

Town of Niskayuna

January 7, 2021

Denise Murphy-McGraw, Chair



WATER, SEWER & ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Present: D. Murphy-McGraw, Y. Syed, M. Yetto, S. Fiminski, B. Backus, I. Alam, J. Gerber, J. Hawley, M. Martinelli, L. Robertson, P. Briggs, A. Finan, R. Smith, P. Rakvica, K. Persons

Minutes of December 2020 meeting are approved

1. Admin/Engineering:

- a. W&S COVID-19 response: Facilities are continuing with isolation as much as possible and sanitation. Currently we have three employees out in quarantine from exposure from outside of work.

2. Attorney's Items:

- a. Myers Extension: There has been no response from residents yet to date. P. Briggs will send letter to residents to respond by 3/1/21.
- b. City of Schenectady water bill: Tentative meeting set up for the 25th. M. Yetto also stated that Rivers Ledge will have water from both the City of Schenectady and the Town. A master meter will be installed and P. Briggs will include this in the new contract.
- c. Pearse Rd. Sewer Extension: P. Briggs meeting with the residents and will try to have resolution for January.
- d. Ingersoll Home Issue: No update. The Home last was waiting for materials. Will have update at next meeting.
- e. ESG Update: M. Yetto updating the letter sent to DEC in 2018. B&L to incorporate M. Yetto's changes and have B&L send letter to them. He will email updates.
- f. 240 Menlo Park: Fence easement has been requested in the backyard. R. Smith said it is a closed drainage system and doesn't have any issue with the easement.
- g. Barton Place drainage: Highway did investigate a redesign the drainage pipe. Engineering Department will look into water flow and recommend correction of design. Y. Syed will respond back to resident.

3. WWTP:

- a. HSW Mitigation Plan: Plan has not been finalized yet.
- b. Roll Off Truck Repairs: Repairs came in under what was expected from \$20,000. Down to \$2,000.
- c. Sludge Disposal Options: K. Moree is looking into other locations.

4. Water & Sewer Maintenance:

- a. Hydrant Maintenance Agreement: Fees increases have been approved by Board and a new contract is being put together for private hydrants agreements which will include the annual CPI increase. Letters will go out to owners soon.
- b. Truck 89: Will go on Finance Committee for approval.

5. Water Treatment Plant:

- a. Chief Operator Retirement (T. Nagell) I. Alam will look into hiring him on a contractor basis.
- b. Alarms: C. Bergami transferring all alarms from the UCC to a new vendor.

6. Utility Billing:

- a. Rate Changes: Committee approved information to go on the website.

Finance Committee or Board Action:

- a. Spectrum Agreement: No update.
- b. N89 Repair: Will go to Finance.
- c. Roll off Truck Repairs: No action required.

- d. Budget Mods: Being calculated.

7. Recycling Center/Transfer Station/Landfill/Former W&S Garage:

- a. W/S River Rd. Facility: The site has been stabilized for the winter and in the Spring, Highway will continue the grading.

NEXT MEETING: February 4, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by: K. Persons