

Utility Commission
October 7, 2019

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

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the September, 2019 minutes as presented. Commission Member Dewald seconded the motion which passed with 3 ayes and 1 absent.

Unfinished Business

Update- Grove St. Water Main Upgrade

Town Manager Bynum-King reported that the contractor has cleaned the stockpile areas and re-set the pavers on the sidewalks along N. Pennsylvania Avenue. They also installed the crosswalks at State Street and Pennsylvania Avenue and Grove Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. There have been no complaints of water pressure from the residents. The project is now completed.

New Business

The Town Manager stated that she received a letter on September 28th from John McGee; the project engineer for DB&F, informing her that the Pine Street Pump Station Upgrade Project is complete and he is recommending that the Utility Commission accept the project. The grant portion of the project is completed which consisted of installing raw sewage pumps, guide rails, quick disconnect variable frequency drive and high tide monitoring system. The high tide monitoring system is in place but there needs to be an Operator training session on how to read the monitor.

She also reported that during this fiscal year's budget work session, the Superintendent of WWTP requested \$40,000 to repair the east tertiary clarifier arm drive. A vendor was scheduled to visit the plant to assess the equipment and preliminarily determined the drive could not be rebuilt, it will need to be replaced. According to the Superintendent, we won't know for sure if it needs to be replaced until it is off-site and evaluated. We have operated some time without it and the MDE Inspector notates in her reports that all operating components of the WWTP should be up and operational. If it is determined that the equipment needs to be replaced, then it would require an additional \$40,000 or more.

Commission Member Dewald asked about the meeting with 3rd Wave Brewery. The Town Manager stated that they met with the owner, manager and the operational manager of 3rd Wave. Their operations have very little impact on our system. Sometime they do have bad batches but not enough to create some of the issues the WW Plant has been experiencing. The Town concluded that we would continue to monitor our weekly testing for increases in lab results associated with brewery processing and 3rd Wave will notify our superintendent of WW the next time they have a bad batch so we can work together during the disposal of it. The plan is that

they will release the discharge a little at a time into our system. Ms. Vickers, partner of the business, is very agreeable to everything suggested and she stated that they want to be good neighbors.

Adjournment

Commission Member Dewald made a motion for adjournment which was seconded by Council Member Smith.

Submitted:

Cindy Fisher
Clerk of Council

**Utility Commission
September 3, 2019**

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

Approval of Minutes

Commission Member Dewald notated that on page 2 of Augusts' minutes, the wording of "work shop" should be one word. Commission Member Dewald made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Council Member Smith seconded the motion which passed with 4 ayes and 0 absent.

Unfinished Business

Update- Grove Street, Water Main Upgrade

Town Manager Bynum-King said that the construction portion of the project is complete. The contractor has been back on-site to reset the brick pavers that were disturbed during the construction. The contractor was also on-site working on the removal of the stockpiles along Pennsylvania Avenue and Grove Street areas.

The Town Manager said that so far there have not been any complaints from the residents about water pressure.

Last month, the Town Manager informed the Commission that she would be attending the Wicomico County Council Public Hearing in reference to the County's water and sewer plan amendment to include the Delmar Assisted Living Facility in the Town's utility service area. She did attend the meeting and Wicomico County Council did vote to approve the water and sewer plan amendment as proposed..

New Business

Town Manager Bynum-King informed the Commission that the Stage Road Water Main Extension Project has been awarded to ECM, Inc. and there was a pre-construction meeting on August 28th. The contractor will be presenting a proposed construction schedule within the week for the Town's review and approval.

Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager did inform the Commission that the newest Public Works staff member is attending water operator classes at Del Tech Community College to obtain his water license and become a water treatment operator. Currently we have 3 Public Works staff that have their water operator's licenses.

The Waste Water Treatment Plant, in the last few months, has been maintaining operations within the State's permit established for the facility. Town Manager has arranged a meeting with the owner of the 3rd Wave Brewery; Sue Ellen Vickers, Town Engineer Jason Loar,

Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment Plant Alonzo Hardy for next Friday, September 13th. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the way in which we can work together to reduce the overall negative impact the Brewery's release of a bad batch has on the wastewater treatment testing results causing violations with the Town's MDE permit requirements.

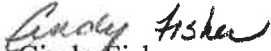
The Public Works staff had several major water leaks that needed to be repaired. In total there were of five (5) water mains and laterals. All five leaks occurred on the Delaware side of Town.

Commission Comments-

Deputy Mayor Unsell said that the Maryland Municipal League dinner is on the same night as the October meeting. He will not be attending the October meeting due to the dinner and will not be attending the November meeting due to being on a cruise.

Adjournment

Commission Member Dewald made a motion for adjournment which was seconded by Council Member Smith. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 0 absent.


Cindy Fisher
Clerk of Council