

Water Sewer Advisory Board

Friday, May 3, 2024 @ 8:00 a.m. in the Administration Building Conference Room

Roll Call: Present were Edwards, Bugara, Mastroianni, Dreger, Smith (Baxter, Locke excused)

Minutes from February 16, 2024 meeting (1st quarter) were approved unanimously on motion by Mastroianni, second by Dreger

Reports:

Jen Merriman reported there are 50 service lines that may possibly be lead still needing to be verified. 1467 services were found to still be lead. 689 lead services have now been replaced. 158 additional lead services are scheduled for replacement. It is still estimated there will be enough of the 100% grant funding remaining to replace about 70 additional lead services (620 confirmed lead lines have never responded).

Josh Zwick - reported the heat exchanger replacement is completed, and the system's capacity is greater than with the previous heat exchangers. There were two change orders required, one for insulation (\$19k) and one for a grinder system to be installed (\$22k).

The plant would like to purchase spare raw influent pumps. They have two sizes, 5 MGD (2) and 8 MGD (4). They had a pump break down in March, and repair time is 12 to 16 weeks. Cost is \$145k.

They are still working through beneficial reuse issues with OEPA.

Amy Elliott - reported that the repairs to treatment basin #2 are done, but leakage was experienced on re-fill. It appears to be an issue with the pressure relief valves, and new ones are expected any day. TB2 is necessary for the hydrant flush, which is still tentatively planned for the week prior to Memorial Day.

Algae remains a major challenge. She would like to engage a consulting firm to study options to reduce algal blooms. The initial study will probably be around \$100k, but the annual operating cost to treat for algae far surpasses this cost.

Mike Dreger - reported that fees for Kimble increased 5.2%, but the base rate increase to customers will be 4.6%. This is because the annual tonnage to landfill has dropped in the last year and a half.

Dreger also reviewed 5 ordinances that will be in front of council on May 6th.

LEGISLATION

Bugara moved, Mastroianni seconded to recommend approval of the 5 ordinances and the 2 change orders for the heat exchanger project. Approval was unanimous.

Adjournment – at 8:42 am