

**VILLAGE OF SKANEATELES  
MUNICIPAL BOARD  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – May 26, 2020**

This Meeting was conducted via Video conferencing pursuant to Executive Order 202.1.

**Present:** Chairman Angelillo, Commissioners Rhoads and Wiedor, Village Trustee Stokes-Cawley, Electric Superintendent Reap, WWTP Chief Operator Twitchell and Clerk to the Boards Dundon.

**Excused:** Commissioners Blackler and Palmer

Chairman Angelillo called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Minutes.** Upon motion of Comm. Wiedor, seconded by Chairman Angelillo, the minutes of April 28, 2020 were unanimously approved as submitted.

**Electric Department Update; Peter Reap.** Supt. Reap reported that:

- Pole 3 on Fennell Street has been replaced. The project went well and only the transfer of Spectrum’s cable facilities to the new pole is yet to be done.
- Electric Dept. personnel put up the banners in support of the graduating seniors on Genesee Street.
- For the new electric substation, installation of the containment system can begin, now that 70-degree temperatures are present.
- The feeder replacement project requires some easements. Supt. Reap is working with Village Attorney Pavlus to accomplish these. The project will require 1,200 feet of cable for three feeders which is expensive. Supt. Reap will report the cost estimate to the Board when determined. This work should be going forward in September.

Chairman Angelillo asked if the Clift Park graduation ceremony had been cancelled? Trustee Stokes-Cawley said that it had been.

**Sewer Treatment Plant Updates; Adam Twitchell.** Chief Operator Twitchell reported:

- 30 doors in the plant have been scraped and painted as part of an overall cleaning and organizing project that backup operator Tom Flett has been assisting with. A power

washer has been mounted and installed. A blower stopped working and the backup blower is being put on-line, expected to be operational 05.27.

- Regarding the ammonia removal requirements under the SPDES permit, GHD (Village engineers) has narrowed the alternatives down to three: (1) increase the media surface on the existing Rotating Biological Contactors (RBCs); (2) add 1 or 2 additional RBCs; or (3) implement mixed media effluent treatment.

Chairman Angelillo asked Comm. Rhoads about the normal process, noting that the Village has an August 1 deadline for a report to DEC. Does the Village have to have tested the alternatives and made a final selection by the time of the report? If so, will there be ample time remaining in which to perform the testing? Or can the Village specify that it is considering three paths?

Comm. Rhoads responded that GHD should be preparing an engineering report that evaluates the costs, operating effectiveness and pros/cons for each approach. The report would then recommend which technology the Village should prepare to use. It typically would include a preliminary design, flows, loads, process line drawings and detailed cost estimate. That report would receive preliminary approval by DEC and then the work on the final design can be done. Comm. Rhoads suggested that GHD be asked about any benchmarking tests they would like done in the interim.

Chairman Angelillo asked what the current levels are? Chief Operator Twitchell said that the ammonia level is running about 2.8, where the objective limit is to be below 2.0. So it is close.

Comm. Wiedor asked what makes it fluctuate? Chief Operator Twitchell said it is a function of water temperature. There is nothing in our process today that controls the levels. Chairman Angelillo noted that the bacteria on the RBC's media surfaces are what takes the ammonia out.

### **Water Operator of Responsible Charge Update; Marc Angelillo**

Chairman Angelillo said that Mike Lynn from the City of Syracuse, who is functioning as the Village's licensed operator, wanted the routine collection of water samples to be done by his people. So, Village employees have been accompanying them in the collections. Adam Twitchell needs to be involved in that process in order to have the practical experience required for licensing. Chairman Angelillo said that he will work with Allan Abbott to be sure that happens.

### **Update on construction in the Village on water, sanitary and stormwater lines**

Chairman Angelillo said that he had spoken with Dick Perkins who is overseeing the contractor's work on behalf of the Village. The project on East Lake Street is the only remaining work yet to be accomplished this year under the waterline improvement project. It is very involved -- requiring the replacement of the sanitary sewer, construction of a new water main, and complete reconstruction and paving of East Lake Street. The first three houses at the southern end will

have granite curbing installed, the remainder of the street will use concrete gutters at residents' request. Trustee Stokes-Cawley noted that the contractor redid the restoral of grass again this spring. Comm. Wiedor said that no restoration has occurred south of Gayle Road.

Trustee Stokes-Cawley asked about scheduled D-Operator training? Chief Operator Twitchell said that the only available training is scheduled at SUNY Morrisville on July 14 & 15, at least until October. He is planning to attend. Chairman Angelillo noted that Tom Flett does hold a D license.

Trustee Stokes-Cawley asked if the Board will have an opportunity to review the GHD report prior to its submission to DEC? Chairman Angelillo said yes and that he will try to get a meeting scheduled. He asked Chief Operator Twitchell to reach out to GHD about a meeting.

Supt. Reap said that he had received an email from Village Clerk Couch regarding a maintenance contract with EV Connect in support of the electric vehicle charging stations. He said he cannot recommend paying for maintenance of units that are obsolete. Chairman Angelillo said he will look at the contract.

Comm. Rhoads said that he wished to commend the operations groups for their efforts, "there is a lot of good work going on in the Village."

**On motion of Comm. Wiedor, seconded by Comm. Rhoads, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:31 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards