Huntingdon Borough Water & Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 5, 2021

The Huntingdon Borough Water & Sewer Committee meeting was held in the Borough Council Room, 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

The Huntingdon Borough Water & Sewer Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Sean Steeg at 3:30 PM.

Members present were Chairman Sean Steeg, President Johnathan Hyde, Councilman James Bair, Councilman Terry Green, Councilwomen Dee Dee Brown, Mayor David Wessels, Engineer Kevin Nester, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Steve Williams, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Roger Shaffer, Borough Manager Chris Stevens and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Guest present were Dean Harris and Kevin Johnston.

Chairman Sean Steeg recognized the guest present and asked for their comments.

There were no comments made.

Chairman Sean Steeg called on the Water Treatment Plant Supervisors report.

Steve William said he had received a service program contract from IXOM Watercare and there are 3 options to pick. Option 1 is a standard annual cost (re-quoted annually) for $8,380.00; Option 2 is a locked annual cost (3 year term, invoiced annually) for $8,715.00; and Option 3 is a upfront one-time cost (3 year term, invoiced at start) for $23,883.00.

Steve Williams said this is for the Smithfield Tank; Flag Pole Tank and Taylor Highland Tank.

Steve Williams said this program is a comprehensive damage repair, access to on-staff water quality, annual maintenance of Ixom Manufactures equipment, onsite crew response for critical application & operational service issues, maintenance on third party equipment supplied by Ixom, removal storage and redeployment of potable water machines, pre-enrollment requirement and service contract start date and invoice date.

Steve Williams said that he would recommend option 3 for $23,883.00.

**The Water & Sewer Committee recommends a motion to accept the quote from IXOM Watercare for a service program of the Smithfield Water Tank, Flag Pole Water Tank and Taylor Highlands Water Tank option #3 for $23,883.00.**

There was a discussion on the chlorine issues in the system.

Engineer Kevin Nester said we could flush hydrants more or to install a chlorine booster pump station. Kevin said we could install a 10’ X 10’ building with the booster pump in it and he explained how it would work.

Chairman Sean Steeg said this could be a danger to the public and we would get our hands slapped that we should just put one in.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens asked if there were any complaints on the smell.

Steve Williams said he had no complaints of any smell.

Steve Williams reported there were problems with the SCADA contact time and this has been fixed.

Steve Williams said there are alarms on the SCADA system that is not on it.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said to work with Joshua on this.

Chairman Sean Steeg asked if we should approach a chlorine booster pump station or table for another month?

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said we could have Kevin Nester look at prices on the chlorine booster pump stations and get back to us.

Chairman Sean Steeg called on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisors report.

Roger Shaffer reported the equipment at the head of the plant was down. Roger said he had to order a gear box and augur for the Muffin Monster from California since this was an emergency repair. Roger said this has been installed.

Roger Shaffer reported the Fred Clark from Department of Environment Protection (DEP) was in to inspect the CSO’s and he handed out Fred’s report.

Roger Shaffer said that Fred Clark was good with the 4th Street CSO and Regular No. 1 should be coming off of our permit.

Councilman James Bair asked what does taking off Regulator No. 1 do for us.

Roger Shaffer said that if it was not taken off then we would have to install a meter and do testing at this site.

Roger Shaffer said that when 4th Street is completed we will need to update our maps.

Chairman Sean Steeg asked how are the clarifiers looking?

Roger Shaffer said we had a quote about 6-years ago to sandblast and paint these and he will probably have to have new quotes. Roger said we drain these and inspect these yearly and make repairs if needed.

Roger Shaffer said the ATAD pump electric motor went bad and he has ordered a new one.

Roger Shaffer said we need to look at replacing the valves on the ATAD system and look at replacing the pumps.

Chairman Sean Steeg said we need to revisit the 5-year plan.

Councilman James Bair asked if we could just replace 1 valve at a time.

Roger Shaffer said we would need to replace both.

Roger Shaffer said he would still like to get a 6” trash pump to help take the tanks down. Roger said this was already on the 5-year plan.

Roger Shaffer reported that Shane Peachey has started working and he is doing ok.

Chairman Sean Steeg called on the Engineers report.

Kevin Nester said he had nothing to add to his report, and said he had received an email from Steve Williams that he forwarded to him from Susquehanna River Basin Commission on questions they wanted. Kevin said the only question he needed clarification on was on the Water & Sewer Authority.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said the Authority sets the rates on Water & Sewer.

Chairman Sean Steeg called on the Borough Managers report.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said he had received a letter from Gwin, Dobson & Foreman, Inc. representing Walker Township Municipal Authority requesting the borough accept a minimum of 10,000 gallons of septage per week.

Roger Shaffer said that Fred Clark (DEP) said it was 8,000 gallons per week in our permit but he could not find it.

Roger Shaffer said that he would clarify this with Fred Clark (DEP).

Chris said that we will be talking to Walker Township.

Chairman Sean Steeg called on old business.

There was nothing reported under old business.

Chairman Sean Steeg called on new business.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens reported that HRI has submitted Application #8 for payment and the copy that was given was not correct and he presented a new copy. Chris said there was a payment not taken off the one that was given.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that HRI has submitted Application #8 for payment in the amount of $348,191.28 for the 4th Street CSO project.

**The Water & Sewer Committee recommends a motion to approve the payment of application #8 from HRI for the 4th Street CSO project in the amount of $348,191.28.**

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that the Water & Sewer accounts are ok.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that with the 4th Street CSO project, we have replace 13 blocks of new water lines.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that he would like to get the Water & Sewer accounts built back up before we start on the lead removal on water lines. He said this will be a hugh expense.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said he would like to have the water meters on a satellite read system but said this would be very expensive. Chris said if we had this then we would have 2 more employees help on other work that is needed.

Chairman Sean Steeg called on any other business.

Chairman Sean Steeg gave a reminder that the new sunshine law goes into effect where we need to publish on the website and out front the agenda’s 24 hours in advance of our meetings and we will need the reports to publish also.

Chairman Sean Steeg said if borough council wants to add anything to let him know or Rick.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that Steve Williams will be retiring on January 4, 2022 and he has talked to Kevin Johnston and Duane Brown and they have worked it out between them on the supervisors position.

After no further business, the Water & Sewer Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:19 PM.

Minutes submitted by,  
  
  
  
Richard S. King  
Borough Secretary