

## Village of Whiting Utilities Committee Meeting

Minutes: February 3, 2009

1. Roll call. Meeting called to order by Chairman Hoppenrath at 5:03 PM. Kim Hoppenrath, Will Lehner, Mike Daniels, Paul Stroik and Frank Krush present. Also present: Jeff Schlegel, Matt Saloun and Peter Hansen of Earth Tech/ EACOM.
2. Persons wishing to address the Committee.
3. Review of January meeting minutes. The January 6, 2009 and January 12, 2009 meeting minutes were reviewed. No additions or corrections were noted.
4. Discussion/possible action re existing secondary clarifier. Included in the estimate for the new treatment plant is an authorized expenditure of \$20,000 for a rebuild of the existing secondary clarifier. When damage to the clarifier was repaired last fall it was discovered that the clarifier may be in worse shape than expected. Since then additional problems have surfaced that needed repair. Because of these problems and since the clarifier is at its life expectancy, it may be necessary to replace the clarifier sooner than hoped. A bid to replace, for a cost of \$142,860, was received from August Winter. After discussion the committee decided to take no action at this point. The reasoning is that even if the clarifier needs to be replaced, it cannot be done until the new primary clarifier is operational. In the interim, Jeff will secure another bid and chairman Hoppenrath will bring up the issue at the next weekly construction meeting.
5. Discussion/possible action re Nitrate removal system work. Jeff Schlegel reported that he and Matt Saloun met with a representative from Hellendbrand Water Softener Company at Basic American Food to view their water softener units. The representative will confirm with Hungerford and Terry that all connections would work with their equipment and then provide us with a quote to compare to previous quotes received. The issue will be brought back at next month's utility meeting.
6. Discussion/possible action re recommendations from audit report. Chairman Hoppenrath asked that everyone bring a copy of last year's audit report with them to next month's meeting so that the committee can review and possibly address more of the issues identified.
7. Update on Wastewater treatment Facility. Chairman Hoppenrath, Jeff Schlegel and Matt Saloun reported on progress. Other than concern about the delivery date of the motor control panel and its impact on the project completion date, work is proceeding on schedule. Specifics are included in the weekly construction meeting notes that Chairman Hoppenrath emails to the committee members each week.
8. Discussion/possible action re multiple vouchers. Motion by Lehner, seconded by Stroik to recommend payment of current multiple vouchers to the Village Board. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
9. Operation and Maintenance Report.
  1. The Wastewater Treatment plant and Village Water System did not meet all requirements for the month of January 2009
  2. Village of Whiting pumpage = 11,410,000; Treated = 8,965,854; Raw = 2,430,146

3. New Page pumpage #1 – 26,568,432; #2 – 27545,070; #3 – 26,184,876; Total 80,298,378
4. K.C. pumpage – 32,791,087
5. Continue with WWTP construction
6. Received one (1) load of Solar dried Salt for the Nitrate removal System
7. Repair fire hydrant at the WWTP (damaged from construction work)
8. Received the nitrate removal system control valve<sup>24</sup> (valve will be installed by staff)
9. Purchased (1) new locator wand from Davies Water Products (\$750.00)
10. Problem with the village hall water service freezing up (ran temporary service to the Village Hall)
11. Problem with the PVC piping and the Polyblend unit around the Sludge Press (pipes warped from direct heat from construction heater and the polyblend unit had to be pieced back together)
12. Turned the water service off to JOJO's Restaurant at the owners request
13. Matt S. and Matt R. attended a one day State Traffic Safety meeting
14. DNR (Eric Donaldson) here for a meeting with Matt for the WWTP & Construction update
15. Readjusted the RAS pump to maintain continuous flow
16. Matt & Jeff met with a representative from Hellenbrand Water Softener Company at Basic American Food to view their water softener units
17. Matt attended a one day WWOA meeting in Marathon City

Daniels observed that Village water consumption seemed unusually high for this time of the year as compared to last year and questioned whether the construction project had something to do with it. Jeff responded that water is being used but couldn't really verify whether that would explain the difference. Krush asked Jeff if he could get the customer water billing volume for the last quarter from Debi to see if that was also elevated as compared to the previous year.

Motion made by Stroik, seconded by Krush to approve the O&M report as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10. Correspondence

11. Such other matters as permitted by law.

- Chairman Hoppenrath reported that with the last bill received from C.D Smith, \$3.48M of the original authorized \$4.8M has been spent on the WWTP project to date.
- Jeff Schlegel advised that he may be unavailable for the committee's next scheduled meeting due to some personal business (wife's appointment at Mayo) that will require he be out of town.

13. Adjourn. Motion made by Lehner to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Frank Krush  
Recording Secretary