

# **TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**APRIL 19, 2021**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

J. Raffin moved to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 meeting, seconded by J. Schnadenberg, approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

J. Schnadenberg moved to approve the claims as presented, seconded by J. Raffin, approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None**

### **Superintendent's Report**

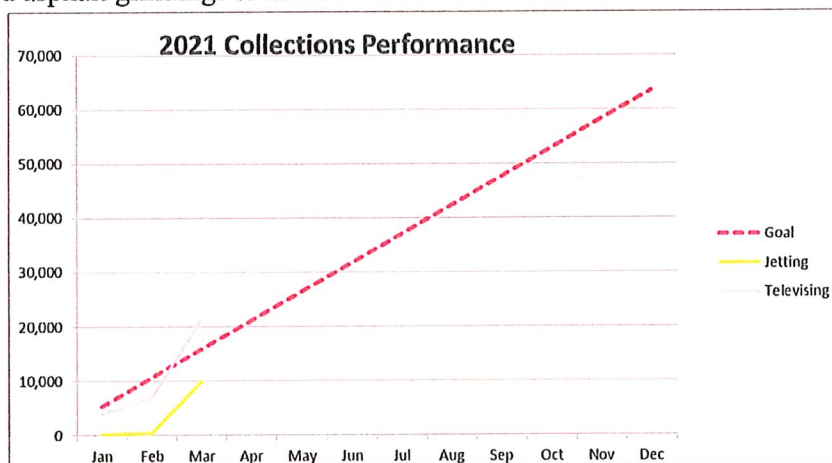
#### **Administration**

1. On March 16<sup>th</sup>, IDEM performed an inspection of our plant. The two main components inspected were the condition of the plant effluent/discharge and the plant treatment processes. As you've probably already read, we passed with no issues. It's what I expect to be able to do daily and is just a part of doing our job to the highest standards. Kudos to our team.
2. We hauled 141 yards of sludge to the farm with the Utility truck.
3. We submitted the Annual Pre-Treatment report one month ahead of the due date. Kudos to Leah and our team for working together.
4. I have filled the open position in Collections. Pete Radzieski will start on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Pete brings with him a wealth of pertinent experience, including the fabrication and repair of major valves for wastewater treatment plants, and much experience related to all aspects of replacing parts or troubleshooting at wastewater lift stations. I look forward to Pete sharing his knowledge with our team.
5. I have participated in meetings regarding the Utility's interest in performing locating services for the Town's fiber optic line which is managed by NITCO. I am waiting on answers to a few questions that will allow me to make an informed decision.
6. Our contractor started the Wabash Ave. CIPP project on 3/22 and completed it on 3/31. This should insure the integrity of that old 18" concrete pipe for many decades to come.

7. Both Larry and Jay were deposed on 3/30, separately, by the attorneys for the Indian Oak Inn lawsuit. Myself, and Mark O'Dell will attend a meeting with our attorney on 4/15 to answer questions that will hopefully enable her to prepare for the next step.
8. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be administering the IWEA Collections Exam here at the plant, on behalf of IWEA. We have one employee who will be taking it, and he would have been traveling to Kendallville, IN for the exam, prior to our site approval. Since Leah is an IWEA Board member, we discussed the idea and she proposed to them to consider our plant to be a host site that would allow region utilities more local access to a test site. We stipulated a maximum of 12 candidates to allow for proper social distancing. We are excited to have Chesterton offer this opportunity to our region utilities.
9. Efforts continue to keep the workplace sanitized and social distancing practices in place.

## Collections

1. There was one pump failure this month. It was pump #1 at 23<sup>rd</sup> & Dakota, a 3hp pump. A replacement pump was ordered at a cost of \$4k.
2. We televised 14,357 feet and jetted 9,385 feet.
3. We completed 362 locates and 17 inspections.
4. We are video taping on Railroad Ave., between the KAT LS and Dickinson Rd. This is an 18" sewer main, and we found a lot of grit in it that had to be cleaned out. The source has not yet been found.
5. We hauled asphalt grindings to access road for the Walro LS.



## Treatment

1. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
  - a. Continuing to meet the annual requirements.
2. Maintenance Tasks
  - a. The UV disinfection system was successfully prepared and started in time for the April 1 required start date.
  - b. In diagnosing issues with the centrifuge solids quality, we had the polymer vendor, Water-Chem, come onsite and do some testing. All the polymer chemical

