

**OCEAN PINES SERVICE AREA
WATER AND WASTEWATER
Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

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

Jim called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

There were no minutes available from the August 26th meeting.

Water Production

- FY 25 - the well resiliency evaluation is complete. Staff are reviewing the report.
- FY26 – Capital Project
 - i. Caustic stainless steel tank replacement (\$20K)
 - ii. Well chlorine contact tank inspection (\$35K)
 - iii. Capacity management plan/resiliency study & water model (\$85K)

Water Distribution (8/26/25 to present)

- New services: 4.
- Leak repairs: 2
- Capital Projects:
 - FY 25 – Radio Read Meters – replacement underway, 2373 out and 5,054 meters replaced.
 - FY26 – blue tubing replacement (\$30K)

Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Belt Filter Design – 75% complete on 11/15/24. The DBF engineering firm is currently working on the electrical design.
- Volume of sewer hauled from Riddle to Ocean Pines 4/1/25 – 7/12/25, 4,095.600 gallons.
- FY 25 Capital projects:
 - i. Oxidation treatment tank cleaning (Treatment Unit #4) – awarded 5/6/25 to Miller Environment Group. \$124,157.97. Budget was \$75,000. Remaining funds were used from OP reserves; will add additional tank cleanings to future budgets. Dallas clarified some of the questions Jim had regarding this.
 - ii. Replacement mixer for the Flow Equalization Tank delivered, waiting on contractor schedule to clear and then install.
 - iii. Blower – commissioners approved additional funding to repair blower. Purchase order issued 6/5/25. Six to eight weeks to repair. Waiting on repair shop to complete.

Note: Dallas stated that under the FY 26 projects the \$\$ figures in parentheses () are the amounts in the FY26 budget.

Wastewater Collections System (4/10/25 – present)

- No Sanitary Sewer Overflows.
- No household tanks replaced.
- FY 26 Capital Projects
 - i. Busch pumps (\$30K) order as needed
 - ii. Fiberglass Vacuum Tanks (\$120K) order as needed
 - iii. Lift Station T pump Replacement (\$70K) replacing with Flygt
 - iv. Lift Station T Wet Sell Reline (concrete) (\$65K)

Construction Projects (Total EDUs)

- Triple Crown Phase II (30) – Punchlist complete. Waiting on as-builts. No change since last meeting.
- Refuge at Windmill Creek (90) Phase 1 contractor installing pit resitters with dual check valve. Phase 2 soil cement is being installed for roadway.
- Gum Point Road (15 sewer). 1 New EDU sold on 08/12/25.
- St Martins by the Bay (58 water) – engineer/owner agreement received from design firm on 12/23/24. Survey work is complete. Agreement being finalized. Preliminary design due 10/12/25 from DBF.
- River Run Townhouses (56) project closed out. Maintenance bond released.
- River Run Single Family Homes (38) Pump station startup was held. Waiting for design engineer's letter of acceptance stating pumps are working per performance curve. Waiting for punch list for water & sewer to be completed. Contractor is investigating infiltration on sewer system during rain event. Contractor is looking into impeller issue with pump station pumps.

Bay Restoration Fee

The Bay Restoration Fee Criteria YTD was submitted and discussed. Prolonged sub-freezing temperatures in January and February affected nitrogen.

Jim shared that the Board would like to send a letter to the Commissioners asking for their support for the Board to contact the State asking for help with this Restoration charge. The Board will work on this when Fred is back from vacation.

Financial Update

EDU breakdown. Quinn shared the Ocean Pines Service Area Balance Sheet through 9/04/25, the Budget Performance Report to date 06/30/25, the Income Statement through 6/30/25 and the allocation of sewer EDU for Ocean Pines as of 08/12/25. Discussion ensued.

Dallas referenced the Sewer EDU allocation spreadsheet provided by Quinn. Although it states it is updated as of 8/12/25, Quinn reported there have been no changes to the sheet. The figures are still valid.

Quinn referenced the questions that Jack had posed to him with answers and explanations. Discussion was held.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**

With no further business Jack made the motion to adjourn. Bob seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Etzler
Administrative Assistant