

TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2020

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, Council Member Liaison S. Darnell, Engineer M. O'Dell, Town Manager B. Doyle, Attorneys C. Parkinson and Secretary D. Schoenfelt. Absent were Clerk-Treasurer C. Udvare and Attorney C. Nolan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

S. McCord moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2019 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. Raffin, approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

Superintendent's Report

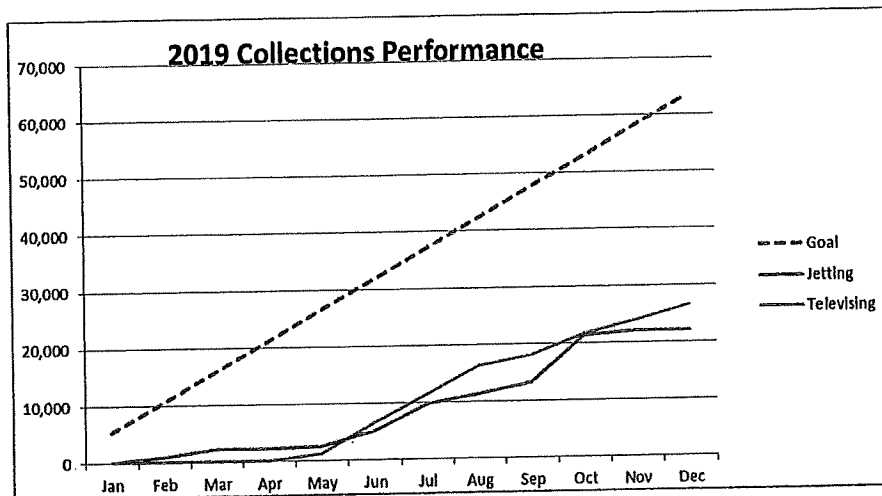
Administration

1. Time continues to be spent with lawyers and engineers on moving forward with the Valpo/DRCD territorial issue. Our attorneys sent a settlement proposal offer to Valpo on 12/20/19. We have not yet heard a response back.
2. We will be meeting on 1/16/20 with representatives proposing to build a new development on the old Kmart site. No further update is available yet on the status of the private lift station on that site.
3. 206 yards of biosolids was hauled to the farm. Thanks to the street department for their assistance.
4. Preparation of the post NPDES permit renewal requirements are in progress and will be submitted to IDEM prior to the due date.
5. The 2020 Budgets have been reviewed and discussed with Larry.

Collections

1. There were two pump failures this month: a 2hp pump at the Southpoint LS and a 2hp pump in Fox Chase. Both were replaced with spares.
2. We televised 2,507 feet and jetted 0 feet.
3. We completed 282 locates and 10 inspections.

4. The Collection crew trained on operating the vac trucks with the recirculating pumps for winter usage.
5. The camera crew continues to work in section-5 in the Sand Creek area, working west toward the KAT LS.



Treatment

1. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
 - a. Continuing to meet the annual requirements.
2. Maintenance Tasks
 - a. We are still exploring options and vendors for the repair or replacement of our Centrifuge screw conveyor, due to age, condition and issues we've experienced.
 - b. We have made some more adjustments to our bar screen operational settings and the 60" influent flow control gate resulting in zero incidents of the gate closing prematurely. We will continue to monitor to insure optimal performance.
 - c. We continue to address the Primary Digester plugging problems and are working toward a more permanent solution.
 - d. We are researching heating problems on digester #1 and also the loss of settings on the dissolved oxygen probes.
 - e. We made repairs to the digester gas flare condensate removal equipment due to plugging.
 - f. The plant generator #1 had an annual load stress test completed and it performed well.
3. Pre-Treatment
 - a. Efforts are ongoing to monitor industry effluents and commercial grease traps.
 - b. We continue to progress on reviewing our Local Limits in our Sewer Use Ordinance, including the Bi-monthly metals testing of the Plant influent/effluent for baseline monitoring.

Engineer's Report – None

Town of Porter Report - None

BOARD REPORT

Chesterton – 59% Porter – 57% Indian Boundary – 74%

OLD BUSINESS

1. S. McCord moved to approve the Sanitary Sewer User Agreement with Duneland Schools, seconded by J. Raffin, approved by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

1. L. Brandt, after meeting with D. Ryan to go over the budget, recommended the Board to approve the 2020 Utilities Budget.
2. S. McCord moved to approve the 2020 Utilities Budget, seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS – None

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

1. A. Michel was pleased the 2020 Budget is comprehensive and easy to understand.
2. S. McCord thanked everyone for his re-appointment to the Board and their faith in him.

ADJOURNMENT

S. McCord moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m., seconded J. Schnadenberg, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Lawrence Brandt

Chairman

Deb Schoenfelt

Secretary