

# Town of Niskayuna

September 9, 2021



Denise Murphy-McGraw, Chair

## WATER, SEWER & ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

**Present:** D. Murphy-McGraw, Y. Syed, M. Yetto, S. Fiminski, P. Briggs, L. Robertson, S. Goldstein, K. Persons, M. Martinelli

Minutes of August meeting are approved

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### 1. Admin/Engineering:

- a. W&S COVID-19 response: We are maintaining separation of water/sewer employees that have not been vaccinated. When entering homes, a questionnaire is given to the residents to answer. Hybrid meetings will be held.
- b. Replacement of Junior Civil Engineer: Discussing what title will be used.
- c. Replacement of Senior Civil Engineer: We have a candidate and will generate resolution this month.

### 2. Attorney's Items:

- a. Myers Extension: No update.
- b. Pearse Rd. Sewer Extension: Will do a RFP to hire an Engineer to design extension and will submit to the State Comptroller for approval.
- c. City Water Bill update: No update. P. Briggs will talk to them next Tuesday.
- d. Ingersoll Home Issue: The grinder pump has been installed and has had no issues thus far.
- e. Easement Agreements: P. Briggs stated that the project can move forward. He will finish up with getting the few remaining temporary easements. Resolution will be generated accepting easements.
- f. Dish Network: P. Briggs met with Dish Network and still need to reach a reasonable fee for them to put their equipment on the tower. Discussion about Dish building their own tower for all interested in using it for their equipment with shared revenue going to both Town and Dish Network. P. Briggs also suggested we could see cost for the Town to build a tower for equipment.
- g. Code Changes: Tentative resolution for code changes.
- h. Fence Easement: L. Robertson will get information to P. Briggs for resolution for 26 Laura Ln.

### 3. WWTP:

- a. HSOW Program: B&L Engineering to complete their response to DEC.
- b. Plant Operators: We have a candidate for both the WWTP Operator and WWTP Trainee.
- c. Effluent Sampler: Will bring information to Finance Committee.
- d. UV Disinfection System repairs: Will have more information after inspection of unit and will bring to Finance Committee.

### 4. Water & Sewer Maintenance:

- a. Maintenance & Water Sewer Maintenance Workers: Will continue to interview.
- b. Road Cuts: There were three road cuts necessary this month.

### 5. Utility Billing:

- a. 2021 Fall Residential/Commercial Billing: Warrant will be generated for resolution covering 1/1/21-6/30/21.

**6. Water Treatment Plant:**

- a. Mandated PFOA Tests: Quarterly tests will costs \$5,250. Per quarter.
- b. Well Redevelopment update: One well has been completed with increased capacity.
- c. Conduit: Staff installed the conduit for the high speed internet with a savings of over \$40,000.00.

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

- a. Transfer Station Attendant: Tentative resolution for one more attendant.
- b. Shred Event-October 2<sup>nd</sup>-Volunteers needed

**SUMMARY: Finance Committee/Resolutions:**

- 1. Resolution: Budget Mods
- 2. Resolution: UV Disinfection Repair-WWTP (Resolution depends on cost)
- 3. Resolution: 2021 Fall Residential/Commercial Billing
- 4. Resolution- Hire W/S Maintenance worker and W/S Maintenance workers II
- 5. Tentative Resolution-Hire Transfer Station Attendant
- 6. Resolution: Hire Waste Water Treatment Operator and Waste Water Treatment Trainee
- 7. Resolution: Country Club Easements.
- 8. Resolution: Dish Network equipment on Tower.
- 9. Resolution: Hire Senior Engineer
- 10. Finance: Purchase of effluent sampler
- 11. Finance: Repair portable sewage pump

**NEXT MEETING: October 7, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.**

Minutes prepared by: K. Persons