

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Warner Village Water District Commissioners
At 9:00 A.M. on
August 14, 2019 at the Treatment Plant

Present: Peter Newman, Dan Lavoie, and Peter Savlen, Commissioners; Ray Martin, Administrator; Chuck Come, Superintendent; John Warzocha, Horizon Engineering; Heather Malone, Rural Development; and Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the Commissioners' regular meetings held on June 12, 2019 and July 24, 2019 were approved as submitted.

Groundwater Injection Project

Rural Development Grant

Heather Malone brought papers for the Commissioners to sign to free up a \$30,000 grant from Rural Development. These funds are for the completion of the preliminary engineering and environmental assessment studies for the property to be the site of the District's groundwater injection of treatment plant effluent. It was noted that the District has already spent more than the 25% local match required by RD to qualify for the grant. The Commissioners signed the grant agreement and associated forms. It was also noted that these two studies would be necessary if the District were to apply for RD funding to build the system, although the \$30K grant is not conditioned on applying for further RD financial assistance.

Horizon Engineering Discussion

John Warzocha talked about a work-around approach to engineering the pond configurations in light of the lack of NHDOT cooperation in acknowledging potential infiltration of nitrates onto the narrow strip of State ROW that might occur as a result of the project. He said that settling pond(s) or trenching on property could be located far enough away from the DOT land so as to avoid the need for DOT's okay. John suggested that the District retain its NPDES permit and that it might split the treatment plant effluent between groundwater injection and discharge directly to the river. This strategy would have to be approved by DES and EPA. He promised to work with DES and EPA on this.

Also there was discussion about operating the groundwater discharge process during normal weather when the effluent flows were at about 55,000 GPD and discharging excess effluent to the river during storm events when up to 100,000 GPD is experienced at the plant.

John explained that NHDES' jurisdiction covers groundwater where there is no standard for copper, as opposed to surface waters that are EPA's jurisdiction and the copper standard has been dramatically lowered.

John urged the District to check into storm water influent to the system in order to minimize the amount of influent that has to be treated during storms.

Administrator's Report

Ray reported that Weaver Brothers is presently digging on Main Street where the planned water to supply the Town Hall fire suppression system is to be tied in. District information showed this water main to be 12 inch diameter pipe. What has been found there is a 6 inch pipe. Chuck left the meeting to check on the situation.

Ray reported he is developing an easement agreement with Nathaniel Burrington to extend the planned Town Hall water line through the parking lot east of the Odd Fellows Building, ending in a new hydrant at the driveway to the school parking lot.

Ray distributed the preliminary July revenue and expense report and summarized where the District's finances stood. Expenses are about where they should be at the half way mark.

Revenues are ahead of budget.

Ray reported that he has received subdivision approval from DES for two of the wells on North Village Road where the District installed the wells. He is waiting for the approval on the other two so that the issue of Utility Commission approval of eliminating the District's franchise area on North Village Road can finally be put to bed.

The Commissioners discussed the matter of testing for PFOA and PFA contamination, either at the well or on the site of the planned groundwater injection property. There was general consensus to wait until the time when the State orders such tests.

Ray reported that the back-flow preventer systems in the precinct's municipal and commercial properties, as required by DES, have been inspected and appropriate corrective measures taken, as needed, with the exception of the old fire station. The District is paying for the inspections and will bill the customers for the full amount.

On the issue of the District's moving ahead to execute a purchase agreement with Tim Blagden on the property for the groundwater project, there was some discussion and general agreement to proceed. John Warzocha had said the project was close to 90 percent a go.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

The next regular meeting will be August 28, 2019.

Recorded by Jim McLaughlin, Clerk.