

**OCEAN PINES SERVICE AREA
WATER AND WASTEWATER
Advisory Board Meeting
WWTP Operations Center
Tuesday, June 11, 2024
9:00 a.m.**

Present: **Water and Wastewater Advisory Board**
Fred Stiehl, Jim Spicknall, Jack Collins, Will Gabeler
 Worcester County Public Works
Dallas Baker, Chris Clasing
 Worcester County Public Works - Water and Wastewater Division
Tony Fascelli, Meg Etzler, Gary Serman
 Worcester County Treasurer
Barbara Hitch, Quinn Dittrich

Fred called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Fred noted some typos in the April 9th minutes. Under the Construction Projects, Triple Crown, Phase II should read (30} not approved. Jack asked about the net change in the fees in the second paragraph of the minutes. Dallas shared that we dropped it \$15, raised it \$8 for a total reduction of \$7.00. Discussion was held.

Fred asked about the Commissioners' letter from OPAB and Barbara stated that the corrections were made and the letter was submitted. There was some question as to the dates of the sewage from Riddle Farm being hauled. Discussion was held. With no further comments Jack made a motion to approve the minutes, Will seconded the motion.

Water Production

- the stainless mixing tank is installed and working.
- Well #3 – we are having some intermittent electrical problems and are working on that.
- The alarms are installed on the South Tower and the video recorder just needs to be wall mounted.

Water Distribution (4/9/24-present)

- We had 3 new water services and 28 water leak repairs.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Dallas referred to the Bay Restoration Fee Criteria. Our YTD average is 2.75 for Nitrogen and 0.19 for Phosphorus. Discussion was held.
- Storage lagoon – We submitted our information in April. Initially it was referred to the Dam Safety Division then in May we were notified that they wanted us to submit it to the JPA (joint permit application) process. This information was not relayed to us until we called about the status of our submittal. Discussion was held.
- The belt filter press – Soil borings are completed. Design to be submitted this month. Dallas shared his concern and frustration with the lack of progress with DBF and this project.
- Volume of sewage hauled from Riddle Farm WWTP – 1,596,000 gallons from March 9 thru April 14, 2024. Fred inquired as to when this issue with Riddle Farm will be completed. Dallas

shared we have our permit and must bid for construction. Dallas stated that the problems are being addressed and we hope to have the issues resolved by September of 2025. Discussion was held.

- FY24 capital equipment list:
 - a. The UV disinfection rehab – equipment delivered and installation has begun.

Wastewater Collections (4/9/24) to present)

- No sanitary sewer overflows.
- We replaced 8 household tanks (3 plastic, 1 fiberglass, 2 concrete); two new installs (fiberglass)
- Smoke testing continues.

Construction Projects (Total EDUs)

- Triple Crown -Phase II (30) approved. Precon meeting held on 6/4/24. Plan on starting in 3 weeks.
- Refuge at Windmill Creek – (90) pump station startup wasn't completed. Waiting on reschedule date.
- AGH is done. Waiting for the release of liens – no change from last meeting.
- Gum Point Road – (15 sewer) 5 EDUs sold. Two new connections since our last meeting.
- St. Martins by the Bay – (58 water). Design awarded to DBF at the June 4th Commissioners meeting.
- River Run Townhouses – (56 water) – completed. Still installing water meters. No change from last meeting.
- River Run Single Family homes (38) – working on gravity sewer, wet well installed and 60% of water is completed. It was noted that sewer services are not under Ocean Pines.

Financial Update

Barb introduced Quinn Dittrich our new Enterprise Controller.

Barb shared the allocation of sewer EDUs as of 5/17/24. She shared the Balance Sheet and the Income Statement thru 5/31/24. She provided the Water & Sewer Easement print-out for the homeowners. It was put in with the last bill. Discussion was held on additional avenues to explore for getting this information to the homeowner.

General Discussion

Jack stated that he has some confusion with the Income Statement, and he questioned some of the figures and changes in these figures. Discussion was held. Quinn stated he would investigate the figures and get back to the Board.

Fred asked if we could get a printout of the flow amounts for the Plant. Dallas said he would compile the figures annually and monthly for the Board.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. With no further business Jim made the motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Will. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Etzler
Administrative Assistant