



UTILITY/MARINA COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES OF JULY 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 8:11 a.m. by Lutke.

Present: Long, Lutke and Suppes
Staff present: Aylsworth, Fay, Larrea and Miller
Guests: Mark Huggard of Jacobs

Reports

DPW Director Miller reported another round of water distribution samples have been completed; results were satisfactory. Chlorination of water systems complete as well as hydrant flushing at the Marina. A monthly schedule to flush has been set up. The water wells have been inspected and the inspections passed. The O rings on one of the wells were replaced, just routine maintenance. The well was chlorinated, followed by two consecutive negative bacte tests. The new generator has been installed at Port Sutton. We are waiting on DTE for gas up there. The permits are in. We need to trench the line and set the meter, followed by the physical tie in, testing, and acceptance. In the sewer department, routine cleaning at the pump stations is coming up, especially the areas of the collections systems. Manual inspections are key to identifying any potential issues before they become a problem. Miller is setting up a meeting with Fleis and Vandenbrink regarding the GIS and sewer cleaning tracking. An overlay will be created on the GIS system, a permanent visual record, which will allow staff to pull it up on the computer; a very effective tool. We are waiting on two sludge pumps for the plant which were ordered about ten weeks ago. The pumps we have are still operational. A new bore was ordered for aeration basin #2.

Harbor Master Aylsworth reported the Marina is fully operational, and that it is very busy, more than usual. Aylsworth has had to implement additional safety measures due to the lack of safety compliance of boaters during the 4th of July. She has reduced the hours at the Marina, and split Marina staff into two groups. Staff are wearing masks but noted many boaters do not. There is signage at the Marina promoting safety. She reported the Leland Harbor shut down due to the pandemic. She is grateful for the support from the Village Manager. Aylsworth reported seicheing at the Coal dock. KAL placed gravel and stone which has helped to keep things dry. She reported taking on a bio engineering project by the Harbor Hut and since then she has not seen seicheing. Plants and foliage were planted and it looks very nice. She is hoping to do the same in a couple of other areas to help with seicheing. We are at our high-water level, noting July is usually the highest, so we are at our peak. Compared to other marinas we are doing great due the Marina project last year.

The May and June WWTP was submitted by Huggard and can be found in this meeting packet. Huggard referred to information in his reports.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Treasurer DeVol and can be found in this meeting packet.

Larrea reported Reith Reilly may be in Friday to do the patching, weather dependent. A contract was signed to cut and replant trees, and a spring and fall strategy to cut and replace trees will be developed. There are a lot of trees that are dead. Cameras will be installed at Sutton Park once a pole is installed to mount the camera. Charter will install the cable.

Report VSB-2020-30 Marina Bridge

Larrea reported safety issues at the frequently used bridge; damage which has been caused by seiches. The bridge is dislodging from itself; water seiches over it constantly. The bridge is slimy and slippery and in very bad condition. The bridge sinks down and people could fall off into the wetland. Staff put up caution tape and bridge users take it off and walk on it. The bridge needs removed now and replaced in the future, after water levels are down. Larrea met with a representative from EGLE last fall and a vision was discussed for the new bridge, one that is wider and more solid with a seating area and educational signs. Granting opportunities may be available. Long suggested making the bridge ADA compliant. Miller said there is some disassembly work involved. Staff will pop the ends off and signs posted until a full removal can take place. No permits are necessary to remove it.

Report VSB-2020-31 Cruise Line Inquiry

The request was to partner and support their cruise line so Viking Cruises can provide excursions. This is a commercial operation. It would bring in buses, boats and people. There are pros and cons to this endeavor. It could be an economic generator. It would require necessary infrastructure, and the cruise line would need to throw in a lot of financial support. Committee had reservations and wondered if the guests would expect evening amenities noting the Village rolls up early. A huge factor is costs; the cruise line would have to contribute financially. Do other communities have any interest in it and if so, how would they contribute? Buses would need to be able to turn around at the marina. The cruise line would put a huge strain on the Marina. Committee agreed they needed more information such as scheduling, required infrastructure, and financial support. Is it viable? Committee is curious to see where the idea would go and would like to explore it more. Committee recommends more information about schedule, required infrastructure, financial support. Would the cruise line invest in the community? Larrea will set up a meeting to address the questions and concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Meeting notes submitted by Shar Fay, Village Clerk.