

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
May 12, 2021 at the Treatment Plant

Present: Peter Newman, Peter Savlen, and Dan Lavoie, Commissioners; Chuck Come, Superintendent; and Jim McLaughlin, Clerk. Also John Warzocha, Horizon Engineering; and John Adie, Mark Kondelis Sr., and Dick Emberley, Department of Environmental Services.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meeting held on April 14, 2021 were unavailable at this meeting.

The Commissioners discussed a number of improvements recommended by DES staff and by John Warzocha that would be necessary as part of the remote infiltration basin (RIB) project. These plant improvements include the following:

- upgrading the plant controls to enable the process to be operated on a more automated basis;
- installation of bar racks at the headworks building to facilitate removal of materials that pose a clogging problem;
- installing mixers in the oxidation ditches to minimize settling;
- and installing a blower for the storage tank to vent ammonia gases.

John offered a ballpark estimate of the costs of these improvements at between one and two hundred thousand dollars. He said the entire project is still in the one million dollar range. He then described the history of putting this project together, including the continuing lack of any cooperation from DOT which has caused the project to be delayed for the past several years. He said the District will need to request a deadline extension from EPA/DES.

John said that he recommended the District file a pre-application for State Revolving Fund assistance, even if their decision is not to use that funding approach. He did mention the downside of going with SRF, namely Davis Bacon wage rates must be followed as well as additional legal costs, not present if another financing avenue is utilized.

John will prepare an opinion of costs as soon as he can to start the ball rolling. Some mention was made of the federal infrastructure bill that may become available that would be of enormous help if funding could be secured from this source. He also said that in light of all of the planning that has been done to date, the District would be in an excellent "shovel-ready" position with regard to this and other grant possibilities.

The group also discussed the District's infiltration of storm water into the manholes, many of which are old and deteriorating.

The Commissioners thanked the DES representatives for their technical assistance to Chuck.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

The next regular meeting will be May 26, 2021.

Recorded by Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.