## Newington Sewer Commission 8/19/2020 APPROVED MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 9:09 am.

**Present**: T. Cole Chairman, R.Stern, T.Hazelton, Commissioners. D.Messier, J.Tolman, Utility Partners. J.Mercer, Wright-Pierce Engineers.

**Minutes**: Minutes from 7/15/2020 reviewed. Motion by R.Stern to approve, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved.

Public Comment: None.

**Treasurer's report:** Enterprise Account balance for June was \$943,666.29. Operating Fund ending balance for June was \$935,105.43. Brief discussion on CD's and review of emails from the Treasurer and Auditor.

**Manifest Approval**: Discussion on PFOA testing and costs. As our sludge is trucked to Maine, testing for PFOA's is required. Our test came back with slightly elevated levels, but we are within requirements. Motion made to approve the 8/19/2020 manifest by R.Stern in the amount of \$74,825.60. 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.

Video taping of effluent outfall completed with no issues found. Permit requires video inspection every 2 years. 2022 will be the Pease lines, 2024 will be ours.

Paved walkways at the plant have been seal coated.

Brief discussion on sewer payments that have been received, rate payers who have set up payment plans, and drafting a letter to rate payers on the effects COVID-19 will have on next year's sewer rates.

**New Business:** Contract proposal for professional services oversight for the construction phase of the forcemain project was reviewed and discussed. This plan is not a typical sewer line project. There will be directional boring under Shattuck Way, coordination with gas and water mains, sliplining part of the existing line – 200'-300' - to get past a property line and to avoid disturbing land that may have possible PFOA contamination. No disturbed dirt can leave the site. This will be a full-time resident project representative. It will be a max of 85 working days and will include record drawings.

Motion by R.Stern to accept the Contract for Professional Services with Wright-Pierce Engineers for full-time project oversight for the Paul Brook Station Forcemain Upgrade Project for an amount not to exceed \$160,000, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved.

**Old Business:** Paul Brook Force Main Pre-Bid meeting was held. 8 contractors attended this non-mandatory meeting. Bid opening was changed from 8/17 to 8/20 at 1 pm. Discussion ensued on the contractors and other projects they have completed. Timeline from Wright-Pierce was reviewed, it will take 2-3 days to review and check references on the bids. 11 contractors have purchased the required pre-bid plans.

Next regular meeting will be August 19, 2020 at 9 am at the Newington Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Adjournment: 9:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Klanchesser