

BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS – MINUTES 2020
November 23, 2020

Meeting opened at 4:41 P.M.

Present: Paul Joly (via Zoom), Thomas Ferry, Robert Woods (via Zoom), Supt. Harold Gracia and Dianne Curtis.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes: Minutes of November 9th was tabled for approval at the next scheduled Board Meeting.

New Business:

Correspondence: Stonegate Landing Pump Station; Multiple Emails Regarding Pump Station: Russ Kleekamp from GHD Engineering, met with The Board and Supt. Harold Gracia (via Zoom), to discuss emails about the Stonegate Landing Pump Station. Mr. Kleekamp stated his responsibilities in regards to engineer work for the Town of Dighton. He stated to the Board that he discussed with Richard Feodoroff of Stonegate Landing, his part in the engineering aspect of the Pump Station Project, and also cautioned Mr. Feodoroff to not make decisions too quickly. Mr. Kleekamp stated to The Board that he also discussed with Mr. Feodoroff, that he needs to stay on plans for the Pump Station Project. Supt. Gracia discussed with The Board and Russ Kleekamp, that with liability issues, should The Board potentially seek legal counsel. The Board and Russ Kleekamp agreed with Supt. Gracia's opinion about seeking legal opinion. Supt. Gracia asked Mr. Kleekamp if there will be a punch-list for Mr. Feodoroff, for items that need to be completed at the Stonegate Landing Pump Station.

There was discussion between Supt. Gracia and Mr. Kleekamp regarding the 4" Forced Main in Stonegate Landing. It was verified that the valve in the forced main, is buried in the street. Mr. Kleekamp stated that before the Start-Up of this Pump Station, he wants to see this valve to the 4" forced main unburied, he wants to see when the wet well is full and the discharge manhole flow at the Pump Station Start-Up.

The Board discussed with Mr. Kleekamp, options to get the homeowners of 981 Stonegate Landing, into their home before the Pump Station is operational. One option that was discussed, was having a sanitation company come out and pump every two days, which can get very expensive.

Robert Woods asked Mr. Kleekamp if whoever would be doing the daily Pump Station checks at Stonegate Landing, would they need to be qualified. Mr. Kleekamp stated that he did not think there are any special qualifications or certifications for someone to do the daily checks at the Pump Station.

5:30 P.M. Meeting with Richard Feodoroff (via Zoom) Re: Stonegate Landing Pump Station: Richard Feodoroff of Stonegate Landing (via Zoom), met with The Board, Supt. Gracia and Russ Kleekamp from GHD Engineering (via Zoom) to discuss the status of the Pump Station Project in Stonegate Landing and concerns he had. Mr. Feodoroff began by discussing a problem with the 4" forced main (Mr. Feodoroff referenced plans from 2014 by Silva Engineering). Mr. Kleekamp stated to Mr. Feodoroff that he was going to be at the Pump Station along with Mr. Feodoroff, the following morning and that Mr. Feodoroff can explain further, the concerns he has of the 4" forced main.

Mr. Feodoroff discussed the daily checks of the Pump Station with Mr. Kleekamp. Mr. Feodoroff stated that he has someone to do the daily check of the Station and that The Town has full access to that information, if needed. Supt. Gracia discussed with Mr. Feodoroff, what is typically done at The Town's other Pump Stations, in regards to daily checks and what is done during these checks. Mr. Kleekamp discussed contract operations with Mr. Feodoroff and suggested companies that do this type of work.

5:30 P.M. Meeting with Richard Feodoroff (via Zoom) Re: Stonegate Landing Pump Station (Continued):

Mr. Feodoroff briefed The Board, Supt. Gracia and Mr. Kleekamp that the flow meter is not yet installed. He stated that it is ordered and coming from Georgia. Mr. Feodoroff stated that it is expected to be delivered December 3rd.

Mr. Feodoroff discussed a 'red light' outside of the Pump Station. The red light indicates if there is a problem with the Station. Mr. Feodoroff stated that there is also a very loud alarm along with the red light that goes off if there is a problem in the Station. He is concerned with the volume of the alarm and would like to just have the flashing light. Supt. Gracia stated that a flashing light on the Pump Station building would be sufficient. There was discussion between Chairman Paul Joly and Richard Feodoroff regarding when the Pump Station will be ready to run. Mr. Feodoroff stated that he felt that the middle of the following week the Station will be ready.

Strawberry Fields Estates – Letter from Sewer Commission to Zoning Board of Appeals (Z.B.A.): The Board and Supt. Gracia read and discussed the letter that was sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals (Z.B.A.) regarding Strawberry Fields Estate Sewer Availability. A copy of this letter, along with a report from the Dighton Sewer Dept.'s engineer, Weston & Sampson, was sent to Bisher Hashem, Proponent of Strawberry Fields.

Old Business:

Stonegate Landing: The Board and Supt. Gracia reviewed and discussed correspondence from Soares Sanitation Pumping, Inc. and East Coast Generator regarding the Stonegate Landing Pump Station. These letters were at the request of the Town's Building Inspector, along with a list of the homes in Stonegate Landing that are currently using E-1 Pumps.

Thomas Ferry motioned to accept the letters from Soares Sanitation Pumping, Inc. for sanitation pumping services and East Coast Generator for generator services at the Stonegate Landing Pump Station; Paul Joly stepped down as Chair and seconded the motion; all ayes; none opposed; motion passes.

Superintendent's Report:

Supt. Harold Gracia stated that he has been working on cleaning out the wet well at the Park Street Pump Station during the previous two weeks. He said that one side of the wet well is completely cleaned. He stated that he removed approximately 55 gallons of grease and rags at the station and had them disposed of.

Supt. Gracia stated that the 4" valve at Stonegate Landing was addressed.

Supt. Gracia stated that he had to replace the 12-Volt Battery in the Dighton Sewer Dept.'s Truck.

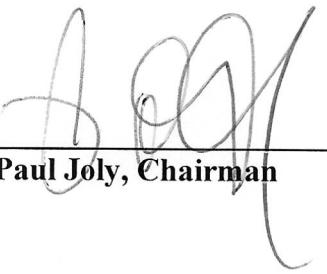
Supt. Gracia stated that at the Bristol County Agricultural High School (B.C.A.H.S.), there was a high-level alarm at 9:53 A.M. one morning from the significant rainfall. He stated that the high-level alarm was going off for a little under three hours. He also stated that both pumps were operating at capacity. He said that he had inspected the wet well and noticed a lot of clean water coming into the wet well.

Supt. Gracia stated that he wanted to discuss the Mission System for the Alarm at the Stonegate Landing Pump Station. He stated that he would not mind being notified of a Station failure at the Pump Station.

Robert Woods motioned to adjourn at 6:10 P.M.; Thomas Ferry seconded; all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Minutes taken by Dianne Curtis. Transcribed by Joelle Anger.



Paul Joly, Chairman



Thomas Ferry, Clerk



Robert Woods