

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS – MINUTES 2020
February 10, 2020

Meeting opened at 4:30 P.M.

Present: Paul Joly, Thomas Ferry, Supt. Harold Gracia and Dianne Curtis. Carol Beauregard was not in attendance.

Review and sign bills.

Payroll was signed singularly by Carol Beauregard on 2/3/20 and 2/10/20.

Minutes: Thomas Ferry motioned to approve the Minutes of January 27, 2020; Paul Joly seconded; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.

New Business:

Meet with Representatives of the B.C.A.H.S.: Supt. Adele Sands, Samiotes Consultants, Inc., HMFH Architects, Justin Gould from Weston and Sampson, and Representatives from Gilbane Construction, to Discuss the B.C.A.H.S. Project and Engineering Services Proposal from Weston and Sampson:

Representatives from Bristol County Agricultural High School (B.C.A.H.S.) for the Upgrade Project at the school, met before the Board and Supt. Harold Gracia. Present at the Board Meeting were: Supt. Of B.C.A.H.S., Adele Sands; John Mitchell, Chairman of the County Commissioner; Chuck Samiotes from Samiotes Consultants, Inc.; Laura Wernick from HMFH Architects, Inc.; Ryan Miranda, Facilities Manager at B.C.A.H.S.; Justin Gould from Weston and Sampson-the Engineering firm for the Town of Dighton Sewer Dept.; and Dave DeForrest from Gilbane Building Company.

There was discussion about proceeding with the project up until the sewer connection to Center Street, which would not take place until the pump station issues are resolved. Supt. Harold Gracia stated that The Board would like clarification on what locations are currently tied into the Public Sewer. Dave DeForrest from Gilbane Building Company discussed what he would like to have completed prior to the sewer connection.

There was discussion regarding the 53G Account and the \$20,700.00 that needs to be deposited into that account for the B.C.A.H.S. upgrade Pump Station Project. However, the funds will not be available until March 10th, due to the way the Warrants operate at B.C.A.H.S. At this time, only \$20,000.00 was appropriated.

Paul Joly motioned to use money from The Sewer Dept. up front for engineering services, and costs incurred for the B.C.A.H.S. Pump Station Upgrade Project until the 53G funds are available from The School; Thomas Ferry seconded the motion; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.

Thomas Ferry motioned for the work to proceed at the Science Building at B.C.A.H.S. through the structure of sewer manhole 1A to the property line; Paul Joly seconded the motion; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.

Justin Gould from Weston and Sampson stated to all the representatives for B.C.A.H.S. that he would like to witness some of the connection and piping being installed to get a general idea of how things are being installed, etc.

Supt. Sands stated that she would like to discuss the pumps for the Pump Station. She stated that the Missions System for monitoring was installed at the pump station and discuss some research that Chuck Samiotes from Samiotes Consultants, Inc. has done.

Mr. Samiotes stated to The Board and Supt. Gracia, there has been input from the Missions Control Monitoring System at the School's Pump Station. He stated that the information shows that pumps are pumping at 38 G.P.M. He stated that this monitors the pumps running, not the actual flow. Mr. Samiotes provided data from the Missions System to show and explain the information to The Board and Supt. Gracia. Supt. Gracia asked Mr. Samiotes where the 38 G.P.D. figure came from. Mr. Samiotes stated that he did not know where this figure came from. Supt. Gracia asked Mr. Samiotes if the Missions System indicated if the hourly pump run times changed significantly when the school was operating in comparison to when the school was not operating. Mr. Samiotes stated that he had not obtained that specific information. Supt. Gracia stated that he could see the time period where the flows increased and when the flows were low, based on a 24-hour period. Mr. Samiotes stated that he did have some items that he would like to discuss. He stated that when he was at the pump station during the past summer, it was full of feminine hygiene products. He stated that he was able to get some pictures but was not able to send them as his internet was down. Supt. Gracia discussed his concerns with the numbers from the Missions System regarding the 38 G.P.D. calculation, which is the reason he asked Mr. Samiotes where this figure originated from. Supt. Gracia stated that when he was at the B.C.A.H.S. Pump Station for the draw-down testing, he noticed a lot of debris in the station. There was discussion regarding some very high flow readings on December 17, 2019 and January 10, 2020. Mr. Samiotes indicated that his flow calculations included these 2 issues. There was discussion regarding the data from the Missions System and data calculations that is still needed. Supt. Gracia stated that he stopped by the pump station at 6:50 A.M. on one of the mornings. He stated that he noticed a white solution being discharged into the wet well and took photos of it. It was suggested that it may have been milk residue. Supt. Gracia requested for Mr. Samiotes to obtain the amount of times the pump starts an hour data as well as peak flows during the day. The next time there will be a meeting regarding the upgrade pump station project that is scheduled for March 23, 2020. It was agreed for everyone involved to meet then.

Discussion with Engineer Re: Strawberry Fields Project: Justin Gould from Weston and Sampson stated to The Board and Supt. Harold Gracia that he was sent proposed plans for the Strawberry Fields Project and he has briefly reviewed them. Thomas Ferry and Supt. Gracia stated that they did not have these proposed plans that was sent to Mr. Gould. Mr. Gould stated that he would forward them via email. There was discussion about the proposed plans and some unanswered questions for the proponent of Strawberry Fields. A letter went to the Zoning Board of Appeals (Z.B.A.) from the Sewer Dept. on Feb. 11th. Thomas Ferry motioned to re-send the letter to the Z.B.A. to reaffirm The Sewer Dept.'s position as previously written by the Sewer Board of Commissioners that this Board will be the decision making authority for sewer, for the Strawberry Fields Project; Paul Joly seconded the motion; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.

Meeting with Russell Kleekamp from GHD Engineering Re: Stonegate Landing Pump Station: Russell Kleekamp from GHD Engineering met before The Board and Supt. Harold Gracia to discuss the Stonegate Landing Pump Station project. Mr. Kleekamp requested a copy of the Town of Dighton Sewer Dept.'s Rules and Regulations. He asked some general questions regarding the pump stations and how they operate. Supt. Gracia gave Mr. Kleekamp some history and the many changes in plans over time on the Stonegate Landing Pump Station project. Mr. Kleekamp stated that he reviewed the most recent set of plan submittals for the Stonegate Landing Pump Station and asked Supt. Gracia some questions regarding the plans. Mr. Kleekamp stated that the plans he has is difficult to review as there are no specifications on the plans for the station. Mr. Kleekamp requested from The Board to send a letter, stating that he cannot review the plans are complete and until all the information needed for the plans are available.

The Board, Supt. Gracia and Russell Kleekamp from GHD Engineering briefly discussed the Forest Hills Project. Mr. Kleekamp wanted some information so he could familiarize himself with the project for engineering purposes.

Review and Comment on Woodard and Curran Sewer Extension Feasibility Study Draft (Next Meeting: 2/19/20 at 10:30 A.M.): Dianne Curtis stated to The Board and Supt. Gracia that the next meeting between Woodard and Curran and The Town Administrator is scheduled for February 19, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. Thomas Ferry stated that if anyone has any comments or questions for that meeting to write it down. Supt. Gracia stated that the 25-foot sewers are extremely deep for gravity sewer. He stated that he spoke to a representative at Woodard and Curran regarding what the pump stations are currently pumping. Supt. Gracia stated that there are some capacity issues with the City of Taunton and restriction downstream towards Taunton.

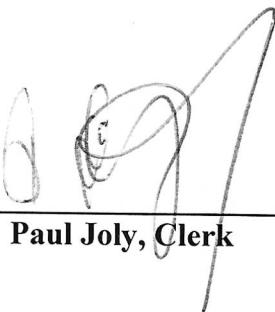
Superintendent's Report:

None at this time.

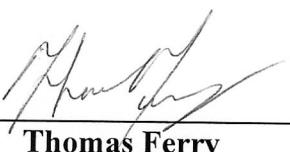
Thomas Ferry motioned to adjourn at 7:00 P.M.; Paul Joly seconded; all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Minutes taken by Dianne Curtis. Transcribed by Joelle Anger.



Paul Joly, Clerk



Thomas Ferry