

Newington Sewer Commission 12/21/2022 APPROVED MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 9:01 am.

Present: R.Stern, T.Hazelton, J.O'Reilly, Commissioners. D.Messier, A.Wright, J.Tolman, H2O Innovations.

Minutes: Motion by J.O'Reilly to approve the November minutes, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved.

Public Comment: None.

Treasurer's report: Discussion on courier charges to transport samples to the State Lab. Enterprise Account balance for November was \$1,353,561.77. Operating Fund ending balance for October was \$1,212,082.17.

Manifest Approval: Motion made to approve the 12/21/2022 manifest by J.O'Reilly in the amount of \$110,938.28. Seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved & signed.

Plant operators report: Flows are up slightly from last year, sludge as billed. Preventative maintenance was performed per manufacturers recommendations and schedules by J.Scotton.

Replaced electrical panel in effluent sample house, breakers and buss bar corroded from chlorine fumes from years ago. Panel began tripping out and was a safety issue. Chlorine is not used there anymore.

J.Scotton and T.Sullivan installed new sludge feed pump. They are missing a few parts, but it should be up and running by January.

Will need to replace the influent sampler in the headworks. Solicited 2 quotes and purchased a Hach influent sampler. Will install when it arrives.

TRANE working on HVAC heating issues.

New Business: D.Messier has been completing the Net DMR EPA paperwork, was granted the authorization by the previous Chair of the Commission. Will need to update Net DMR for A.Wright to sign. Motion by J.O'Reilly to authorize R.Stern to sign the Net DMR and further to authorize A Wright to be the authorized designee to sign the Net DMR. Seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved.

Old Business: Discussion on irrigation meter policy tabled to January meeting. Draft policy not completed.

2023 budget reviewed, meeting with Budget Committee on January 4, 2023. Discussion on bond payments - plant upgrade and Forcemain projects. Principal and interest are 2 separate line items. Testing fees discussed, coming up in new permit is PFOA testing on sludge and influent. No idea on what the cost will be. Budget expenditure data from town is dated 7/29/22. Not up to date, will need to hold a commission meeting prior to budget committee meeting to review expenditures. The sewer rate for 2023 has not been set until we receive the flows from Portsmouth.

Sewer payments and balances received as of 12/20/22 reviewed. Discussion on past due accounts. If not paid by December 31st will be going to Legal for letters and liens. Second half invoices have been sent out. \$45,311.11 unpaid.

Next meeting will be Wednesday December 28, 2022, at 9 am at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to discuss the budget.

Budget committee meeting on 1/4/23 at 6:35 pm to review the Sewer budget.

Next regular meeting will be Wednesday January 18, 2022, at 9 am at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Adjournment: 9:43

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Klanchesser