

TOWN OF CHESTERTON SERVICE UTILITY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Members L. Brandt, A. Michel, S. McCord, J. Raffin, J Schnadenberg, Supt. T. Atherton, Engineer M. O'Dell, Clerk-Treas. S. Kuziela, Town Council Liaison S. Darnell, Town Manager B. Doyle, Porter Rep. B. Brueckheimer, Attorney C. Parkinson and Secretary D. Schoenfelt. Absent was Attorney J. Paulson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. S. McCord moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2014 meeting, seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote.

B. L. Brandt noted that the \$2.00 fee (in the special meeting minutes of September 16, 2014) for paying utility bills with a credit card will be reevaluated before it is brought to the Town Council.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

A. J. Shnadenberg moved to approve the claims as presented, seconded by A. Michel, approved by unanimous voice vote. with S. McCord abstaining from the vote due to claims being from his employer Gariup Constuction Co., Inc.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A. Bill Sexton addressed the Board first by thanking them for the Utility crew getting water to his residence but he also expressed his concerns over the hose freezing in the future with Winter approaching, his well water level continuing to decrease, how long before the dewatering is finished and whether the water level will return to normal. He asked the Board to take his concerns into account when making decisions.

1. M. O'Dell stated the concrete would be poured this week and depending on the weather, dewatering would cease in 3-4 weeks.

2. T. Atherton stated that the plant is meeting all our obligations and then some.

3. L. Brandt assured Mr. Sexton the Board was absolutely committed to stay on top of this and are doing their part to see things are worked out.

4. Linda Hart also addressed the Board by telling them she just purchased one of the homes affected by the dewatering and wondered if there was a contingency plan should the water levels not return to normal.

5. C. Parkinson stated that no water emergency had been called by the D.N.R (Dept. of Natural Resources) and we are doing what we are supposed to do.

6. L. Brandt asked C. Parkinson what the options were if the water levels do not return.

7. C. Parkinson stated that possibly one well was not dug to the right depth.

8. Mr. Sexton replied that according to the D.N.R, the wells were dug to the right depth.

9. C. Parkinson stated that according to the statue, once activity is ceased the water should return.

B. Al Raffin addressed the Board to inform them his pond was down three feet and he wanted it to be put on record.

C. J. Raffin summarized the discussions stating we should have a contingency plan to insulate the hoses to prevent them freezing and make sure the residents have water. If the wells don't come back then the Board will meet to further discuss the matter.

D. Chad Myers addressed the Board requesting adjustment to his high sewer bill due to irrigating the lawn of his new home. He was told they could adjust based on his previous usage when not irrigating.

1. S. McCord reminded everyone that builders should tell people they are building homes for about the need for two separate meters in these types of situations.

E. S. McCord moved to make an exception and adjust Mr. Myers sewer bill according to his previous bills when not irrigating his lawn, seconded by J. Schnadenberg, approved by unanimous voice vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Administration

1. Preliminary Engineering Report on the Fox Chase Farms and Whispering Sands Mobile Home Park project has been submitted to SRF for processing. Easement acquisition and permit applications moving forward.
2. Biennial Rate Review has been received from LWG and recommendations accepted. Town Council should take action in November.
3. NPDES Permit: IDEM has issued the Final NPDES Permit (effective date November 1st)
4. SUO Updates: (evaluate SUO by Dec. 1st, 2014 per IDEM)
 - a. Jones & Henry Engineering wrapping up the MAHL Study (maximum allowable head works loading). J&H recommendations for establishing enforceable concentration limits to be submitted to Chesterton Utility this month.
 - b. Pretreatment language to be included in the SUO per IDEM. Language to be submitted to IDEM for approval by March 1st, 2015.
 - c. Adopt revised language in Town ordinance within 120 days of receiving written approval from IDEM.

5. Completed job description review and revision.

Collections

1. The jetting crew is working on cleaning all the wet wells at our lift stations; we are also gathering information on pump down tests at the lift stations
2. We completed 4 inspections and 205 locates during the month of September
3. We had a force main leak at the Westchester South lift station, just outside of the wet well. The spill was cleaned up and IDEM was notified.
4. We had to replace the Tanglewood #1 pump and the entire transducer assembly at Park View lift station
5. We are working with Jennifer from the Storm Water Department on setting up a training meeting with Sidwell in November.

Treatment

1. One of the two stand-by electric power generators has been removed, and all stand-by power is temporarily provided by the remaining generator while a new replacement generator, automatic switchover gear and associated wiring is installed. Temporary planned electric power outages continuing to allow upgrade of electric system.
2. Primary Clarifier Maintenance: Completed cleaning, inspection and painting of #4 Clarifier; initiated cleaning, inspection and painting of #1 Clarifier.
3. The step screen bar screen and the grit removal system had programmed maintenance performed due to the units not operating properly.
4. 102 cubic yards of biosolids hauled to Meyer farm with Utility equipment and staff.
5. Acquiring costs for 2 additional rain gauges to meet LTCP requirements.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. WWTP Phase 1A – Thieneman Construction
 - A. Start up and testing of the new turbo blower, October 20, 2014
 - B. Installing the Biogas equipment insulation.
 - C. Installing the new generator with startup scheduled in the next three weeks.
 - D. Paid to date: \$1,332,610.60
2. WWTP 1B – Utility Services Authority LLC.
 - A. Substantial complete.
 - B. Paid to date: \$387,484.00
3. WWTP Phase 1C – Thieneman Construction
 - A. Confirming punch list items are complete.
 - B. Paid to date: \$192,850.00

4. WWTP Phase 2 – Gariup Construction Co., Inc.
 - A. Concrete and masonry is complete of the wet well and pump room on south addition to the Headwork's Building. Expect pump room to be weather tight by end of the month.
 - B. Concrete lower concrete slab has been poured. Working on walls.
 - C. Hope to complete dewatering in four weeks.
 - D. Working on electric for the CSO tank and control building.
 - E. Working on stone pavement base before winter. Final paving next spring.
 - F. Paid to date: \$4,929,444.55

5. SCADA – ACE Technologies, LLC
 - A. Completed the SCADA summary and sent it for internal review, should be completed Tuesday or Wednesday for review by Chesterton.
 - B. Control Panel Design Submittal – November 17, 2014
 - C. Control Panel Delivery – January 26, 2105
 - D. Startup/Online Testing – March 2, 2015 – March 31, 2015.

S. McCord moved to approve the agreement between the Town of Chesterton and Porter County for the sewer line removal project in Coffee Creek which will be paid for by Porter County, seconded by J. Raffin, approved by unanimous voice vote.

BOARD REPORT

Chesterton = 44% Indian Boundary = 40.5% Porter = 45.5%

TOWN OF PORTER REPORT

B. Brueckheimer introduced Porter Town Council member Greg Stinson then reported they were 5 items from finishing the Triangle lift station.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Nye reported Ace Technologies will in for a meeting Friday October 24, 2014 to get up to speed with SCADA work.

S. McCord moved to approve the contract with McMahon Engineering to do the engineering work for replacement of 900 feet of sewer line on 21st street on Porter Avenue, seconded by J. Schnadenberg, approved by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS – new business was discussed in earlier reports.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None received.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

S. McCord congratulated M. O'Dell on the latest success of the Chesterton boy's soccer team on their Regional victory.

ADJOURNMENT

S. McCord moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m., seconded by J. Raffin, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Lawrence Brandt Chairman

Deb Schoenfelt Secretary