

**VILLAGE OF SKANEATELES
MUNICIPAL BOARD
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING – June 4, 2020**

This Meeting was conducted at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Present: Chairman Marc Angelillo, Commissioners Tom Rhoads and Duane Wiedor, Mayor Martin Hubbard, Village Trustee Carol Stokes-Cawley, WWTP Chief Operator Adam Twitchell and Clerk to the Boards Dennis Dundon.

Excused: Commissioners Walt Blackler and Gregg Palmer

Chairman Angelillo thanked everyone for coming and convened the meeting at 8:00 am. The meeting began with a plant tour conducted by Chief Operator Twitchell.

Following the tour, Mayor Hubbard introduced the matter of the requirements to achieve certain lower levels of ammonia and residual chlorine in the effluent discharge that were conditions to the renewal of the Village's SPDES permit from DEC. Mr. Twitchell has been working with GHD, the Village Engineer, on the preliminary design phase. Recently an email message from GHD outlined some potential actions that GHD suggested should be evaluated. The first deliverable from the Village is due on August 1, 2020 to DEC and is an approvable engineering report detailing the alternatives. Comm. Rhoads suggested that report should outline the options to be pursued, the cost estimates for each, and the engineers' recommended option. In year 2 the Village must have final design bid documents prepared and be ready to go to bid. Final completion must occur by May 2024. Mayor Hubbard said that he does not intend to be a participant in this process; the Village is uniquely positioned with a well-qualified and knowledgeable Municipal Board which can make decisions and present a final recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The Trustees will arrange the financing necessary to complete the projects.

The Mayor posited that:

- The Village could replace the RBC media with larger surfaces to see what effect that has on the effluent. That could be done on RBC 3 and 4 which is where this specific treatment is being done.
- It could then evaluate putting media in the ponds to see what additional results were achieved.
- As a last step the Village could consider physically expanding the plant to house additional RBCs.

He hopes the Village can partner with DEC to permit some test periods to be able to make evaluations based on results.

Comm. Rhoads suggested that since the media on the RBCs is relatively new and still effective, with no reason to change it otherwise, that the better starting point might be to implement the fixed media effluent lagoon treatment system and see if that achieved satisfactory treatment results. All agreed with that suggestion.

The next step was seen as a meeting with GHD by the group present, absent the Mayor, to explore these options further. The group prefers that this be an exploratory meeting without expecting GHD to come prepared with answers.

Mr. Twitchell will contact Jason Greene of GHD to determine his availability to meet. Mr. Dundon will coordinate with the group. Chairman Angelillo and Chief Operator Twitchell will then talk with GHD to set the groundwork for the discussion.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards