

Town of Niskayuna

March 4, 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, D. Percy, J. Wynne,

Minutes of February 2021 meeting are approved

1. Admin/Engineering:

- a. W&S COVID-19 response: Employees who have requested the vaccine have received at least the first one. There has been no covid reports or isolations.

2. Attorney's Items:

- a. Myers Extension: No update
- b. City of Schenectady water bill: P. Briggs met with the City. They would like the Town to enter into new negotiations for rates for water purchase and treatment of sewer. Moving forward.
- c. Pearse Rd. Sewer Extension: Petitions have been signed and will need Public Hearing for extension.
- d. Ingersoll Home Issue: Will begin work the 18th or 19th of this month.
- e. Town Code update: This is in reference to prohibited discharge to sewers, Town Clerks request for 1 Day pass for the Transfer Station, and the Building Department request for code changes. Committee agreed to only do the 1 Day pass for code revision and will do the other code changes next month.

3. WWTP:

- a. HSOW Mitigation Plan: B&L Engineering will draft letter requesting to use Albany County's samples of soda waste. If DEC agrees to that plan, we will do a formal letter advising our intentions. Committee approved plan.
- b. Sludge Disposal Options: We are waiting for rates.

4. Water & Sewer Maintenance:

- a. Security System: System is up and running with camera's and will be work on the WWTP cameras next month.
- b. Maintenance Worker: Committee approved to interview for position
- c. Siewert: Resolution will be generated to purchase up to \$19,999. For Gorman Rupp parts. Siewert is the sole provider for Gorman Rupp pumps and parts.
- d. D. Plowinski: Committee approved moving him to Water and Sewer Maintenance title. He has also requested to go on call.
- e. Hydrant Flushing: Will begin flushing April 5th and will provide residents with information on the website and in the Schenectady Gazette.
- f. Contract for private hydrants: Letter will be sent out to private owners regarding changes

5. Water Treatment Plant:

- a. Chief Operator Retirement (T. Nagell) Josh Walter will be moved into that position and M. Borowski will be upgraded from trainee to operator. He is a licensed NYS Operator.

6. Utility Billing:

- a. Rate Changes: Bills will be going out 4/9 with a due date of 5/25. Resolution for warrant will be generated.

Finance Committee or Board Action:

- a. Spectrum Agreement: P. Briggs will take care of this.
- b. Maintenance Worker: Tentative.
- c. Siewert purchases up to \$19,900: Resolution will be generated.
- d. WTP Operator appointment: Resolution will be generated.
- e. Chief WTP Operator appointment: Resolution will be generated.

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

- a. W/S River Rd. Facility: Committee approved to contact company for dates for a shred event. Highway will finish grading the area where the old facility was removed.
- b. Fuel Station: Currently working on the start-up software for the gasoline usage.

Further Discussion: The Secretary to the Supervisor has questions regarding the recent Gazette article regarding fraud associated with unemployment with some Town employees. Chairperson McGraw requested this discussion be continued outside of the Public Works Committee.

NEXT MEETING: April 1, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by: K. Persons