

**Utility Commission**  
**November 1, 2021**  
**MEETING HELD IN-PERSON AND VIA TELECONFERENCE**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Delmar Utility Commission was called to order by Madam Chair Pase. This meeting is available to the public, in person with limited seating and via teleconference. The phone number and access code for accessibility to the meeting for the general public is posted on the meeting agenda. In attendance were Commission Member Dewald, Council Member Smith, Deputy Mayor Unsell, Town Manager Bynum- King and Clerk of Council Spencer. Guests: John Luca and Tom Bauer

Madam Chair Pase took a roll call for attendance to establish a quorum, and all were present.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made, seconded (Smith/Unsell) and carried to approve minutes from October 4, 2021 with corrections to the spelling of Wood Creek under Unfinished Business and second paragraph; change the month to September. Madam Chair Pase took a roll call vote and the motion was passed 3 Ayes 1 Absent (Smith).

**Unfinished Business –**

**None.**

**New Business/Town Manager Report –**

Town Mgr. Bynum-King reported a status of the Wood Creek Mulligan Way sewer main replacement matter is still unresolved between the Developer and the Contractor.

Town Mgr. Bynum-King made reference to several repairs done at the WTP. Outside skilled services replaced some existing temporary piping in the chlorine feed line in the Chlorine Tank Room and shortly after the piping was replaced there was a leak in the water feedline and outside services were contacted again to make that repair. As of yesterday, Sunday afternoon, it was noticed during the daily water testing that the chlorine booster pump was not pumping enough chlorine to the system. Our normal range PSI is between 100 and 120 but on yesterday afternoon it was holding on 100. This morning when the Superintendent did the water testing the PSI was at 80. We contacted the state and made sure we were good or if we had to provide a public notice. We are fine at this point because there is enough residual chlorine in the system. The Superintendent did contact an outside skilled contractor who could not arrive today but would arrive in the morning to do the necessary repair to the chlorine booster pump.

Town Mgr. Bynum-King noted on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, there was a water main break on Pine Street between Bi-State Blvd. and Sixth Street. An emergency repair was necessary and an outside skilled contractor was on site around 8:00 p.m. The water service for some of the

residents and the laundromat in the general area were interrupted. The services were restored at about 9:45 p.m. that evening. The clean-up concluded around midnight and the contractors did advise that the Town should prepare in the upcoming budget to replace the entire main. We will look for the estimate during our Budget Workshop in March 2022.

Town Mgr. Bynum-King reported the sewer main project is progressing forward. The State is exchanging comments with the Town Engineers in order to ensure the state requirements for the (PER) Preliminary Engineering Review are met. They've had several exchanges of requested information, and engineers providing responses. She added that she is hopeful that the matters can be resolved this month so the project can move forward.

### **Council Comments –**

Madam Chair Pase – She wished Jerome Reid, retired Director of Public Works, well in his future endeavors. She will miss him; she could always count on him to lend a helping hand. He did a good job so she hopes he enjoys his retirement.

Commission Member Dewald, congratulated Jerome Reid on his retirement this past month.

Deputy Mayor Unsell, congratulated Jerome Reid on his retirement. He commented from the couple of occasions, he has had to work with Jerome, whatever the request he was always right there to help. We'll miss him for sure.

Council Member Smith – congratulated Jerome Reid on his retirement and thanked him for all his hard work over the years. It's been a pleasure to work with him. He hoped he had a good future ahead of him.

### **Public Comments –**

Tom Bauer – asked where the water main break was and what section has to be replaced. Town Mgr. Bynum-King replied in Delmar, MD on Pine Street between Bi-State & 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made, second (Dewald/Smith) and carried to adjourn. By roll call, the motion passed with 4 Ayes.

Submitted by:

Clerk of Council