

WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the January 4, 2019 Meeting
City Administration Building, 10:00 am

Jim Edwards	Board Member, Councilmember and Chairman of the Utilities Committee
Roger Rhome	Board Member and Councilmember
Brian Simeone	Board Member and Councilmember
David Dreger	Board Member
Blaine Lewis	Board Member
David Puterbaugh	Board Member
Mark Locke	Board Member
Michael Dreger	Safety-Service Director
Joe Amabeli	Superintendent, Wastewater Treatment Plant
Kim LaQuatra	Assistant Superintendent, Wastewater Treatment Plant
Doug Hastings	Superintendent, Water Distribution
Amy Elliott	Superintendent, Water Treatment Plant
Curtis Bungard	Engineer
Angie Weir	Water Billing Coordinator
Bill Morris	Assistant Law Director
Kevin Knowles	Auditor
Bob McClellan	PTC Alliance

PRESENT: Jim Edwards, Brian Simeone, David Dreger, David Puterbaugh, Mark Locke, Mike Dreger, Joe Amabeli, Kim LaQuatra, Doug Hastings, Amy Elliott, Angie Weir, Jennifer Arnold, Jennifer Crist

Excused: Blaine Lewis, Roger Rhome

MINUTES: Dreger made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2018 meeting. Locke seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

PAC project update. Elliott reported that design work is continuing. Work at the plant will begin mid-Spring and should be done by September. She calculated that \$52,000 would have been saved in 2018 if the plant was able to use bulk PAC.

Curb box locks. Hastings explained the problem with more and more people becoming clever and turning their water back on. He found a vendor for curb box locks and passed around a sample lock. Because we can see real-time usage with the radio reads, they can put the locks on when the water is off and see if there's any consumption. There will be a fee for the homeowner if a lock is needed and their curb box doesn't accept the lock. Angie discussed delinquent accounts and amounts shown on her report.

Biosolids disposal. Amabeli discussed the opportunities that will be available to give away Class A sludge instead of needing to pay disposal costs. He said the Class A treatment has switched to methane and is not having to use natural gas currently.

Deer Creek Marina. Hastings described the project being done with Stark Parks to lower the water level so a boat ramp can be built. They lowered Walborn 2 feet and then the rains came last Fall. He is waiting for a new date from Stark Parks and it should be done by mid-February. There is a concern with lower levels and higher manganese, but Elliott has been able to successfully treat for manganese. Director Dreger added that Stark Parks has been wanting to put in a marina for a long time and it will be good for the area.

Westville (leases, 2018 income/expenses). Hastings discussed the status of getting leases and said it's been very time consuming. He and Attorney Morris hope to get them done this year but it's going slower than they hoped. He said Police Chief Griffith will monitor the lake again this year. He discussed income and expenses, including labor, and said we are not losing money. We will need to install a new dump station which will add more to the expenses.

Oyster water line looping options. Director Dreger reported that Engineer Bungard will have two designs, for under the railroad and in Rt. 62, and we will choose the least expensive option.

Legislation/Action: Overview of likely/possible capital expenditures in 2019 budget.

Director Dreger discussed two items that will probably be requested in legislation this year.

1. Equipment (conveyer system or containment devices) for sludge at the WWTP to be discussed at the April meeting; and
2. Permission to assess fees to homeowners' taxes (garbage, code enforcement, etc.)

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am. The next meeting date will be announced.