

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY MEETING
December 10, 2019

MEMBERS: Chairman - Todd Swanson, John Poshka, Troy Winkleman, Steve Rudnicki, Dennis Lutes, Jim Simpson

OTHERS: Andrew Thompson

This was the first meeting for Jim Simpson. He was welcomed and introduced to the Board members.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes to the 13 August 2019 meeting was made by Troy Winkleman and seconded by Steve Rudnicki. The motion was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Andrew Thompson provided an overview of the numerous projects and activities of the Village DPW departments. He summarized the status of the construction contracts at the WPCF and for the Water Department. Andrew noted that STC was still working on the digesters; work was late, still waiting on the mixers, which had a long delay in the submittal process. The new day tank for the emergency generator was expected this week. The main electric breaker at the WPCF is a concern. Andrew advised that a change to the WPCF Electric contract with Gerwitz and McNeil was being issued to have the breaker replaced. H&K was working on punchlist items at the water treatment plant. He noted that the new filters were operating and the backwash cycle time has doubled with the new filter media. When asked about the need for additional repointing at the Water treatment building, Andrew indicated that this would be looked at for a future contract.

Andrew summarized the status of work of the MRB Group. He does have a meeting with them on the 18th or 19th. He noted that the new electric line out West along Rte. 5 would be advertised and bid in the spring for work next summer (2020). Work on the preliminary design for the new waterline from the Minton reservoir and for the pump house is ongoing. MRB is looking for grant funding that could be used for this work.

The improvements for the parking lot off Clinton was discussed. Dennis Lutes noted a concern that the work was not completed. The need for resetting the parking signage was noted. Andrew acknowledge this would be a priority in the spring.

Regarding the operation of the PRV system/altitude valve for the water tank, Andrew noted that with the communication issue fixed and the system is operating as designed. He does not anticipate needing to have GHD, the original designer, provide technical support.

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Public Works – Andrew indicated that leaf pick-up was continuing as weather permits. He noted that the early snow in November had delayed leaf removal work. Regarding discolored water out south Portage and on Bliss, Andrew indicated the problem was being addressed by adjusting the chemical feeds at the plant.

Electric Dept. – They are working on new Electric Dept. maintenance building.

Water Dept. – normal operations.

Sewer Dept. – normal operations.

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION:

Andrew noted that the Town was extending the waterline work along Rte 5 east, from the boat landing to Persons St. He also indicated that he anticipated a project to bore a new larger line under the Thruway at Portage St. to assure sufficient volume north of the Thruway.

John Poshka made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Troy Winkleman and unanimously passed.

Following the meeting Andrew provided the Board members with a tour of the Electric Building office improvements and also the new maintenance facility.

The next Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for 14 January 2020 at 6:30. It was decided that the next meeting would be held at the Electric Building.