

WATER SEWER ADVISORY BOARD

JANUARY 11, 2023

Quarterly Meeting – First quarter of 2023

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 @ 8:00 a.m. in the Administration Building Conference Room

Present were Edwards, Bugara, Baxter, Dreger (Mastroianni, Locke, Smith excused absence)

MINUTES: The minutes of October 3, 2022 meeting were approved.

REPORTS:

Operator of Record at WWTP

Kim Laquatra resigned her position in December, leaving on December 30, 2022 to take employment elsewhere. Assistant Superintendent Josh Zwick is now acting as superintendent and operator of record, and permanent hirings are expected to occur this quarter.

WWTP NFA Project Status

Josh Zwick reported the 4th secondary clarifier launder walls are 100% complete. They are beginning work on the junction chamber. The chlorine feed building is being gutted and upgraded at this time. HVAC demolition is 100% complete. New heater and hot water tank are installed and the new chlorine feed system is being laid out. The 36" outfall pipe is making its way from the secondary tank and will begin extending past the contact tank soon. Once the duct bank work is officially complete, work will begin on extending the chlorine contact tank. Three concrete pours are scheduled (1st pour is on 1/11) to form the junction chamber behind the grit building so they can begin adding the outfall pipe.

Lead Service Replacement Project

Dave Crewson reported the Vac is down again. 1826 services have been checked with 1076 confirmed lead, 750 confirmed copper. There are 597 more services to check. The contractor has replaced 310 lead services to date.

Reservoirs/Dams

City Engineer Vince Mueser reported that to avoid an expansion of the spillway at Westville, the City must have a Critical Flood Study performed. The estimated cost for this study is \$70,000, and he would recommend the City continue working with AECOM.

2023 Rates

Mike Dreger reported that he will not be raising water rates in 2023, and is recommending a 3% increase in sewer rates. He noted that O&M costs for 2022 increased 15% for water and 9% for sewer.

Legislative Action:

Baxter moved, Bugara seconded recommending a 3% increase to sewer rates for 2023. Passed 4-0.

Bugara moved, Baxter seconded recommending the City hire AECOM and conduct a Critical Flood Study for Westville Lakes, at an estimated cost of \$70,000. Passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.