

MINUTES

City of Norwich, Water Commission

September 18, 2019

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

Also Present; E. Pepe

Absent; None

The meeting was opened by Chairman J. Drelich at 6:35 pm.

Ken Winans submitted his resignation from the Commission effective December 31 2019.

A motion to approve minutes of April 17, 2019 was made by Comm. D. Wilson and seconded by Comm. G. Baas, all Ayes approve as written.

Visitors; None

Correspondence; None

Old Business;

Bulk Water Policy – Supt. Pepe informed the Commission that the Bulk Water Policy was approved by the Common Council.

SPDES Report for Filter Plant - Supt. Pepe informed the Commission that negotiations with the DEC were successful, and the City now has a discharge permit so they can run the filter plant.

Sewer Relief Policy - Supt. Pepe informed the Commission that the Sewer Relief Policy was approved by the Common Council.

Milfoil Weed – Supt. Pepe stated that he was unaware of any milfoil weed issues in Chenango Lake this year, possible due to the dry weather. But it's something to keep an eye on.

Work at Chenango Lake – Dick Thompson is proposing to replace a shore wall at Chenango Lake with a new concrete wall. He is pursuing a permit with DEC to do the work.

New Business;

Dredging Chenango Lake - Comm. D. Wilson asked about the possibility of dredging part of the boat launch area to make it deeper. Supt. Pepe stated a DEC permit would be required for this.

Milfoil weed – The Commission is interested in having someone from DEC/DOH or both chime in on the milfoil weed problem to see what can and can't be done.

Superintendents Report;

Water

New Filter Plant – Supt. Pepe provided the following update. After obtaining the SPDES permit, permit signs were ordered and installed. The main line was disinfected successfully. There were some water quality issues in September, likely caused by the reservoir turning over. We took samples and are waiting for results to learn more about what happened. The Electrical contractor is currently installing the generator. We have not discharged to the distribution system yet.

Lead Service Line Replacement - Supt. Pepe informed the Commission that the City was awarded approximately ½ million dollars to replace lead service lines in the City. The first step is identifying any known lead service lines.

Wastewater

Samplers – The Common Council approved purchase of two new refrigerated samplers, one for the influent and one for the effluent for the WWTP. DEC is requiring the samplers to be refrigerated. The effluent sampler is installed. The influent sampler requires some new electrical outlets to be installed.

Screw Pump oiler replacement – The oil pumps used to supply oil to the screw pumps failed and required replacement. They have been replaced and are working well.

Clarifiers - The clarifier equipment and troughs are 30 years old. They have reached the end of their useful life and need to be replaced, which will be done in the next upgrade project. In the meantime the City has been patching the clarifier fiberglass troughs with new plastic as needed.

OLP pumps – The OLP pumps have been replaced but the motors are original. The motors can be rebuilt or replaced. The City is looking at both options.

PAC – The City is making PAC dosing adjustments in order to learn how much phosphorus removal can be obtained by adding PAC in order to better be prepared for phosphorus limit revisions occurring in 2025.

Adjournment; Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm. Next meeting