is working on a proposal for the Lake Michigan Coastal Program to develop a biosensor for rapid detection and frequent monitoring of e-coli in water. I have agreed to partner with them if their project receives funding. Our role will be to provide them with both influent and effluent water samples. There will be no cost to the Utility.
2. 14th & Morgan sink hole – The camera crew was able to create a video of the 27" sewer pipe located between the manholes just west of 13th St. & east of 15th St. No holes or cracks were visible, very few drips were observed and the joints appeared good. I have obtained two proposals to line the pipe section using the CIPP method. The amounts are \$56,740 and \$68,950.
3. Several Utility employees attended training on 8/7 for the proper operation of fire hydrants. The training took place at the town hall and was provided by Indiana American Water.

4. The tenant at 324 Calumet Ave. experienced a sewer backup on 8/27. After the landlord's unsuccessful attempts to clear it, over a period of three days, using a rented roto roter and two plumbing firms, we were called on 8/30. I sent our crew out with a camera to investigate. It was determined there was a blockage near the point of connection to the new sewer lateral that was recently installed. Woodruff was called and arrived on 9/1. They discovered this service lateral was missed during the prior collapse and was not connected to the main. They performed the needed work and finished the paving patch by 3pm the same day. The landlord has requested a refund of \$295 for the expenses he paid to try to clear his sewer.
5. The 5-clarifier drive units for the Ph-3 Rehab project were delivered on 9/12. The contractor also began disassembling the first primary clarifier.

Collections

1. There were no pump failures this month.
2. We televised 7,134 feet and jetted 3,642 feet.
3. The camera crew has been taping in Morningside.
4. We completed 385 locates and 16 inspections.



Treatment

1. Expansion Related/Warranty Work
 - a. Gasvoda & Sweeny are still working on the grit removal equipment changes needed.
2. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
 - a. Continuing to meet the annual requirements.
3. Maintenance Tasks
 - a. Completed the inspection and cleaning of the west acid storage tank.
 - b. We are still researching the best remedy to stop the air supply to the aeration tanks from leaking into an abandoned air supply line.
 - c. We have replaced several faulty ballasts on the UV modules.

- d. We are working on a remedy to prevent Grit pump #2 from tripping out in soft start mode.
- e. We are continuing to work with Ace Technologies to:
 - i. Improve the reliability of the Winn 911 alarm system.
 - ii. Adjust influent pump settings for low flows.
 - iii. Explore improvements to the digester heating system.

4. Pre-Treatment

- a. Efforts are ongoing to monitor industry effluents and commercial grease traps.

Engineer's Report

M. O'Dell reported that work is still ongoing on the Eastern Park lift station.

Town of Porter – None

Board Report

Chesterton – 44% Porter – 43% Indian Boundary – 46%

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Phase 3 Clarifier Rehab has begun.
- 2. S. McCord moved to approve adding a sliplining project for a 335 foot of main under West Morgan Ave., seconded by J. Raffin, approved by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. S. McCord moved to approve the reimbursement of \$295 to a resident at 324 Calumet due to a sewer collapse, seconded by J. Schnadenberg, approved by unanimous voice vote. Woodruff & Sons was responsible for the collapse and will be decreasing the Utilities bill of \$7,052 by half.
- 2. J. Schnadenberg asked about electronic billing and D. Ryan said we are looking into it. S. Kuziela also responded that she is in the process of moving accounts to one bank and then will proceed to start electronic banking.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS – None

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

- 1. A. Michel said he missed the last meeting due to visiting relatives.

ADJOURNMENT

S. McCord moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m., seconded by J. Schnadenberg, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Lawrence Brandt Chairman

Deb Schoenfelt Secretary