

Utility Commission March 5, 2018

The regular scheduled meeting of the Delmar Utility Commission was called to order by Vice Mayor Pase. In attendance were Commission Members Dickerson and Dewald, Council Member Smith, Town Manager Bynum-King and Clerk of Council Fisher. Absent: Deputy Mayor Unsell.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the February, 2018 minutes as presented. Commission Member Dewald seconded the motion which passed with 4 ayes and 1 absent.

Unfinished Business

Back-Up Well Project

Town Manager Bynum-King reported that all remaining punch-list items have been completed and the component they had been waiting on has been received and installed. The well is operating as it should.

Pine Street Pump Station Update

The Town Manager reported that there is a pre-construction meeting scheduled for this Friday, March 9th. At the meeting will be representatives from the construction company, the funding source (MDE), the Town Engineers, the Public Works Director and herself.

New Business

Town Manager Bynum-King stated that the bid for the water main upgrade project on Grove Street is scheduled for advertising on March 21st. The bid opening is set for April 18th. The projected schedule is for the project to start around June 4th with the hopes that it can be completed by September 4th. Efforts are being made to coordinate with the school schedule to start after the school is closed for the year and before the reopening in the fall.

She said that the project runs from Sixth Street to Pennsylvania Avenue with the replacing of the 4 inch mains with 8 inch mains. That section is Town is one of the last areas to still have the 4 inch mains.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Bynum-King noted that there have not been any additional spills at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Everything is being contained in the aeration tanks. Some of the monthly testing numbers are high, which would be expected after such a spill. The Operators are making chemical and operational adjustments to help bring the numbers down.

The next budget workshop for the Utility Commission is Wednesday, March 14th at 6:00 p.m. We will be reviewing all the budget requests and see how they could fit in the budget.

Commission's Report

Council Member Smith reported that the other day, right around 3:00 p.m., he was traveling westbound on State Street and there was a person on a bicycle way off on the curb who looked unstable riding the bike. When he got to 7th Street, she turned her bike to make the turn and hit his truck. Oncoming traffic saw what happened and stopped to let her cross over. She didn't look to see if there was traffic coming. He stated that she was a high school aged individual.

Commission Member Dickerson stated that he was disappointed in the budget presentation. Everyone is asking for money but no one could show how these requests will show any savings for the Town. There is no reduction in current expenses or return on investment and now they want more money.

Adjournment

Commission Member Dewald made a motion for adjournment which was seconded by Council Member Smith. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 absent.

Cindy Fisher
Clerk of Council