**WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JANUARY 4, 2018**

**2:00 P.M.**

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairperson Sean Steeg, Committee members Jim Bair and Terry Green: President Nicole Houck, Councilmember Dave Quarry Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Roger Shaffer, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Steve Williams, Assistant Borough Secretary Melody J. Parsons, Borough Engineer Ann Reynolds, and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

Visitors: Dean Harris and Jennifer Clark

Chairperson Steeg called the meeting to order.

**RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**:

Dean Harris asked if the line was tested on Warm Springs Avenue where the Borough dug meter pit and made a line Straight around 30th Street. Manager Wheeler will check to see if the line is working.

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT-** Superintendent Shaffer asked if there were any questions on the Wastewater Treatment Plants Superintendent’s report. Councilperson Steeg stated that in the budget we have a lot of money to replace things. He asked Roger’s opinion. Superintendent Shaffer responded regarding the media for the trickling filter. Superintendent Shaffer stated that the media is well past its lifespan. He stated that the media should be replaced first and the issue is with the pumps. Councilperson Steeg asked how long the pump replacement time would be. Superintendent Shaffer responded about 3 days. Manager Wheeler stated that there is a 12 week lead time. He recommends that the Committee make a recommendation to Council to go ahead and purchase the pumps. He recommends that we have a pump on site.

Councilperson Hyde arrived at 1:15 pm

Supt. Shaffer touched on some highlights on his report.

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Supt.

Williams asked if there were any questions on his report. Councilperson Steeg asked Supt. Williams to clear up what the line on his report “Plant is operating but with some problems”. Supt. Williams responded that it is one thing after another.

The gas boilers were looked at today by Allied and they are up and running. The generator had a cooler temperature alarm. When it is in alarm it won’t run. The generator needs a bigger block heater. He made a call and is working on getting a price. The UPS is discontinued. It expired in November. Supt. Williams reported the price for a new UPS is $700-$900. They are also working on the end of the year reports.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT-ANN REYNOLDS-GHD ENGINEERING:**

Eng. Reynolds reviewed her report with the Committee and asked if there were any questions. She reported that they are still gathering data for the local limits analysis. She explained the Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program Review. They have still not received anything on the water allocation permit. GHD received comments issued from DEP regarding the Bulk water station they are preparing a response to this. Eng. Reynolds suggested that the new Council members take tours of the WWTP and the WTP.

**OPEN ISSUES:**

**Water Tank telemetry replacement: change of scope for plc's-**Councilperson Bair stated that we have received a price of $34,000.00. Manager Wheeler stated that we only got a price from one company and it is probably not co-stars. He suggests that the engineers put together an RFP and advertise it for bid.

**Evaluation of 12” Water line Replacement-**We need to decide whether and when to do. Manager Wheeler reported that he spoke with Eng. Reynolds and Walker Twp. has wells that they use. We talked about meeting with their water authority to discuss the possibility of hooking on to their system for back up source for our system. Manager Wheeler, Eng. Ann and Steve Williams will meet with Walker Twp. in February.

**Pre-Treatment** Program-Received Reports from Judy Mussleman/GHD, meeting held, see notes from Engineer Report.

**CSO Response/WWTP-Engineer’s Report, Submitted 3/31/17. Any Update? –**This is a long-term plan.

**Capital IMPROVEMENT – Piping on Washington St. and Warm Springs Ave (update):** Manager Wheeler stated that he feels that if there are small grants available for such projects then we should look into them. We have several projects that we could request grant money for. If we had an idea on which direction we wanted to take with our stormwater this would be an ideal way to go. One thing we know is that we have an issue with the run at 9th and Moore Streets. Chairperson Steeg stated this will remain on the agenda.

**Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program Review-Industrial processes and material stored, manufactured or used at each SIU to determine SLUG discharge control plans are necessary, etc. see engineering report for update:** See Engineer’s Report request for additional funds.

**LOCAL LIMITS ANALYSIS-On-going thru February 15, 2018-PER GHD and Judy M:** Eng. Reynolds stated that this activity was started due to the conditions for the NPDES permit.

**Conduct formal industrial waste survey:** Eng. Reynolds reported that we received the surveys. We have been concentrating on the reviewing 6 users.

**Carbon System replacement issue-**:Supt. Williams reported that he will be meeting with D & M Electric. He anticipates work will be done in the spring.

**FENCE FOR WWTP/WTP UPDATE:** Manager Wheeler reported that these are all installed. There is an issue that we think may be due to cold weather. He needs to call Tyson Fencing and Security Fencing to talk to them about the issues we are having as a result of the cold weather.

**MONEY FOR TRICKLING FILTERS THAT NEED** to be replaced at Waste Water Plant-RFP’s In –Cost Could be between $1.6 million or $3 million for both: Manager Wheeler stated that Council needs to sit down and go through the engineering bids and select a company to do the engineering work.

Councilperson Bair stated that we already have a company selected. Gwen Dobson and Forman have been selected.

**CHIPPING OF FLOOD WALL-**This will be repaired in-house when time and weather permits: This is to be repaired in-house when time and weather permits.

**TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION AT BOTH WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS-Updates on Completions**: The Committee was updated on Chris Ludeker’s training.

**Bulk Water Station**-See Eng. Report for an update on progress.

**2016 Annual Report- Any Questions:**

**DISCUSSION ON RFP’S FOR CSO FOR 4TH STREET-SEPARATE PROJECT:** The Committee will need to select an Engineer.

**WATER PLANT COMPLETION/FINAL PUNCH LIST:** Councilperson Bair asked Eng. Reynolds what we have left. She responded leaking in the walls and floor of the well and the gates on the end of the basins.

**OPEN HOUSE AT PLANT:** This will not be until spring.

**EMPLOYEE REPLACEMENT FOR WATER DEPARTMENT:** Chairperson Steeg reported that the interviews are tonight.

**NEW ISSUES:**

Chairperson Steeg asked to talk about changing his Committee time. He asked the Committee to review this and get back to him. President Houck stated that this will be discussed in Administrative Committee Meeting.

Councilperson Bair asked if has been established where the injections will be. Eng. Reynolds stated that they have explored everything they were asked to. She asked if there were more ideas. She stated we did not troubleshoot all of our ideas the just explored the one they were asked to. Councilperson Quarry stated that it would not hurt to have a third party put some ideas in. Manage Wheeler stated that he will work with Eng. Reynolds to write an RFP.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

 Melody J. Parsons the Borough Secretary