

## MINUTES

City of Norwich, Water Commission

June 14, 2023

**Present;** Comm. S. Simmons, Comm. G. Baas, Comm. D. Wilson, Comm. S. Dietrich, Comm. J. Kolb, Comm. A. Locke

**Also Present;** E. Pepe

**Absent;** Chairwoman J. Kelly

The meeting was opened at 6:30 pm.

A motion to approve minutes of April 19, 2023 was made by Comm. D. Wilson and seconded by Comm. G. Baas, all Ayes approve as written.

**Visitors;** Dave Forrester 163 W. Shore Rd

### **Correspondence;**

Tim Handy of 167 W. Shore Rd is requesting to make improvements to city owned property. Improvements may include work in the water so a DEC permit may be needed. The Water Commission requested that Supt. Pepe let Mr. Handy know he will have to reach out to DEC to see if a permit is needed or not prior to Water Commission approval.

Supt. Pepe stated he was approached by a Mr. Orals. Mr. Orals is interested in developing a property on the south side of the Lake near the boat launch. Mr. Orals stated the biggest problem would be the septic system. He said he was trying to gather more information before presenting to the Water Commission.

### **Old Business;**

1. WWTP Upgrades – Supt. Pepe stated that in recent discussions with the Finance Director, both Supt. Pepe and the Finance Director came to the conclusion that a \$16.3M upgrade at the WWTP, with a financed portion of \$8M, would be too expensive for the City to afford. They determined that a \$4M project with only \$2M in financing could be affordable without straining the Sewer Budget. Supt. Pepe stated he would focus on the highest priority items for replacement.

Comm. G. Baas made a motion to recommend a \$4M upgrade to the WWTP, seconded by Comm. J. Kolb, all ayes approve.

2. Water Meter replacements – Supt. Pepe stated that the bid was awarded to Ferguson Water Works/Master Meter, and the contract was in the process of being executed.

3. New Filter Plant SPDES Permit – Supt. Pepe stated that the Water Dept. has begun discharging backwash wastewater to the creek in attempt to further evaluate the levels of aluminum in the backwash. Supt. Pepe stated they might need to put the filter plant online when they test Well 4.
4. Broad Street watermain replacement – Preconstruction meeting was held 6/5/23. Construction began on 6/12/23.
5. I&I project – No updates
6. NYSDEC Dam Engineering Report – The engineer has finalized the report and now are submitting to DEC.
7. Well 4 Alternative Hydrogeologic Evaluation (AHE) – Supt. Pepe stated that the City has contracted with GeoServices to complete the Evaluation. He stated he was in the process of gathering information and data for Geoservices.

**New Business;**

1. Beavers have been spotted at Chenango Lake. Supt. Pepe informed the Commission that he has hired a trapper to trap the beavers.

**Adjournment;** Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting is September 13, 2023 at 6:30pm to be held at the WWTP.