

**OCEAN PINES SERVICE AREA
WATER AND WASTEWATER
Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, October 24, 2024**

Present: **Water and Wastewater Advisory Board**
Fred Stiehl, Jim Spicknall, Jack Collins, Bob Kane, Will Gabeler
 Worcester County Public Works
Dallas Baker, Chris Clasing
 Worcester County Public Works - Water and Wastewater Division
Tony Fascelli, Meg Etzler
 Worcester County Treasurer
Quinn Dittrich

Fred Stiehl called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Fred asked if there were any changes or additions to the August 13, 2024 minutes. Jack asked if the volume of sewage hauled from Riddle Farm being stated, in the minutes, at 3,594,000 gallons from April through July 2024 is correct. Dallas stated that it sounded correct. Discussion was held if this was abnormally high, etc. Following discussion Will made a motion to approve the minutes as written.

Water Production

- Our meter loggers have been in operation for about a month. We saw no interruption to the well power. The study we were considering on the electrical system is \$18,000. We don't have the money budgeted. We will have to figure out how to fund this or move it to next year. Dallas shared that whatever interruption to the electrical systems we are having is on our side, not on the power company.
- EPA visited us in September. To date we have not received comments from the visit. Tony shared that they checked our process, documentation, records, etc. and they inspected all the wells.

Water Distribution (08/13/24 to present)

- Twenty new services; 45 leak repairs
- Capital Projects – the large-scale radio read meters funding was approved – this process will take at least a year to replace – the company doesn't have all the meters available. They will be shipped as they become available, and we will be installing them as received.
- blue tubing will be ordered as needed

Wastewater Treatment Plant

- BRF rates – year to date: 2.45 for Nitrogen; 0.25 for phosphorus
- Storage lagoon permit - received from MDE: we are working with the gas company to get the gas main relocated out of the berm. When we originally put the budget together it was approximately \$300,000. Now with the retaining wall requirement and relocating the gas main, this project will be asking for approximately \$450,000. We will use the existing \$300,000 available to move the gas main and the retaining wall will be built next fiscal year.
- Belt Filter Design – 60% submittal.

- The volume of sewage hauled from Riddle WWTP to the Pines: 7/28/24 through 9/14/24 was 186,000 gallons. As asked previously this figure was in question and Dallas stated it was correct.
- Capital equipment – UV disinfection rehab installation via an electrical contractor was approved.
- Capital projects –
 1. Oxidation treatment tank cleaning – needs Commissioner approval. We are scheduling for spring.
 2. The replacement mixer for the Flow Equalization Tank needs Commissioner approval. Dallas explained that any costs over \$25,000 need Commissioner approval.

Wastewater Collections System (08/13/24 – present)

- SSO's - none
- Household tanks replace: 11 9 3 plastic, 5 fiberglass, 2 concrete); one new install
- Smoke testing is on hold until fall.
- Capital projects –
 1. Busch pumps are ordered as needed.
 2. Fiberglass vacuum tanks are ordered as needed.
 3. Lift station T pump replacement – approved by the Commissioners
 4. Receiving Tank Station I needs replaced – approved by Commissioners

Construction Projects

- Triple Crown Phase II (3) – water & sewer 80% complete. Discussion was held on who is responsible for maintaining the facilities.
- Refuge at Windmill Creek (90) completed. Model home water meter installed
- AGH – completed
- Gum Point Road (15 sewer) no change since the June meeting
- St Martins by the Bay (58 water) – 30% design was due 9/12/24. To date, no response
- River Run Townhouses (56) no change since June meeting
- River Run Single Family Homes (38) water bacterial test passed. Sewer facilities passed pressure test. Pump station is 80% complete.

General discussion was held on construction projects, grinder pumps and EDU's.

Financial Update

Quinn shared the Balance Sheet and Income Statement through September 2024. Quinn answered inquiries and clarified figures. Discussion was held.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

With no further business Jim made the motion to adjourn. Jack seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Etzler
Administrative Assistant