

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS – MINUTES 2020
October 19, 2020

Meeting opened at 4:30 P.M.

Present: Paul Joly, Thomas Ferry, Robert Woods (via Zoom), Supt. Harold Gracia and Dianne Curtis.

Review and sign bills.

Minutes: Minutes of September 28th were approved.

New Business:

Mallory Aronstein, Town Administrator Re: Sewer Extension Study: Mallory Aronstein, Town Administrator, briefly updated The Board regarding the Sewer Extension Study Project. Mrs. Aronstein stated to The Board that the Sewer Extension Study is not a good project for the E.D.A. (Economic Development Administration) Grant for connecting fees, etc. Mrs. Aronstein stated that at some time in the future to research other financial options for the Sewer extension project.

4:30 P.M. – Russ Kleekamp from GHD Engineering Re: Stonegate Landing Pump Station and System Evaluation:

The Board, Supt. Gracia and Russ Kleekamp from GHD Engineering, discussed a Capital Improvement Plan for the Pump Stations and possible upgrades, etc. Supt. Gracia stated to The Board that Mr. Kleekamp evaluated the pump stations. Supt. Gracia stated that AECOM had done pump station evaluations several years ago. Mr. Kleekamp stated to gather all information so that he can develop a proposal for The Board. He explained the approximate cost and how costs are determined for the proposal for the Capital Improvement Plan. There was general discussion of some of the items that need to be addressed at the stations. Mr. Kleekamp stated that before the next scheduled Sewer Commissioners Board Meeting on November 9th, he would have a proposal for the Capital Improvement Plan for upgrading the Pump Stations emailed to Dianne Curtis, Office Manager.

Correspondence:

Stonegate Landing Pump Station Update, GHD Engineering Comments: Russ Kleekamp from GHD Engineering met with The Board and Supt. Harold Gracia to discuss updates on the Stonegate Landing Pump Station Project and System Evaluation. Mr. Kleekamp stated that his primary focus was to evaluate the pipes, manholes, pumps, etc., to make sure they are being installed according to the approved plans. He stated that the Developer of Stonegate Landing, Richard Feodoroff, has complied with most of his recommendations and have been documented the Daily Field Reports that Mr. Kleekamp has submitted.

Mr. Kleekamp stated that the Infrastructure has passed the Pressure Testing, Vacuum Testing and the Pressure Test that was installed.

Mr. Kleekamp went to the Stonegate Landing Pump Station sometime during the previous week. He stated that the Pump Station has been framed. Mr. Kleekamp stated that it was still ‘skeletal’ on the inside of the building. He stated to The Board that he recommended to Mr. Feodoroff that he would like to have detailed electrical engineering plans of the components being installed in the pump station. Mr. Kleekamp stated that he requested to have detailed plans of the pump station and to do a complete system start test to make sure that each and every component is working properly before The Town takes ownership of the pump station.

Stonegate Landing Pump Station Update, GHD Engineering Comments (continued):

He stated that he requested a list of alarms going into the station along with a list of who would be contacted in the event the alarms go off. There was discussion between The Board, Supt. Gracia and Mr. Kleekamp regarding the intentions of ownership of the pump station, once it is completed. Mr. Kleekamp stated that whoever takes ownership of the pump station, the station must meet TR-16 which requires an electrical plan.

Correspondence: Strawberry Fields Estates Engineering Peer Review Draft from Weston & Sampson:

The Board and Supt. Harold Gracia reviewed and discussed correspondence from Weston & Sampson, Engineer for the Dighton Sewer Dept., regarding the Strawberry Fields Estate Engineering Peer Review Draft.

Old Business:

None at this time.

Superintendent's Report:

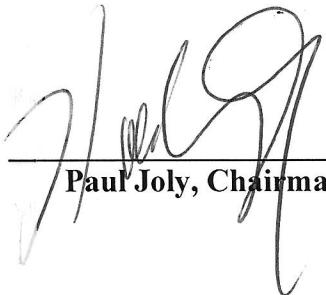
Supt. Harold Gracia stated to The Board that before the weather becomes bad, that he would like to clean out the wet wells in the Pump Stations.

Supt. Gracia discussed briefly, which of the Pump Stations need attention first. He stated that issues at the Power Plant and Rt. 138 Pump Stations should be addressed first with regard to the Capital Improvement Plan.

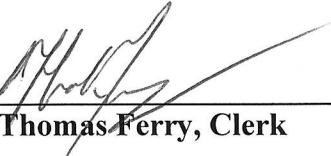
Thomas Ferry motioned to adjourn at 6:36 P.M.; Paul Joly stepped down as Chair and seconded; all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

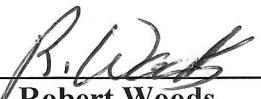
Minutes taken by Dianne Curtis. Transcribed by Joelle Anger.



Paul Joly, Chairman



Thomas Ferry, Clerk



Robert Woods