

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY MEETING
July 14, 2020

MEMBERS Attending: Chairman - Todd Swanson, Dennis Lutes, John Poshka, and Steve Rudnicki (by video)

OTHERS: Andrew Thompson

MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes to the 9 June 2020 meeting was made by Troy Winkleman and seconded by Steve Rudnicki. The motion was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Andrew Thompson provided an update 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's only remaining punchlist item is the repair of damaged paving. He noted that Gerwitz and McNeil has completed their contract work. Wendel has subcontracted the finish O&M manual and Andrew indicated he had received an outline for the manual. H&K has completed their work at the Water Treatment Plant. A change to do tile work will be done in August.

Andrew noted that Thayer Electric has laid out the pole locations for the Rte. 5 West electric line work. Andrew advised that Thayer Elec. would start work either 3 or 10 August.

Andrew advised that the Asset Management program for the WPCF and Sewer Dept. are being used. The Elec. Dept. has started to use this month. He suggested that a quarterly update on performance would be given in the future.

Andrew updated the status of work of the MRB Group. Andrew noted that the design for the pump station and line to the plant was at the Co. Health Dept. for approval. Once an approval is received the search for funding by grants or loans will be addressed. Andrew noted that he would have MRB investigate the condition of the reservoir intake pipe to determine condition. The garage project at the Water Treatment Plant is on hold, pending a look at alternate, less expensive solutions.

In discussing the condition of the pipe outlet for the Minten reservoir Andrew again noted that a future project to be considered would be a direct connection to the Treatment Plant from the new line just installed from the Chautauqua Creek to the reservoir.

The improvements for the parking lot off Clinton St. is now a priority. The one year time extension to complete the work has run out. A one month additional time extension has been granted. So the work needs to be done ASAP, or the grant funding will be lost!

Andrew verified the fire protection/security systems by DFT has been installed at the WPCF, the water plant, the new garage and the Elec Dept. buildings. The ability to run periodic test on the system was discussed. Andrew is to investigate.

Andrew advised that the recommendation to do foundation borings for the Findley Rd. interconnect replacement had been made by TRC. He noted that Doug Sanderson has reviewed the plans.

A motion to recommend the site borings to finalize the foundation condition was made by John Poshka and seconded by Troy Winkleman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The last discussion was on the Village budget and impact of COVID 19. Andrew noted that there is a shortfall in sales tax receipts to the general fund. Recommendations were made to minimize any overtime, postpone filling any open positions or major purchases. Also, any schedule new construction work needs to be reevaluated relative to necessity.

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Public Works – Work at the Clinton St. parking lot is the priority. Andrew noted an issue of graffiti cleanup in several locations.

Electric Dept. – Work at the Clinton St. parking lot is the priority. Andrew noted that there was a grounding issue on one of the phases at the English St. substation being investigated.

Water Dept. – normal operations. Andrew noted there was a chlorine residual problem on the West Main St. line, due to low flows. A booster station may be required.

Sewer Dept. – normal operations. Andrew noted that the DEC had been in to inspect the WPCF. He also noted that the variable speed pumps in the gorge had failed.

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION:

John Poshka made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Dennis Lutes and unanimously passed.

The next Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for Sept. 8, 2020 at 6:30. The meeting will be held at the Electric Building.