

Newington Sewer Commission 3/15/2023 APPROVED MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am.

Present: R.Stern, T.Hazelton, J.O'Reilly, Commissioners. A.Wright, J.Toleman, B. Gilpatric, H2O Innovations. J.Chagnon, Ambit Engineering, M.Dupoint, Unitil.

Minutes: Motion by J.O'Reilly to approve the February 15, 2023 minutes, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved.

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's report: Enterprise Account balance for February was \$1,361,003.24. Operating Fund ending balance for February was \$1,073,649.37. Discussion on status of unpaid sewer bills.

Manifest Approval: Discussion on ladder installation and shuttle service timeline. Motion made to approve the 3/15/2023 manifest by J.O'Reilly in the amount of \$62,650.45. Seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved & signed.

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

- Weekly pump station maintenance
- Paul Brook high amps alarms, ongoing problem with rags (non-flushable materials) in the line. A.Wright recommends grinders in the line to alleviate problem, getting quotes.
- New ladders installed at both pump stations.
- Assisted with polymer drum switch over and fixed suction issue.

Cleaning out back garage and discovered an old lathe and pipe threader. Out of service due to age, was purchased when original plant was put on line. Discussion on what to do with it. A.Wright to check to see if there is any value.

New Business:

Old Business: Video of gravity fed off Nimble Hill Rd reviewed. Pipe is asbestos cement pipe approximately 6-7 feet deep that does have slight flow. Discussion on video data. Easement letter from legal reviewed. M.Dupoint advised if someone has to dig up pipe, Unitil is not responsible for work done by others. A gravel driveway will be installed first to begin construction. Unitil will pay for a follow up video to be made afterwards to inspect pipe after construction.

Motion by J.O'Reilly to request a written agreement from Unitil for Sewer Attorney to review before proceeding, and further to authorize R.Stern to sign the agreement after legal review. Seconded by T.Hazelton, all in favor, approved.

Chemical room update:

- Quotes for new 1500 gallon chemical tanks slowly coming in. Quote from Windward compliance corp. discussed.
- Tanks are not currently leaking but unclear the age of tanks. Shelf life is normally 10-15 years, seals were recently replaced. Concern is on the piping and integrity of tanks.
- Chemical pump quotes were recently received and have not yet been reviewed. Current pumps for hydroxide are extremely expensive, looking for a less expensive model.
- Waiting for a quote for labor for installation.

Sprinkler permits and requests for sprinkler water use abatement discussion tabled to next meeting. Need to review data and meter inspections, waiting for final flow data.

Discussion on Enterprise Fund, reviewing previous votes it is a Capital Reserve Fund. There are restrictions on what it can be used on, which do not include offsetting the sewer rate. Will review at next meeting.

CPI will be discussed at May meeting.

Next regular meeting will be Wednesday April 19, 2023, at 9 am at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Adjournment: 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Klanchesser