**Water & Sewer Commission Meeting**

**May 29, 2019**

The Independence Water & Sewer Commission met on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at Well # 2, 23235 Birch Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:19pm by Ben Sylla. Present were Tom Kloss, Chad Miemietz, Craig Konter, Jason Ekern, Dennis Pronschinske, and Kari Pedersen.

**Minutes:**

Motion by Jason Ekern and seconded by Chad Miemietz to approve the minutes as presented from the April 29th meeting. Motion Carried.

**Old Business**

**SEH Update – Water Filter**

Jeff Nussbaum sent an email today stating that John Thom and Tom Robarge will be here on June 6th to finish up the backwash optimization project.

**SEH Update – WWTP Projects**

Update from SEH was read over and discussed. We are still waiting for the 4th year report to approved and sent over, nothing has been received yet.

**Ammonia Testing**

Kay Curtin with Rural Water was here for a meeting with Randy Symicek, Dennis, and Tom Kloss in regards to the large amounts of ammonia that are coming into the plant. The chemicals that Randy is using were gone over and it was determined that it could potentially be one of them; however, his cleaning practices haven’t changed and the last test taken at the beginning of May showed low amounts of ammonia and the problem hasn’t reoccurred.

The Commission would like Dennis and Joe to test daily at both to the WWTP and the syphon, as close in time as possible, and bring the results back to the June Commission meeting.

**Reservoir Cleaning Update**

The Reservoir was cleaned yesterday, the 28th. Everything went really well, a full report will be done in the coming weeks and sent over.

**Meter/Radio Installs**

None got installed this month.

**New Business**

**Influent Pumps Repairs**

The pumps are back from Arcadia Motor Company, Joe and Eli installed them and they are running great. We have a spare pump that is repaired and being stored at Arcadia Motor Company. The Commission would like Dennis to bring it back to our facilities for storage.

**Report on New Wastewater Permit**

Everything the new permit will be the same as the current one and will expire in 5 years. At that time, we should expect our phosphorus limits to be lowered in accordance with new WIDNR policies.

**Truck Repairs**

The starter on the main utility truck went out again. It was taken to Brown & Hart for the repair and Dennis was informed that they will no longer warranty the part as they believe it is an engineering flaw with the truck and not the actual part that is going bad.

Tom Kloss would like Dennis to bring the truck to the Highway Department’s shop to have their mechanic take a look to see if he can find anything wrong with it.

**Training – Test Results**

Eli passed his latest two tests, Joe did not.

Dennis is going to send Joe to classes at CVTC in October for Groundwater Supply & Distribution before he takes those tests again in October.

The Commission would like Joe to get in on the weekend plant check rotation now that he is comfortable with his duties. Jason Ekern will be meeting with Joe during next month’s Personnel meeting and will get him set up on joining the rotation.

**Revenues and Expenses**

General Discussion

**Superintendent’s Report**

B&B Electric is coming next Wednesday to work on the generators. The generator at Well 2 will run on Wednesdays for 25 minutes under load, and the WWTP will run on Mondays.

**Items & Date for Next Month’s Meeting**

Tuesday, June 25 @ 4:30

* SEH Updates - Water Filter & WWTP Projects
* Ammonia Testing
* Training
* Superintendent Report
* Revenues & Expenses

**Commissioner’s Comments**

Ben spoke with Gil from Fountain City and the idea was brought up to have the local tri-county area Utility employees start a monthly meeting to get to know each other’s facilities & equipment and share ideas.

Motion was made by Tom Kloss and seconded by Jason Ekern for adjournment. Motion Carried at 7:21pm.

Kari Pedersen

Deputy City Clerk