

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY MEETING
June 11, 2024

MEMBERS Attending: Chairman - Todd Swanson, Troy Winkleman, Steve Rudnicki, and Dennis Lutes

OTHERS: Andrew Thompson, Erin Schuster

MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the 14 May meeting was made by Steve Rudnicki and seconded by Dennis Lutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

Note: This meeting followed a Special Village Board Meeting at Eason Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

Andrew provided an update of on-going, and past projects, as well as the activities of the Village DPW departments. Regarding the future work at the WPCF, Andrew noted that MRB was initiating another EDA grant application to cover more of the project cost.

For the Minton Reservoir/WTP pump station Erin indicated the as-builts and O&M manuals were received. Close-out of both the contracts is complete.

Andrew provided update on the Finley Rd. interconnect contract with O'Connell. Replacement of the one switch is pending, as a warranty issue. O'Connell will assist in the work and de-energize the switch for the switch manufacturer. An outage is not required. Andrew was expecting this work in the next two weeks.

Andrew commented on the other Electric Dept. projects. He indicated the new Hendrix line has been completed and is connected at the Portage substation. One of the new vacuum breakers at Bourne St. substation is installed. It will be energized to remove the old vacuum breaker to install the other new breaker.

Regarding the PSE study on future electric projects, it was suggested that the impacts and extra cost related to the State's mandates be shared with our local State representative and also with other municipalities. Regarding the Bourne St. substation upgrades, Andrew advised the ordering of new transformers was still pending review by National Grid. Regarding the study for a second primary feeder to the Village, PSE will assist the Village with an application to NYSERDA for a grant to do the study.

Andrew provided and update on MRB's support services. He indicated the grant for the work on Cottage and Academy Streets failed. This project will be dropped for now. Andrew noted MRB would submit the grant application for projects on the Water System Master Plan by Friday, based on the Village Board special mtg. resolutions. The project cost would be between \$5M and \$10M.

Regarding the foundation wall of the pumphouse in the gorge, Todd and Steve would meet Erin for a site visit Wed. *That site visit did identify some concerns related to the pump building foundation deterioration along the east side below the wall block, above ground level. It was suggested to review as-builts of the tank and building to better understand wall and slab cracks in the building.*

Regarding the manhole replacement project at Growers, Andrew noted that the RR was delaying the start of work, withholding their work permit while they review Kingview's paperwork/insurance. The RR's most recent delay of the permit relates to their questioning the location of the Oak St. line relative to the RR ROW. This is now critical relative to completion prior to harvest season. Again, daily contact with the RR is necessary to resolve this issue.

The CGR report and recommendations is still a topic Andrew wants to address. A separate meeting in the future to discussed with board members will be set.

Regarding the fiber-optic owner/operator issue, Andrew noted that EntryPoint has submitted a proposal to do the study. This is before the Village Board for review/approval.

Regarding the electric rate increase, BST has completed work, also before Village Board.

Erin reviewed the 3 June mtg. with Southern Tier West on drinking water source protection study. The next stakeholder's meeting is on 15 July, 2024.

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Public Works – Holt St. water main replacement next two weeks.

Electric Dept. – Working at Bourne and Portage substations. Finished Person St. reconductoring.

Water Dept. – Operations, continue inspection for lead service lines. Finished hydrant flushing.

Sewer Dept. – Operations

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION: Discussed proposed permit for work in ROW in the Village.

Troy Winkleman made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve Rudnicki and unanimously passed.

The next Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for 9 July 2024 at 6:30.