

Newington Sewer Commission 6/15/2022 APPROVED MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 9:02 am.

Present: R.Stern, T.Hazelton, Commissioners. D.Messier, H2O Innovations. J,O'Reilly absent.
Guests: E.Kelley Harbour Capital, D.Silk Northeast Planning Associates, K.McMaster CP Management-Property Manager, Great Bay Commons.

Minutes: Motion by T.Hazelton to approve the May minutes as amended, seconded by R.Stern. All in favor, approved.

Public Comment: Representatives from Great Bay Condo Association present and letter from them reviewed. They are requesting a credit on previous sewer bills for irrigation water that did not enter the wastewater system. Discussion ensued on the water meter and the sub-meter for the irrigation system, and the accuracy of the meters. Memo documenting historical water usage data breaking down usage vs irrigation over the past few years reviewed. R.Stern requested Great Bay Commons have the sub meters calibrated by a third party, such as the Portsmouth Water Department, before any decision on retroactive credits is made. K.McMaster agreed and will submit results to D.Messier.

Treasurer's report: Enterprise Account balance for May was \$1,347,183.17. Operating Fund ending balance for May was \$468,841.05. Discussion on sewer payments received.

Discussion on State Aid Grant that was received in April. Payment was sent to the Town Hall, deposited into the Town account, and the Sewer Commission was never notified that the payment was received. Per RSA 149-I:10 these funds cannot be co-mingled. D.Messier was advised the funds should be transferred to the Sewer Commission account sometime in June.

Manifest Approval: Discussion on replacement of fire doors and replacement equipment purchases under major maintenance.

Motion made to approve the 6/15/2022 manifest by T.Hazelton in the amount of \$59,205.45. Seconded by R.Stern. All in favor, approved & signed.

Plant operators report: Flows are down from last year, sludge as billed. Preventative maintenance was performed per manufacturers recommendations and schedules.

Centrifuge has been received and will need to be installed. A/D Instruments corrected differential speed problems and alarms. The plant has been alarm free for 3 weeks.

Sewer bills have been sent out, payments are coming in.

Discussion on WWTP building façade, the paint is peeling, and the masonry needs to be power washed. The plant owns a pressure washer.

Motion by T.Hazelton to get quotes to paint building façade, seconded by R.Stern. All in favor, approved.

The need for security cameras at the plant was discussed. D.Messier will research if there are grants that could cover this cost.

Motion by T.Hazelton to get quotes to install security cameras at the WWTP, seconded by R.Stern. All in favor approved.

New Business: State Aid Grant Application for the Paul Brook Forcemain Replacement Project reviewed. Once approved and notarized, Wright-Pierce will send it to the State of New Hampshire.

Motion by T.Hazelton to sign the State Aid Grant Application and further to authorize R.Stern to sign on behalf of the Commission. Seconded by R.Stern. All in favor, approved. R.Stern to sign have notarized at the Town Hall.

Notification letter from Casella Organics reviewed. A rate adjustment of an additional \$39.75 per ton will be assessed as of August 8, 2022. This adjustment was made in response to the passage of LD 1911 legislation in Maine that prohibits distribution of biosolids. Casella has been using composting and land application for sludge disposal and will now need to find a new disposal resource. This will raise our costs to roughly \$189 per ton of sludge. Discussion ensued on how other companies dispose of sludge. D.Messier will contact Casella Organics to find out what their operation plan is moving forward and what they will be doing for their customers.

Motion by R.Stern to go into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) to discuss personnel issue at 9:57 am. Roll call vote taken; T.Hazelton yes, R.Stern yes.

Roll call vote taken at 10:12 to exit non-public session. R.Stern yes, T.Hazelton yes.

Motion by T.Hazelton to seal non-public minutes for 10 years, seconded by R.Stern. All in favor approved.

Motion by R.Stern to send J.Hoyt a letter, card, and a gift card to Atlantic Grill for \$200 in honor of his retirement and years of service to the Newington WWTP, seconded by T.Hazelton. all in favor approved.

Motion by R to send T.Cole a letter, card, and a gift card to McKinnon's for \$200 for his years of service to the Sewer Commission, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved.

Old Business: Further discussion on irrigation water and sewer billing.

Next meeting will be Wednesday July 20, 2022, at 9 am at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Adjournment: 10:27

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Klanchesser