

Newington Sewer Commission 1/18/2017 APPROVED MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 9:07

Present: T. Cole Chairman, T.Field, R.Stern, D.Messier Plant Operator, S.Bullard Utility Partners

Minutes: Minutes from 12/21/16 reviewed. Motion by T.Field to approve, seconded by R.Stern. All in favor, approved.

Public Comment: None.

Treasurer's report: Reviewed

Manifest Approval: Discussion on fire engineering and maintenance. Motion made to approve the 1/18/17 manifest by R.Stern in the amount of \$620,747.25. Seconded by T.Field. All in favor, approved & signed.

Plant operators report: Flows are similar to this time last year. Sludge is what was billed. Both backflows were replaced. The centrifuge was inspected. The 12-year old floats and level at the Paul Brook Pump Station were replaced.

Wright-Pierce engineers still working on the upgrade. Construction is 44% complete and 52% of construction costs have been paid. Within 3 months we'll see real noticeable changes.

Lights at the pump stations were replaced with LED lights.

Letters presented and discussion on the performance bond. S.Bullard provided an overview of the bond and the changes that need to be made. The performance bond was issued and paid for by Utility Partners, LLC due to legal obligations to cover the contract between the Newington Sewer Commission and Utility Partners, LLC. It is in effect until 4/30/17 when the current contract expires. Historically this bond is renewed each year to run from May 1st until April 30th of each year. Due to sale of Utility Partners, LLC to H2O Innovations, the current bond needs to be terminated early and a new bond needs to be issued. The current performance bond is with Utility Partners, LLC, which no longer exists as a business entity. The new performance bond will be with Utility Partners, a subsidiary of H2O Innovations will cover 2/1/17 through 4/30/17. A letter was presented for the Commission to review and sign that gives permission to Bond Safeguard Insurance Company to terminate the current performance bond. The new performance bond will be issued through Liberty Mutual Insurance Company with an estimated amount based on the upcoming contract. All of this is necessary as Utility Partners does not wish to pay for 2 overlapping performance bonds and there cannot be a lapse of coverage. The letter has been reviewed by Legal and protects the Commission from any lapse of coverage.

Motion by T.Field to sign letter to release liability on the old bond to the new bond. R.Stern seconded. All in favor and signed.

D.Messier in process of creating bids for furniture for meeting room and office. Discussion on furniture needs.

Upgrades will need to be done to the centrifuge, approximately \$17,000. This can be done under next year's budget or can be done as part of the upgrade. There is \$60,000 in next year's budget that this would be expended from. Discussion on costs of centrifuge and pump station upgrades.

At the next meeting, there will be a final report on expenses for 2016. Town books close 1/23/17.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Next meeting will be February 15, 2017 at 9 am.

Adjournment: 9:41 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Klanchesser