

UTILITY COMMITTEE
June 5, 2024
9:30 a.m. Newburgh Council Chambers

Committee Members

Steve Shoemaker, Utility Commissioner
Leanna Hughes, Council Member
Russell Powell, WWTF Superintendent
Susan Helms, Utility Office Manager
Acting Board Member, Andrea Balboni

Advisory Members

Chris Wischer, Attorney
Drew Flamion, Engineer

Consent Agenda

1. Monthly Tracking Report
2. Inspection Status Report
3. Sewer Repairs Report
4. Tap Report
5. Financial Report
6. Monthly Sewer Adjustment
7. Approval of May 1, 2024 Minutes

Motion: Russell Powell moved to approve the consent agenda.

Motion seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: No additional discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Petitions and Comments from Citizens Present

Mr. Chad Bennett was present with Mr. James Morley, Jr from Morley and Associates Engineering Firm to discuss a waiver on the Sanitary Sewer Standards concerning sewer permits. The standards states that the sanitary sewer must be accepted for maintenance by the Town Council before issuing a sewer tap. The sewer tap must be issued before a building permit can be purchased at Warrick County. The request was for the standards to be waived due it being for the Ohio Township Park and that Mr. Bennett would be responsible for completing the sanitary sewer extension instead of a developer for a subdivision. The Utility Committee agreed that if Mr. Bennett provided a letter of credit for 100% of the cost of the sewer construction, he could purchase the sewer taps before the sanitary sewer was complete. This allows Mr. Bennett to purchase building permits so he can start construction on the three buildings on the Ohio Township Park.

Motion: Susan Helms moved to recommend to Council to approve the waiver of sanitary sewer standards to allow the Ohio Township Park to purchase the sewer taps for the three buildings before the sewer extension is completed. Ohio Township will provide a 100% letter of credit or present a check for the amount of the extension.

Motion seconded: Russell Powell

Discussion: The check will be held by the sewer utility office until the sewer extension is completed.

Motion passed unanimously

Committee Discussion Items
Wastewater Treatment Facility Superintendent, Russell Powell

- 1. Request for recommendation to Council for approval of FOG Permit #052024.**
This permit is for Noodle House located at 8922 High Pointe Drive. This permit includes a minimum 1000-gallon interceptor.

Motion: Susan Helms moved to recommend to Council to approve FOG Permit #052024 for Noodle House at 8922 High Pointe Drive.

Motion seconded: Andrea Balboni

Discussion: This is a new building between Culver's and Azzip. This permit includes a minimum 1000-gallon interceptor. Mr. Powell stated they were installing a 1500-gallon interceptor.

Motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Request for recommendation to Council to approve CEI contract amendment 2024-12.**

This contract is for design and bidding of our flow Equalization Basin project for wet weather storage. This project also includes headworks facilities with screening and grit removal and re-direction of multiple force mains force mains and necessary control valves and electrical, control and instrumentation upgrades to integrate with WWTP per the recent PER submittal. Total Contract amount is \$2,492,500.

This includes: Site specific Surveying \$25,000 (completed), HRNTE

Design Costs	\$2,200,000	Lump Sum
Bidding/ Negotiations	\$85,000	Lump sum
Geotechnical	\$57,500	HRNTE
Archeological Reconnaissance	\$17,500	Lump Sum
Cost Effective Analysis	\$7,500	Lump Sum
Regulatory Assistance	\$100,000	HRNTE

Motion: Steve Shoemaker moved to recommend to Council to approve CEI contract 2024-12 for the design and bidding of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Flow EQ Basin project.

Motion seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: This project also includes headworks facilities with screening and grit removal and re-direction of multiple force mains and necessary control valves and electrical, control, and instrumentation upgrades to integrate with WWTP per the recent PER submittal. Total Contract amount is \$2,492,500. The total project cost is \$29 million. Design contract work is scheduled to require 15 months to complete. Mr. Shoemaker stated that he had spoke to many of his contacts in other communities in the same situation due to the shear amount of costs associated with this project. He stated that every contact he spoke with stated that it is always best to go with one engineering firm for projects of this magnitude. They stated that trying to piece together parts of projects causes more room costly errors and usually ends up making the project even more costly. Mr. Flamion stated that there will be 12,000-man hours spent on this project from CEI and that this cost is 10% of the entire project. Ms. Helms spoke

on a bond for this project and stated that Baker Tilley was already involved and once the bond was acquired, some of this cost could be reimbursed by the bond. In the past, the Sewer Department has maintained a A- credit rating and has had no problems in obtaining a bond.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Emergency Repair Update

Motion: Steve Shoemaker moved to recommend to Council to approve a declaration of emergency and the contract with Inliner Solutions for an emergency repair on a 30" ductal iron pipe with final review by legal.

Motion seconded: Russell Powell

Discussion: This is for an emergency repair and two quotes were received per statute. The recommended contractor provides the best value for the Town and its customers.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Request for recommendation to Council to approve CEI contract amendment 2024-10.

This contract is for engineering assistance for emergency pipe lining on the 30" Summer Pecka repair. Contract cost is hourly, not to exceed \$8500.

Motion: Leanna Hughes moved to recommend to Council to CEI contract amendment 2024-10 for Emergency pipe lining on the 30" Summer Pecka repair. Contract cost is hourly, not to exceed \$8500.

Motion seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: This is due to the emergency repair

5. Request for recommendation to Council to approve manhole replacement costs

The Utility Committee had already stated that the manhole should be replaced at the May 2024 meeting for 8300 Lancaster. Per property owners request he has asked for the manhole to be lowered for safety reasons. This manhole is roughly 50 years old and there is a risk of it crumbling when trying to remove sections so the costs is \$13,378.84 from Hydromax. If the contractor can successfully remove and rest exiting barrel and cone sections, the costs will be \$3,312.79.

Motion: Leanna Hughes moved to recommend to Council to approve replacing manhole at 8300 Lancaster for \$13,378.84 from Hydromax.

Motion seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: If the contractor can successfully remove and rest exiting barrel and cone sections the costs will be \$3,312.79. This manhole needs to be lowered for safety reasons.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Lighthouse Landing discussion

Scott Buehel with Cash Waggner had requested an agreement be written for the placement of a private force main in a private easement and signed by the owner, Town of Newburgh and Warrick County. Mr. Wischer had written the agreement and it was approved by the property owners and the County. This is for the property at the corner of Pollack and Sr 662 for proposed storage building and a commercial building.

Motion: Russell Powell moved to recommend to Council to approve the waiver of sanitary sewer standards to place a two-inch force main in a private easement and for an agreement between Town, property owner, and Warrick County for Lighthouse Landing.

Motion seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: This is due to the sewer line being placed in a private easement. This property is at the corner of Pollack and 662.

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Industrial Waste Permit Renewal

Mr. Powell discussed the renewal of the permit to Authorize to Discharge under Newburgh, Indiana Code of Ordinances, Title V, 53 (2016) for PBTT Newburgh at 622 Vann Road in Newburgh, Indiana, 47630. He stated that this permit shall become effective on September 1, 2024 and shall expire at midnight on August 31, 2029.

Motion: Russell Powell moved to recommend to Council to approve the industrial waste permit for PBTT at 5622 Vann Road subject to legal review.

Motion seconded: Leanna Hughes

Discussion: This is the renewal of the wastewater industrial permit. They also have a state permit for industrial wastewater.

Motion passed unanimously.

Engineer Report, Drew Flamion

1. Sewer Utility Improvements Project

a. PER Update

Mr. Flamion stated that the CEI had received the SPY 2024 Project Priority List for May 2024. He stated the score that the Town of Newburgh received made the Town ineligible for SRF Grants, he also stated this wasn't a Surprise. He stated that open market financing would be much quicker and much more flexible for funding for projects.

Mr. Flamion also stated that the Newburgh Sewer Code of Ordinance were being reviewed by multiple people so that the Ordinances could be evaluated and cleaned up and the most recent Ordinances were being utilized.

Mr. Flamion commented on the State St/ Jennings St Sink hole project. He stated that there were some concerns that were being evaluated concerning a

conflict with the sanitary sewer and the storm sewer. He would comment more on this situation when he received more information.

Mr. Flamion also commented on the Flow EQ project and stated that the schedule was a couple months behind. On a high-level review, he stated that CEI would like to reduce this project to 12 months instead of the 15-month time frame.

Utility Chairman, Steve Shoemaker
N/A

Town Attorney Report, Conner Voegel
N/A

Acting Town Manager – Andrea Balboni

Mrs. Balboni brought forth Mr. Powell's request for Noah Schmittler, Waste Water Collections System Operator to be given a pay increase.

Motion: Russell Powell moved to recommend to Council to approve a pay increase of \$1.26 for Noah Schmittler to bring him to \$24.74.

Motion seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: Noah has been with the town for 18 months and is doing a great job.

Motion passed unanimously

Utility Manager, Susan Helms

1. Financial Report

- a. Mrs. Helms stated that the operating account balance was \$6,533,181.30.
- b. Mrs. Helms updated the Committee on the 2020 Bond. She stated there was \$1,359,939.43 left. Blue Lake, Part A has \$2.7 M and Blue Lake, Part B has \$1.1 M left, including retainage for part B. Part A held retainage in a bank. When both projects are complete, payment will be made by the remaining of 2020 Bond and will require \$2.5 M from the improvements account


Motion: Andrea Balboni moved to adjourn the meeting.

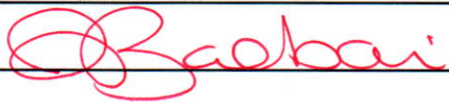
Motion seconded: Susan Helms

Discussion: No additional discussion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approved this 3rd day of July, 2024.



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