

Utility Commission
January 6th 2020

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were tabled due to lack of a quorum.

Unfinished Business

None to report

New Business

No new business to report at this time

Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager advised the Commission there were several issues discovered after the completion of the Grove Street Water Main project. It was discovered that some of the service lines to the meters were either installed incorrectly or the fittings were not adequately tightened causing significant leaks and low water pressure for some of the residents. Initially the engineers got together with Public Works to test a few of the connections to make sure they were installed properly. Six were tested, five out of those six were loose and needed to be tightened and one needed to be fixed. The most recent problem was on January 2nd on Grove and First Street resulted in a major leak. As a result of that incident, the Town Manager required our engineers to have the contractor come back and to test all service lines and meter pits to make sure the connections are correct. The engineers also recommended the contractor extends the warranty period for an additional year for the work done in Grove Street. Contractors along with the Town Engineers should be back in Town within the week to perform the assessments of the connections.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Update-The Town Manager stated that it is making progress slowly but surely. The new facility Superintendent Frank Daniels is doing a great job getting the WWTP back on track. He discovered during an assessment of the screen and grit unit, someone did not ensure the panel was sealed tight, so the electronics are water damaged and need to be replaced. The Superintendent is getting quotes to replace the entire panel because it would be more cost effective. He is also working on clearing out the drying beds, one of the four has been emptied so far. Mr. Daniel's advised that based on lab results, the plant will be cited for 11 violations for phosphorus during the month of December. The water is a lot clearer now and looks like there is a possibility that in January the numbers will start to turn around.

The Stage Road Sewer Project is still waiting for the contractor, ECM, to get all of the DELDOT requirements met before they can start working. There was a pre-construction meeting last month

in Georgetown, DE with DELDOT Representatives and the contractor. The contractor was given several requirements to have in place before they can start the project.

Adjournment

Member Dewald wanted to offer her condolences to Clerk of Council Cindy Fisher for the passing of her mother. There were no public comments. Deputy Mayor Unsell made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Commission Member Dewald. The motion passed with 3 ayes and 1 absent.

Amanda Taylor
Acting Clerk of Council