

TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 19, 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, , Attorney C. Parkinson and Secretary D. Schoenfelt. Absent were Porter Rep. Brenda Brueckheimer and Town Manager B. Doyle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

S. McCord moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018 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

1. Attorney Greg Babcock asked the Board to approve a request for a sewer allocation approval to be sent to the Town Amerilodge Group, LLC. This is for the construction of two hotels, a Holiday Inn Express and a Fairfield Inn to be located northeast of Culver's.
2. D. Ryan said this development would be served by the Dickinson lift station which has the capacity to handle the new hotels.
3. S. McCord moved to send the Town Council a letter stating the approval of the sewer allocation for the Amerilodge Group, LLC, seconded by J. Raffin, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Superintendent's Report

Administration

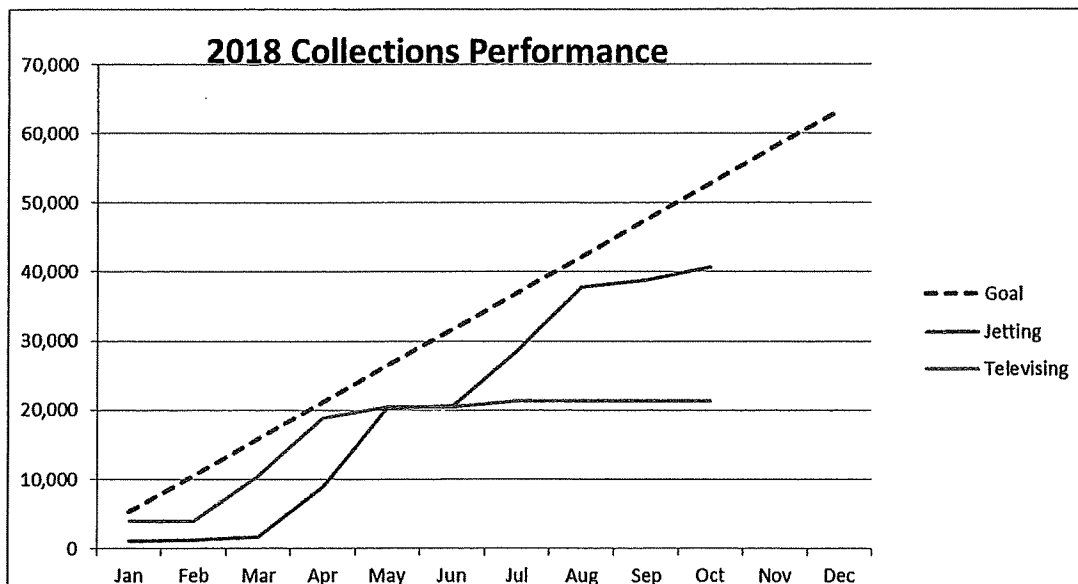
1. The large 36" bearing on final clarifier #2 failed and had to be replaced. This obviously was not planned or budgeted for. I hired a couple of contractors to perform the work. This cost us close to \$20k.
2. The power line supplying the Walro lift station was damaged when a pole broke in half during high winds. NIPSCO was able to perform a temporary fix. They warned us that we are responsible for the poles and wire. I have a meeting set with a NIPSCO engineer on 11/21 to discuss the feasibility of replacing the overhead power line with an underground

supply which should prove to be more reliable and less vulnerable to weather related interruptions.

3. The Inspection and Structural Analysis reports on our Pipe Bridge over the Little Calumet River have been received from Commonwealth Engineers. We met with them on Wednesday 11/14 to review them and plan the next steps. We will make the recommended repairs to the steel after the first of the year, and plan to blast, clean and paint in the spring. A plan for replacing the pipe will be developed after reviewing several options.
4. We are still moving forward with locating our force main discharging from Barrington Bridge, with a majority of it located in the woods behind the post office. We met out there on 10/22 with the developer of that property and he is going to have a contractor clear a big portion of the brush in the woods which will hopefully provide us with easier access.
5. All employees attended Harassment training.
6. The preparation of the 2019 Budgets is still in progress.

Collections

1. There were no pump failures this month.
2. We televised 0 feet and jetted 1,885 feet. The camera truck has not been working.
3. We completed 286 locates and 7 inspections.
4. The collection crew vacuumed out the holding tanks in the Pinney's Ct. area.
5. The collection crew trained on changing out back-up controllers.
6. The collection crew cleaned all the wet wells on the west side of town.



Treatment

1. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
 - a. Have met the annual requirements for 2018. The annual report was sent to IDEM on time.

2. Maintenance Tasks

- a. Secondary Clarifier #2 was drained, cleaned and inspected in preparation for the job to replace the main drive bearing due to failure.
- b. Another successful disinfection season has ended with no violations. All UV modules have been removed from the UV structure and placed inside in preparation for refurbishment.
- c. We are completing the winterization of the plant process.
- d. The Primary Effluent Sampler was replaced due to age. This was budgeted for.
- e. Two furnaces are in need of repair. Options are being evaluated.

3. Pre-Treatment

- a. Efforts are ongoing to monitor industry effluents and commercial grease traps.
- b. The bi-annual industry sampling and inspections have been completed for the 2nd half of 2018.

Engineer's Report- None

Town of Porter – None

Board Report

Chesterton – 45% Porter – 49% Indian Boundary – 50%

OLD BUSINESS

1. D. Ryan reported on the Rate Review. Ted Sommers sent his apologies to the Board for the review not being completed by now due to challenges with staff losses. Sue will be in Chesterton next week to work on issues with the model and discrepancies that have been detected.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Budget Review meeting will be Wednesday, December 19, 5 p.m. at the Plant.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS – None

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD – None

ADJOURNMENT

S. McCord moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Lawrence Brandt

Chairman

Deb Schoenfelt

Secretary