

# TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 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, S. McCord and A. Michel and J. Schnadenberg, Supt. D. Ryan, Clerk-Treasurer C. Udvaré, P.A. Liaison K. Nevers, Engineer M. O'Dell, Town Council Liaison S. Darnell, Attorney C. Parkinson and Secretary D. Schoenfelt. Absent was Town Manager D. Cincowski.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

S. McCord moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2021 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

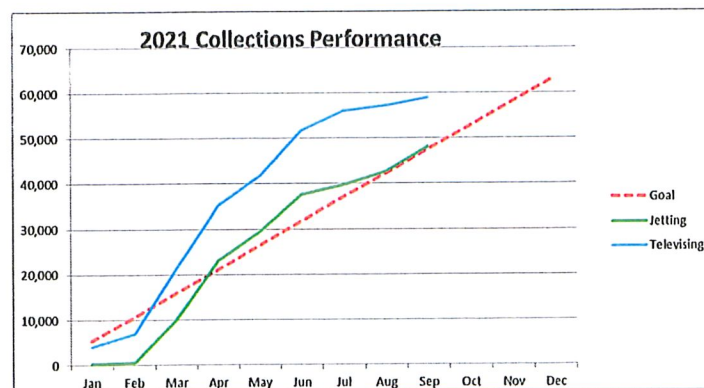
1. I have included a separate packet with several options for odor control at the Porter Cover liftstation. My guess is that it will be next spring before we hear any more input from residents related to the issue or the effectiveness of whatever option we choose, as outdoor activities usually greatly decrease in the cold weather months. We can discuss at the meeting.
2. The Town auction was held on 9/21. We sold \$8,950 worth of items and netted \$7,607.50.
3. Kmart/Aldi liftstation: You should have received a letter, via email, from attorney Lukmann on 10/6 updating you on the status and advising you on the required path, should you make a policy decision to accept this station.
4. Several employees attended "Stop the Bleed" first aid training on 9/15 at Town Hall.
5. On 9/23 we met with a developer interested in creating a 700+ unit residential development on the old Brassie golf course. Needless to say, the density of the proposed plan was met with much concern and the lack of commercial units was made clear also.
6. I met with Town Manager Cincoski on 9/24 to review with him our current plant capacity and how new developments can/will impact it.
7. **Update:** As stated last month, we are dealing with a rupture in at least one of our two digester boiler heat exchangers. We met with a subject expert on 10/12 from Peterson and Matz, Inc. to evaluate and review options. Their options include replacing our existing heat

exchangers with a new stand-alone unit or with a combination boiler/exchanger. Pricing for just those units range from \$175k-\$200k. Pricing does not include installation or design modification to our existing system. The price we have received from another contractor to replace with the same brand exchanger that we have is about \$50k for one. I am currently waiting on a price for them to custom build an exchanger that would fit into the same pipe space. He expects that price to be less than the \$50k. It's possible I may have that price prior to our board meeting, thus allowing us to discuss further. If I don't have the price, we may have to call a special meeting. One of the causal effects we are experiencing due to this problem is a much higher water bill at the plant. This is due to the need to pump a continuous supply of water into the boiler to maintain the water pressure at a higher psi than the sludge line pressure, thus preventing sludge from entering the boiler.

8. We hauled sludge to the farm with the Utility truck.
9. Rate Study: We received the first draft for review on 10/12.
10. Indian Oak Inn Lawsuit: The Trial has been postponed until the week of December 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Collections

1. There was no pump failures this month.
2. We televised 1,785 feet and jetted 5,370 feet.
3. We completed 329 locates and 18 inspections.
4. We trained on connecting portable generators to the lift stations.
5. We repaired the bottom of a manhole on 6<sup>th</sup> St., south of Porter Ave. We discovered the entire trough was gone and three of the pipes outside the manhole were broken.
6. We assisted the plant with hydroexcavating the sinkhole on the outfall behind the plant. We also used the mainline camera to look inside the pipe. The pipe looked good and no cause for the sinkhole could be determined.
7. We received the old vac truck back from Doheny's after repairs were completed. They replaced both fan units and the transmission for the pony motor.



## Treatment

1. Streamlined Mercury Minimization/Variance Program
  - a. Continuing to meet the annual requirements.

- b. We are working on the Annual SMV report that is due 11/1.
2. Maintenance Tasks
    - a. Primary Sludge Pump #2 has been lowered into position in the basement with the help of Woodruff. Final install will be completed soon.
    - b. The headworks exhaust fan motor needs to be replaced due to failure of one speed. We are waiting on quotes.
    - c. The sinkhole on top of the outfall behind the plant has been filled in with no cause determined.
    - d. We had to repair the centrifuge screw conveyor due to a broken bolt on the main drive shaft.
    - e. Our plant generator #1 successfully passed a load stress test that is performed every four years.
    - f. The natural gas modulating valve on the digester hot water boiler failed due to corrosion. A replacement will be installed soon.
3. Pre-Treatment/Lab
    - a. Efforts are ongoing to monitor industry effluents and commercial grease traps.
    - b. The annual quality control testing (DMR QA) for this year has been completed and all IDEM requirements were satisfied.

**Engineer's Report – None**

**Town of Porter Report – None**

## **BOARD REPORT**

Chesterton – 51%    Porter – 40%    Indian Boundary – 50%

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. D. Ryan reported on his progress with the Porter Cove liftstation odor problem. He wants to check with people who have used the devices he has researched.

**NEW BUSINESS – None**

## **COMMENTS**

1. A. Michel said he appreciates the work Dave has done on the odor problem and he likes the \$17,000 device but wants Dave's continued investigating.
2. S. McCord expressed condolences to the Ruge family and congratulations to Mark for his son's soccer team winning Regionals.
3. J. Schnadenberg thanked Dave for allowing the collection crew to help with the Cozy liftstation and a special thanks to Clint Iler.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Lawrence Brandt

Chairman

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Deb Schoenfelt

Secretary