

Newington Sewer Commission 8/21/2019 APPROVED MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am.

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

Minutes: Minutes from 7/17/19 reviewed. Motion by R.Stern to approve, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved.

Public Comment: None.

Treasurer's report: July bank statements reviewed. Enterprise Account balance was \$993,024.51. June and July treasurer's reports presented. Ending balance in June was \$888,335.49. Ending balance in July was \$848,968.21. Discussion on Sewer Revenue from septage fees.

Manifest Approval: Discussion on fees that will be reimbursed and legal fees for late notices sent out by the attorney. Legal fees for easement sent to B.Marple.

Motion made to approve the 8/21/19 manifest by R.Stern in the amount of \$61,601.71. Seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved & signed.

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

New control wires were run for the SBR Decanter Actuator which seems to have corrected the problem.

Sent attorney invoice to B.Marple for easement portion. We have no new information on the easement.

New Business: 2020 Sewer budget is due to the Selectmen on Monday September 23, 2019 at 6:20 pm. Budget for 2020 discussed. Draft figures reflect last year's budget but also include increases in sludge disposal as the costs are not fixed due to trucking and PFOA issues. Testing fees have increased as has the cost for contract operations. Per the request of the Budget Committee the interest on the bond payment is broken out onto a separate line. R.Stern requested a more detailed copy of the budget for the next meeting that included expenditures over the past few years.

Discussion ensued on sewer rates and flows. There has been an increase in phone calls and complaints about the increase in sewer rates. The Commissioners discussed upcoming projects with the centrifuge and the bond for the Forcemain project and how to set sewer rates. Our system has 70 users, versus other facilities that have thousands of users. As other communities complete their facility upgrades their rates will also increase. D.Messier will research for the Commissioners how our rates compare to other wastewater treatment facilities.

Contract proposal from Wright-Pierce presented for the centrifuge lifting cradle. Proposal includes a detailed scope of services and engineering costs. Motion by R.Stern to accept the proposal for Engineering Services in the amount of \$9,900.00, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved. Motion by R.Stern to designate Chairman T.Cole to sign the proposal on behalf of the Newington Sewer Commission, seconded by T.Hazelton. All in favor, approved. Proposal signed by Chairman T.Cole.

Old Business: Report from NH DES received regarding July's Compliance Sampling Inspection. No deficiencies or findings were presented, plant passed inspection.

Next meeting will be September 18, 2019 at 9 am at the Newington Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Adjournment: 9:46 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Klanchesser