

Utility Commission
August 5, 2019

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commission Member Dewald to approve the July, 2019 minutes as circulated. Deputy Mayor Unsell seconded the motion which passed with 4 ayes.

Unfinished Business

Update- Grove Street Water Main Upgrade

Town Manager Bynum-King informed the Commission that everything that could go wrong with this project did. But all the 4 inch mains have been replaced with 10 inch mains and the paving started last week. There are still some finishing touches to be done. This Wednesday, the Town's Engineers, the contractor and the Public Works Director will meet to create a punch-list of items that still need to be corrected or completed.

She stated that on one end of Pennsylvania Avenue at Grove Street there were several valves not working correctly and unable to shut off water to various mains they were tied to. The contractor was able to make some of the corrections while the ground was dug up and the mains were exposed. The Town Manager feels that the contractors could have done a better job of traffic control based on the amount of resident complaints the Town received. The Town Manager did say that it had been about 10 years or longer since there had been any type of repairs on Pennsylvania Avenue and that this project was a major undertaking.

Council Member Smith stated that what has been done to the roads looks good. Vice Mayor Pase said that the workers were constantly on the go and never seemed to slow down.

The Town Manager said that there are still a few 4 inch mains remaining in Town, most of which were capped off during the project.

Town Manager Bynum-King informed the Utility Commission that tomorrow night she will be attending the Wicomico County Council meeting for a public hearing to finalize the amendment to the County Water and Sewer Plan to incorporate the Delmar Assisted Living Facility from a S-4 to a S-1 category. The Town had to go through this process in order to connect the Delmar Assisted Living Facility to the Town's sewer system. The Comprehensive Plan future growth area map was also required to be amended to include the Delmar Assisted Living Facility. The last piece of the process is to amend the Water and Sewer Plan.

She will be attending the Public Hearing at the Wicomico County Council meeting to answer any questions the County Council or the public may have. Town Engineer Josh Taylor attended

the work shop and the Council didn't have any questions for him on this matter. They were appreciative to the Town for our willingness to annex and connect sewer to the Delmar Assisted Living Facility.

Town Manager Bynum-King said that she will be attending another Public Hearing at the Wicomico County Council meeting for the amendment to our Water and Sewer Plan to include the Traveler's Inn through our Urban Services Agreement. The septic was failing at the Inn and the County Health Department denied their request for another septic due to the failing drain field system and the inability to meet other required regulations. The County suggested that they contact the Town of Delmar to see if the Inn could tie into our water and sewer system.

In the Town's attempt to work with the Traveler's Inn, the MDE Wastewater Inspector informed the Town that it was not permissible to connect the Traveler's Inn because last year we exceeded our daily flow permitted capacity. It was explained that although we exceeded last year so far this year we are operating within our capacity. It was the position of the Inspector that the Town fix our I&I issues along with other permitting issues prior to adding additional impact to the system. Last week the Town Manager stated that she received an email from a Ms. Dinorah Dalmasy, Manager of the Integrated Water Planning Administration with MDE advising of a report that raw sewage was being discharged into the field behind the Traveler's Inn. Ms. Dalmasy recommended that the Town connect the Inn to our system ASAP. It was recommended that at the County's pleasure, the Town submit a retroactive plan of the amended Water and Sewer Plan for the Traveler's Inn.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Bynum-King stated that the Town did have water disconnects for non-payment. There were a total of 86 disconnects with 7 still disconnected.

Adjournment

Upon hearing no comments, Council Member Smith made a motion for adjournment which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Unsell. The motion passed with 4 ayes.

Submitted by:

Cindy Fisher
Clerk of Council