

**Water and Sewer Committee Meeting
Town Of Edisto Beach
May 17, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Jody Kleckley, and John David Griffith and Lou Rasmussen, Committee members

Absent: Bill Reeside and David Ballard

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

Call to Order

Chairman Kleckley called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2022

Mr. Griffith moved to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2022, Water and Sewer Committee meeting. Mr. Rasmussen seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Old Business

- Dominion Energy Update – Well #9: Patrick Zemp provided a recording summary to the Committee, which showed no issues outside the norm, and power coming into #9 was clean. The sinewave filters have been installed, and there are no issues. Mr. Rasmussen advised Mr. Kemp to look at the service factor to ensure the pump motor will not be destroyed; Mr. Zemp will check on this.
- Update on Moratorium: Town Administrator Hill updated the Committee on this matter. She noted the Town intended to complete lift stations A & B, but we stepped back when the bids come in. Town staff spoke with South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) regarding ARPA funds which will be available this July or August. ARPA applications have a 10 million dollar limit with a reduced local match, which would allow the Town to apply for funding for all phases of the sewer upgrade project. If applying for ARPA funding, the Town would need to relinquish the \$500,000 grant already secured from RIA. Town Administrator Hill noted that the Town of Edisto Beach could choose to do Lift Station B at this time, and complete Lift Station A when additional monies are secured. Town Council approved to move forward and complete Lift Station B with the \$500,000 awarded by RIA. At the appropriate time, we will apply for more grant funding through RIA for Station A, and we will also include Phase II which would completely take it off that smaller line and put it into the bigger line straight into the treatment plant. The new grant money will not be available until July or August so by then we should have a better idea of what we want to do at that point. Mr. Griffith asked if this would remedy the moratorium in place, and the Town Administrator indicated it did not. There is no capacity in some of the lift stations; therefore, there will be moratorium issued in those with no capacity.
- Sinewave Filter Status: As Mr. Zemp noted earlier in the meeting, the sinewave filters have been installed, and there are no issues.

New Business

- 2022-2023 Capital Improvements: Mr. Zemp noted several items for the 2022-2023 Capital Improvements, including:
 - automatic meter reads and currently getting quotes for various stages/packages for this.
 - contractor looking at three manhole rehabs in Wyndham to get them into better shape.
 - a control panel at an additional lift station to get us into compliance with OSHA.
 - five manhole cover replacements along Scott Creek; replace them with a composite, sealable, lockable lid.
 - electronic locks also on the facilities.
- Rate Increases: Administrator Hill shared the current water rate increase approved by Town Council with the Committee for their information. There was a 5% increase due to inflation in both water and sewer; inflation is at 8% but we are keeping it at a 5% increase.

Mr. Griffith asked about chlorine inconsistencies. Mr. Zemp noted that in the summer months, the chlorine level is better, and the level is worse in the winter due to water not moving. Mr. Zemp noted they flush all dead-end lines once a month, and the chlorine is tested by hand.

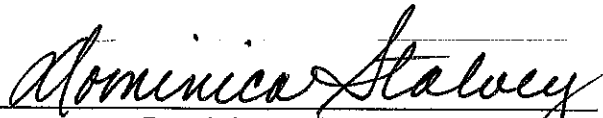
Items for Next Committee Meeting

- Water and Wastewater master agreements: bids will need to be done, and the Committee will be part of the selection committee. The current agreement expires in January 2023, so we need to start this process in late summer or early fall.
- Update on Lift station B and all the components involved with this work.
- Planning for the future: discuss the process for dealing with how we will allow taps on the system.

Adjournment

Mr. Rasmussen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Griffith, and approved unanimously.

APPROVED BY THE WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE



Dominica Stalvey, Municipal Clerk