

Utility Committee Meeting
July 5, 2023
9:30 a.m. Newburgh Town Council Chambers

Steve Shoemaker, Leanna K. Hughes, Chris Wischer, Connor Voegel, Russell Powell, Drew Flamion, and Rebeka Kaufman.

Steve Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. with a quorum present.

Consent Agenda

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| 1. Monthly Tracking Report | 5. Financial Report |
| 2. Inspection Status Report | 6. Monthly Sewer Adjustment |
| 3. Sewer Repairs Report | 7. Approval of June 14, 2023 Minutes |
| 4. Tap Report | |

Motion: Leanna Hughes moved to approve the consent agenda.

Motion seconded: Russell Powell

Discussion: No additional discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present

No one in attendance.

Committee Discussion Items

WWTF Superintendent, Russell Powell

- 1. Request for recommendation to Council for approval of Station #2 Pump repair. Replacement costs for the existing pump are \$113,315. Estimated repair costs are \$19,428.74 from Streffer Pump and Supply.**

Motion: Leanna Hughes moved to recommend to Council to approve Lift Station #2 pump repair for a cost of \$19,428 from Streffer Pump and Supply.

Motion seconded: Russell Powell

Discussion: The replacement cost for the existing pump is \$113,315.

Motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Request for recommendation to Council for approval of Colonial Hills Lift station exposed force main repair**

Motion: Leanna Hughes moved to recommend to Council to approve CEI contract for Colonial Hills Lift Station exposed force main repair for a cost of \$18,500. Breakdown:

Preliminary Design \$4,500 Lump Sum

Final Design \$3,000 Lump Sum

Quote Package \$3,500 HRNTE

IDEM WQC and ACOE 404 Permit \$5,500 HRNTE

Construction Engineering \$2,000 HRNTE

Motion seconded: Russell Powell

Discussion: The Utility identified the exposed force main running along a portion of the Mansfield and Fall Creek Subdivisions retention pond embankment. Centerpointe Energy has an upgrade taking place and will allow the Utility to utilize its crane matting for delivery of riprap, which will save at least \$10,000. The Utility will perform necessary resident project representative work (inspections). The intent of the project is to provide cover and erosion protection to allow the existing force main to remain in service.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Leanna Hughes moved to recommend to Council to approve CEI to quote the Colonial Hills Lift Station exposed force main project.

Motion seconded: Russell Powell

Discussion: The Utility will perform necessary resident project representative work (inspections). The intent of the project is to provide cover and erosion protection to allow the existing force main to remain in service. The estimated cost for this project is \$65,000 - \$95,000.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Triple Crown Warranty discussion

Mr. Powell met with Jason Ragle about the warranty issues on Triple Crown Project. Mr. Ragle does not want a ten-year warranty agreement; he would like the agreement to be three-years ending December 2024. Mr. Powell will test the line again to see if it has settled and bring results to August 2023 Utility Meeting. Legal will come up with an agreement and bring to the August 2023 Utility Meeting. As long as the line has not moved the agreement should include \$62,000 in damages and three-year warranty period ending December 2024.

4. Mobile food vendor commissaries discussion

Warrick County Health Department has requested the Utility consider having a place for food trucks to dump their waste water. Legal will research where other utilities are having food trucks dump their waste water.

5. Green Springs Valley CEI Contract Renewal

Motion: Russell Powell moved to recommend to Council to approve the extension of the CEI contract for Green Springs Valley.

Motion seconded: Leanna Hughes

Discussion: This is the most complex project the Utility has undertaken. Rehab projects are more complex than installing new systems. This project started in 2017 and has had many delays since. Delays include easements, encroachments, supply issues, prior projects, the Marathon pipeline, and the national pandemic. This is a multimillion-dollar project and impacts multiple property owners.

Motion passed unanimously.

Engineer Report, Drew Flamion

1. Lift Station #1 Erosion Control Change Order 01

Motion: Russell Powell moved to recommend to Council to approve Change Order #1 for Lift Station #1 Erosion Control for a decrease of \$1,527.56.

Motion seconded: Leanna Hughes

Discussion: The decrease is due to installing less material than was originally planned for the project.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Update on Projects

Lakevale will be opening bids at July 12, 2023 Town Council Meeting.

Victoria Force main is working on punch list.

Newburgh Heights has run into boulders that are limestone.

Utility Chairman, Steve Shoemaker

No Report

Town Attorney, Chris Wischer

Blue Lake Lift Station easement condemnation has a court appointed appraisal amount of \$73,016. The Town has the easement as soon as the payment is made to the court and work can begin on the project. The court clerk will hold the payment until the condemnation is settled. Legal can still file an extension.

Motion: Russell Powell moved to recommend to Council to authorize payment to the court clerk for the amount stated in the court-appointed appraisal report for the Dowell easement in the Blue Lake Lift Station project.

Motion seconded: Leanna Hughes

Discussion: No additional discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Town Manager, Christy Powell

No Report

Utility Manager, Susan Helms

Rebeka Kaufman stated the Sewer Operating Account balance is \$6,112,021.14. The motions outstanding amount is \$507,453.82.

1. Spending Limit Increase – Clerk Treasurer has requested Susan’s spending limit to be increased to \$2,000. The first motion did not pass but clarification was made and the new motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Steve Shoemaker moved to recommend to Council to approve the spending limit increase for the Utility Office Manager from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Motion seconded: Russell Powell

Discussion: The Clerk-Treasurer requested this increase.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shoemaker adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Motion: Leanna Hughes moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded Russell Powell

Discussion: No additional discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approved this 2nd day of August, 2023.






