

TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 16, 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 and J. Schnadenberg, Supt. D. Ryan, Council Member Liaison S. Darnell, Engineer M. O'Dell, Clerk-Treasurer C. Udvare, Attorneys C. Parkinson and Secretary D. Schoenfelt. Absent were Board members J. Raffin, Town Manager B. Doyle and Attorney C. Nolan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

S. McCord moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020 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 – None

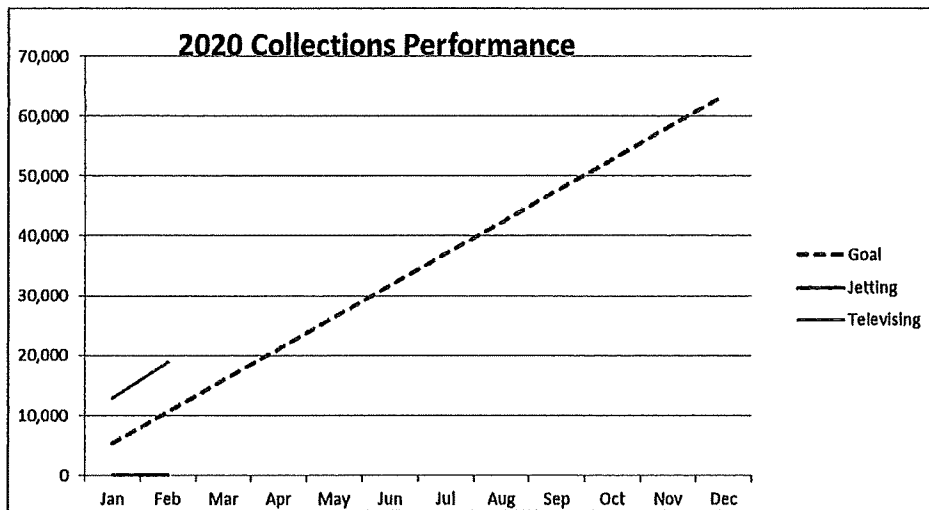
Superintendent's Report

Administration

1. The settlement agreement with Valpo was approved by both Council and Utility Board on 2/27. We will await review and approval by the IURC in March.
2. BLN Engineers are in the process of preparing a "Master Plan" for the southern part of the agreed upon service territory with Valpo. This will need to be submitted to the IURC, once completed, to support our proposed petition that was submitted to the IURC for the Service Territory boundaries. A conference call with BLN has been scheduled for 3/12 for a progress update.
3. We met with the developer of the proposed subdivision behind the post office to discuss the connection point for the sanitary sewer. More research is needed and a meeting is being scheduled with the property owner or manager of the Barrington apartments to explore the feasibility of using an existing private manhole for the connection, and us taking over the maintenance of that manhole and the discharge pipe from it going into our lift station.
4. 231 yards of biosolids was hauled to the farm. Thanks to the Street Dept. for help.
5. The Admin. Asst. vacancy and the new Collection System Operator position have been filled. Brittany Kouris started 2/25 and Branden Maclean started 2/24. Both of these new employees appear to be a great fit for our team.

Collections

1. There were no pump failures this month.
2. We televised 5,814 feet and jetted 0 feet.
3. We completed 170 locates and 8 inspections.
4. We had to unplug the force main in Fox Chase again due to air-locking or clogging. I have talked to a couple engineers regarding this issue and so far they have suggested adding an air-relief valve. I am waiting to meet with the original design engineer to see what he says, or can do.
5. The Collection crew trained with the camera vendor rep on repairing/terminating the end of the lateral launch camera cable. It appears it's not the best design and we are hoping to find a solution to prevent the bending of the end of the cable when entering the pipe.
6. The camera crew continues to work in the Sand Creek area, near Spyglass and Nelson Dr.
7. A collection crew has also been performing GIS manhole inspection in the Sand Creek area.



Treatment

1. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
 - a. Continuing to meet the annual requirements.
2. Maintenance Tasks
 - a. We are still diagnosing the intermittent loss of the UV system control signal. We are currently in the process of procuring an Ethernet switch with the hope that will fix it.
 - b. Progress continues on gathering design and cost estimates to retrofit our turbo blower with a heater for the intake air. We may end up moving the air filter system on the outside of the building to make room for the internal heater. More to come.
 - c. The UV system is being prepared for activation by April 1st.
 - d. We had to repair primary sludge pump #2 due to a loud knocking noise. This was able to be done in-house.
 - e. We are currently researching the inaccuracy of the primary sludge flow meter.

3. Pre-Treatment/Lab

- 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/primary for baseline monitoring. We are expecting to complete our analysis by the end of March. After meeting with the Board, we will then communicate our decision on any changes to Urschel.
- c. We had to send out a weight measurement balance for repair. Cost was \$400+.

Engineer's Report

- 1. M. O'Dell reported on work being done on lift stations.

Town of Porter Report - None

BOARD REPORT

Chesterton – 55% Porter – 51% Indian Boundary – 67%

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. D. Ryan informed the Board of the need for a new dump truck and it would be more cost efficient to buy a new as opposed to a used one.
- 2. S. McCord moved to allow D. Ryan to purchase a new dump truck, seconded by J. Schnadenberg, approved by unanimous voice vote.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS – None

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

- 1. A. Michel said we are off to a good start this year.

ADJOURNMENT

S. McCord moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m., seconded by J. Schnadenberg, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Lawrence Brandt

Chairman

Deb Schoenfelt

Secretary