

**Newington Sewer Commission 3/17/2021      APPROVED MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 9:01 am.

**Present:** T. Cole Chairman, R.Stern, T.Hazelton, Commissioners. D.Messier, Utility Partners.

**Minutes:** Minutes from 2/17/2021 reviewed. Motion by R.Stern to approve, seconded by T.Hazelton.

**Public Comment:** None

**Treasurer's report:** Enterprise Account balance for February was \$1,345,056.39. Operating Fund ending balance for February was \$770,326.10. Discussion on Forcemain project expenses, project came in around \$35,000 under budget. End of year 2020 budget reviewed.

**Manifest Approval:** Discussion on Major Maintenance. Motion made to approve the 3/17/2021 manifest by R.Stern in the amount of \$61,820.74. Seconded by T.Hazelton. 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.

Paul Brook pump station ran on generator for one week. Tycom found the wiring to the pump station was going to ground and shorting out. They ran a new line to the pump station. Pump station is now running correctly and no issues after wiring replacement. Generator service performed after repair since it ran full time for a week. Power to the pump station is supplied by Tycom.

The centrifuge has been having an issue with alarms. A/D Instrumentation called in, thought they had it repaired but additional alarms came in. Nick from Enviro Repair will be on site today to investigate further. Not sure what the issue, may need to replace the scroll.

Jack Hoyt back to work.

**New Business:** Election of officers. Motion by R.Stern to nominate T.Cole as Chairman, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved.

**Old Business:** Weekly nitrogen testing has begun, we are below the limit threshold and the plant is operating efficiently. Water is clear. The plant is officially part of the group testing for Great Bay.

Discussion on nitrogen levels in Great Bay. The testing right now is a baseline for comparison. Each plant is working on their Adaptive Management Plan. Testing is occurring at all the Wastewater Plants involved and then they'll know which plants to work with. The EPA wants to show that the nitrogen levels in Great Bay are dropping. Maine will need to come on board soon. Some communities like Somersworth and Berwick has phosphorus limits – from laundry detergents, etc. Testing for manganese could be next.

Next meeting Wednesday April 21, 2021 at 9 am at the wastewater treatment plant.

**Adjournment:** 9:31 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Klanchesser