**Huntingdon Borough Water & Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, June 4, 2020**

The Huntingdon Borough Water & Sewer Committee meeting was held virtually by Webex Conference and streamed on the Huntingdon Borough Facebook page.

The Huntingdon Borough Water & Sewer Committee meeting was called to order at 3:39 PM by Chairman Sean Steeg.

Committee members present were Chairman Sean Steeg (Home on Computer), Councilman James Bair (Borough Council Room) and Councilman Terry Green (Borough Council Room).

Members present were President Johnathan Hyde (Borough Council Room), Councilman David Quarry (Borough Council Room), Ann Reynolds (Borough Council Room), Water Treatment Supervisor Steve Williams (Borough Council Room), Wastewater Treatment Supervisor Roger Shaffer (Borough Council Room), Borough Manager Chris Stevens (Borough Council Room) and Borough Secretary Richard King (Borough Council Room).

Guest present were Ian Reagle, GHD (Borough Council Room), Pete Lusardi, GHD (Home on Computer) and Robert Jackson (Home on Computer).

Chairman Sean Steeg proceeded to the Water Treatment Supervisors report.

Steve Williams asked if there were any questions on his report?

James Bair asked Steve Williams how the water levels were and Steve said they were good.

Chairman Sean Steeg asked about the chlorine residual update.

Steve Williams said they are out testing and things will get worse with the warm weather.

Chris Stevens said that everything is good but you need to flush the fire hydrant at the High School. Steve Williams said after flushing the chlorine residual was .20.

Steve Williams said that with school being out and not using water, the water will become stagnant.

Chairman Sean Steeg proceeded to the Waste Water Treatment Supervisors report

Roger Shaffer asked if there were any questions on his report?

Roger Shaffer said the 125 horsepower electric motor was installed on the ATAD system. Roger said that since we had Huntingdon Electric in to wire this, there is an additional 6 months’ warranty.

Roger Shaffer reported that the list the new DEP inspector had given them for lab changes has been taken care of and she is pleased.

Roger Shaffer said they have received the Lab Accreditation certificate and they are good for 3 years.

Pete Lusardi spoke on the algae impact, 2018-2019 data. Pete said we need to do jar testing when the algae is really bad. Pete said the treatment overall is really good. Pete said that jar testing is a great tool for water quality.

Chairman Sean Steeg asked Steve Williams if we are seeing algae blooms and Steve said you will not see this until the warm weather months and water temperature rises.

Chris Stevens spoke on a report of a sample taken of March 27th and was analyzed on April 1st with high manganese of 9.35 mg/l and 12.7 mg/l from the basins at the Water Plant.

Pete Lusardi said there is confusion between manganese and magnesium.

Chris Stevens said that sludge is scraped out and going to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and asked if this will affect the biological activity. Chris said we are working with PA Rural Water on this also. There was a discussion on this.

Chris Stevens said we are going to meet with PA Rural Water and get a plan in place with the algae when the weather gets warmer. Chris said we are going to continue doing jar testing twice a week from both basins.

James Bair asked Roger if the recent fire had any effect on the plant. Roger said it was stressful. Roger said that Fred from DEP came up and walked the river and took samples and things were good.

Roger Shaffer said when he comes in between 6:00 and 7:00 AM, the flows are currently 0 and when this happens things are not being diluted.

Pete Lusardi left the meeting at 4:00 PM.

Chairman Sean Steeg proceeded to the Engineer’s report.

Ann Reynolds reported that Summit Consulting is coming to install the SCADA the week of the June 15th.

Ann Reynolds reported that GHD will be here the week of June 22nd for startup.

Ann Reynolds reported that D & M is still planning on starting the 4th to 5th Street Water line replacement on Penn Street in mid-July.

Ann Reynolds spoke on the 500 block of Penn Street Water line replacement and tried to supplement this with 4th to 5th Street work HOP but Rodney Hill (PennDOT) wanted to have a full Highway Occupancy Permit for the 500 block.

Chris Stevens said they might expedite this quickly due to benefiting them with the traffic control.

Chris Stevens reported that the Maintenance Department took 9 days for the 600 block of Penn Street Water line replacement.

Ann Reynolds said there is 23 service lines on the 500 block so this might take a little longer.

Chris Stevens reported on the SCADA computer upgrade and said the proposal came in a lot higher than expected. Chris said to replace the server, 3 desktops, 1 laptop and programs was $58,000.00. Chris said he requested a breakdown of this.

Chairman Sean Steeg proceeded to Old Business.

Chris Stevens said over the last 2 weeks, we have been having conference calls to go over the bond refinancing. Chris said that we have a rating of A-Stable.

Chairman Sean Steeg proceed to New Business.

Chris Stevens said we have a quote from John C. Yenter to replace the curbing and sidewalk that Maintenance had to go thru for the Water line. Chris said he is working with the Gas Company, that they want to move their line into the parking lot also to get off of the state road.

Chris Stevens said if they do this, then they can share the paving cost of the parking lot.

James Bair asked about the Fire Hydrant that was removed and the new one that was placed. Chris Stevens said the new one is active.

James Bair asked what is going to happen if Huntingdon Electric needs service and Terry Green said that Maintenance dropped a T in the line for future use.

It was mentioned that when we hear from the gas company to put this on the Administrative Agenda for next week.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 PM by James Bair.

Minutes submitted by,  
  
  
  
Richard S. King  
Borough Secretary