

February 12, 2024

A regular meeting of the Water and Sewer Board of Commissioners was held at 5:30 p.m. in the Village Office. Present were Chairman David O'Hara, Commissioners: Robert Sauer, Andrew Clark, Ryan Dust, and Michelle Kelley. Also, present were Village Clerk Lynnette Carver, Superintendent of Public Works John Heller, Village Treasurer Abigail Meagher, Trustee Shawn Prievo, Camden Group President Ken Scherrieble, publisher of the Queen Central News Doug Cleveland.

Commissioner Dust made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Comm. Kelly seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Comm. Sauer made a motion to pay all audited water bills on Abstract # 9 in the amount of \$9,554.46 and all audited sewer bills on Abstract # 9 in the amount of \$26,803.38, inclusive of \$2,342.21 in Sewer Plant capital project bills. The motion was seconded by Comm. Dust and carried unanimously.

Camden Group President Ken Scherrieble submitted his report to the Board:

Water:

- ❖ Total Organic Carbon (TOC) & Total Coliform samples collected & sent to the lab on 1/4.
- ❖ Routine cleaning of CL-17.
- ❖ We began water meter readings on 1/24 with a projected completion date of 2/7.
- ❖ Lead and lag chlorine metering pumps integrity inspections, and general cleaning performed weekly; lubrication added as needed.
- ❖ Lead chlorine pump interior tubing & check valve replaced, roller was inspected and the housing was cleaned.
- ❖ State DOH Report was completed and mailed.
- ❖ General cleaning and maintenance conducted.

Sewer:

- ❖ Composite samples were collected & sent to the lab on 1/4 & 1/18.
- ❖ We continue to complete Covid Surveillance sampling once per week, with samples being sent via UPS on Tuesday afternoons.
- ❖ We were starting to see issues with aerator #4 (rear side of ditch), it has been tripping out at unusual intervals. John called in Snell on 1/24 to diagnose the issue & they determined the contactor in the MCC Room is going bad. It is above something they can repair.
- ❖ On 1/30, Cold Brook Controls was on site. They were able to move the contactor from Aerator #2 control panel into the Aerator #4 control panel. We do not use anything from #2, as it is not connected to anything anymore, due to the underground wiring having gone bad years ago. The contactor that was in place was not rated for the amps we pull with the motor in use.
- ❖ Exercised the generator weekly.
- ❖ Cleaned clarifier trough, skimmer arm and weirs, skimmed out plastics and grease that accumulate daily.
- ❖ Maintain free flowing splitter box, where more rag tangles and plastics accumulate before passing into the clarifier. We scoop this out daily and pull tangles from the poles in the box.
- ❖ Pressed sludge for a total of 8,840 dry pounds.
- ❖ Deep cleaning of clarifier, including the backside and effluent basket.
- ❖ Deep cleaning of headworks, removing all collected rag tangles from the backside of bar screens.
- ❖ Submitted State monthly report as well as our Water Treatment Chemical Report for 2023 polymer usage.
- ❖ General cleaning and service.
- ❖ Performed Daily/Weekly/Monthly PM on system.

Superintendent of Public Works John Heller reviewed his report with the Board.

Supt. Heller and the Board discussed having *120 WATER* perform the lead inventory for the Village. The EPA is requiring this survey be completed by October 2024. Supt. Heller has completed 600 inspections, out of the approx. 919 services in Camden. The hiring of *120*

WATER would aid in gathering the information which has not been obtained thus far by the Superintendent and compile it in a form acceptable to the EPA (data management – associated software costs). The EPA's concern is that lead will leach into the water. The EPA will assume that there are lead pipes in houses where the service information has not been obtained by the Village. Further EPA requirements are expected, including replacement of pipes; which may result in extensive costs to municipalities.

HaTech has been consulted, again, due to the lack of completion of contracted work at the sewer plant and the Liberty Street pump station.

Comm. Clark made the motion to approve the following transfers for depleted funds:

Water:

Amount: \$800.81 From: F001990.40 To: F008340.20

Sewer:

Amount: \$69.39 From: G001990.40 To: G008120.43

Comm. Sauer seconded the motion; it was carried unanimously.

Carver informed the Board: the annual land spreading testing and report has been signed by the Mayor and sent to the DEC. (Testing is performed by Life Science Laboratories and DEC reports are prepared by PLS Engineering.)

Monthly financial statements from Treasurer Meagher were reviewed.

New Business:

Tug Hill Commission would be available to assist the Village in grant writing for water meters.

A water rate study was performed by Comm. O'Hara, updating the study done in 2020. All of the Commissioners felt a future meeting devoted to discussing water rates will be necessary.

As there was no further business to discuss, Comm. Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Comm. Sauer and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted.

Lynnette Carver

Village Clerk

