

Water and Sewer Committee Meeting
November 16, 2021
10:00 A.M.
Edisto Beach Town Hall

Present: Chairman Jody Kleckley, John David Griffith and Bill Reeside, Committee members.

Present Ex Officio: Town Administrator Iris Hill and Utilities Director Patrick Zemp

Absent: Lou Rassmussen (notice given)

Call to Order: Chairman Jody Kleckley called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. John David Griffith moved to approve the Water and Sewer Committee meeting minutes of October 19, 2021. Mr. Bill Reeside seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Comments

RO Water Plant Tour – Chairman Kleckley asked if the Committee could take a tour of the RO Water Plant during the next meeting. After discussion, Mr. Patrick Zemp scheduled the tour and the next meeting on December 14, 2021, and 10:00 AM.

Old Business

Dominion Energy Update – Chairman Kleckley asked Mr. Patrick Zemp for an update regarding Dominion Energy and the recent power spikes that have been damaging equipment. Mr. Patrick Zemp informed the Committee that Dominion Energy installed an apparatus outside of well #9 to monitor incoming voltage. Mr. Zemp stated that he would provide the results of the data collected with the Committee as soon as he received it from Dominion Energy.

3757 Docks Rd. – Chairman Kleckley asked Mr. Zemp if he had tested the chlorine levels at 3757 Docks Rd. Mr. Zemp informed the Committee that testing was done and results would be sent to the homeowner.

New Business

Update on Lift Station A and B Upgrade– Town Administrator Hill discussed the upgrade design schedule with the Committee and reviewed the awarded amounts given from the Rural Infrastructure Authority throughout the state. Mr. John David Griffith and Ms. Hill discussed hiring qualified bidders, Project Designers, and Construction Administrators. Mr. John David Griffith asked about issues regarding residue in tanks. Mr. Patrick Zemp stated that all tanks are on a washout schedule, which includes washout, painting, recoating and inspection every two years. Mr. Bill Reeside discussed American Engineering funding with Ms. Hill.

Utilities Manager Update -

- a) **Lift Station B** – Mr. Patrick Zemp informed the Committee that the pump at lift station B was damaged and lost due to stormwater infiltration causing over heating and loss of prime due to King Tides and that a bypass pump in place. Mr. Zemp stated that this pump issue would be

correct by the end of the week. Mr. Bill Reeside and Mr. Zemp discussed bypass alarm procedures for emergency.

- b) **Well #8** – Mr. Patrick Zemp informed the Committee that the generator for well #8 will be arriving on November 17, 2021, and that the scope of work would be completed by November 30, 2021. Mr. John David Griffith asked about generator placement and flood levels. After discussion, Administrator Hill asked Mr. Zemp to ask Mr. Patrick Brown, Building Code Administrator to assist with more information.
- c) **Well #7** – Mr. Patrick Zemp gave an update on the pump motor at well #7 with the Committee. Mr. Zemp informed that Committee that this pump motor was not currently online and is going to be used for back up if need be.
- d) **Rate Schedule** – Town Administrator Iris Hill discussed water/sewer rates with the Committee. Mr. Jody Kleckley asked Administrator Hill to send the rate schedule to all members of the Committee. Mr. Bill Reeside requested a copy of locations/maps for wells and pump stations.
- e) **Future Improvements** – Mr. Patrick Zemp informed the Committee that the Town would like to improve electric control panels on lift stations and manholes around the beach needed to be inspected and refurbished. Mr. Zemp also stated that the Town would like to install automatic readers on meters for water. Mr. Zemp mentioned changing from a ground storage tank to an elevated storage tank, which would reduce electric costs and improve pressure on Palmetto Road.

Adjournment

Mr. John David Griffith moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill Reeside and was unanimously approved.

APPROVED BY THE WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE



Angela K. Davis, Municipal Clerk