

MINUTES

City of Norwich, Water Commission

March 20, 2019

Present; Chairman J. Drelich, Comm. J. Kelly, Comm. D. Wilson, Comm. K. Winans, Comm. G. Baas

Also Present; E. Pepe

Absent; Comm. T. Bresina

The meeting was opened by Chairman J. Drelich at 6:30 pm

Motion to approve minutes of September 19, 2018 and October 17, 2018 was made by Chairman J. Drelich and seconded by Comm. D. Wilson, all Ayes approve as written.

Visitors; None

Correspondence; Letter from Larry J. Monahan dated January 13, 2019 addressed to the Mayor and Water Board, email from Rob Baker of Galena Growlers

Old Business; The Chenango Lake milfoil weed was brought up. Supt. Pepe said he would investigate the condition of the weed this summer. He also said he would review what was done in the past to control.

Non-potable bulk water policy was discussed. Supt. Pepe recommended reducing the volume of loads from 5,000 gallons to 2,500. The Water Commission was receptive to this change.

New Business; The letter from Mr. Monahan was discussed. Superintendent Pepe stated that Larry had done a good job for the City to fill in after the former Superintended retired. Supt. Pepe stated that safety was the number one goal for the DPW, and he wants to improve the safety at the WWTP and water dept. by practicing chlorine leak drills, installing updated gas monitoring and safety equipment, and updated fire alarm systems.

Comm. D. Wilson brought up the topic of the Galena Growlers wanting to utilize City of Norwich property operated by the Water Dept. for recreation. The mountain bike club wanted to build trails at the old filter plant on Rexford and the reservoir land per an email correspondence. Supt. Pepe replied back to Mr. Baker that they could not use the proposed areas for recreation. The email response was as follows, "No. These areas are not for recreation and are off limits to the public. They are for the protection of our public drinking water supply. Only City employees are allowed. All others would be trespassing." The matter was brought to the Water Commission and they agreed. Comm. K. Winans brought a motion, per the City of Norwich Water Board, "In the interest of protection of the Cities public drinking water supply, no recreational activities shall be permitted on City of Norwich land owned and operated by the Water department, excluding Chenango Lake." The motion was seconded by Comm. D. Wilson, all Ayes approve as written.

The draft SPDES permit for the New Water Filter plant was discussed. Supt. Pepe noted that the draft permit limits were more stringent than the preliminary effluent limits provided by the DEC during preliminary design. He also indicated that the DEC was classifying Ransford creek as an intermittent stream. Comm. J. Kelly commented that this was not listed as an intermittent stream on USGS maps. Supt. Pepe stated he would share the draft SPDES permit with the board.

Superintendents Report; None

Adjournment; Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm