

MUNICIPAL BOARD MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 24, 2023

Present: Chairman Marc Angelillo, Commissioner Mike Yates, Commissioner Mary Ellen McQuaid, Commissioner Kevin Goode, Trustee Ed Evans, DDMO Cosimo Pagano, WWTP Chief Operator Adam Twitchell, WWTP Operator Mason Hawker and Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator/Clerk to Municipal Board Ian Carroll.

Director of Municipal Operations Tom Posella was excused.

Chairman Angelillo called the meeting to order at 8 am.

Minutes. Upon motion of Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Goode, the minutes of the September 26 Meeting of the Municipal Board were unanimously approved as submitted.

Charter Revisions; Chairman Angelillo.

- Charter revisions were initially submitted by Commissioner Yates, and new members were given a chance to review and comment.
- Additional comments were received by Commissioner McQuaid, and it was suggested that a draft of the revised draft document based on those comments and revisions would be circulated to the group for the next meeting.

New Bucket Truck; Cosimo Pagano.

- Cosimo began the discussion referencing the email sent by DMO Posella that described the need for a new bucket truck for use by the electric department, and outlined the need as one of safety, access, training and having a slightly smaller truck for better access to restricted spaces.

Electric Department Update; Cosimo Pagano.

- Chairman Angelillo asked for an update on EV (electric vehicle) charging stations in the municipal lot. There was some discussion of contract documents being submitted at the end of November in draft form and expected to be finalized towards the end of the calendar year.
- Additional discussions will be required regarding potential revenue sharing agreements with the provider, since residents and visitors will be paying the vendor for the charging service; and additional details about the construction cost of the charging stations.
- Ongoing training and staff recruitment efforts for the electric department remain a challenge but are nevertheless a priority for the Village.

Electric Department Rate Case; Ongoing.

- The discussion continued about the need for documenting financial records, both operations and capital spending, prior to filing rate case materials.
- It was reiterated that the municipal board would like to build on financial reporting that already occurs and use for municipal board decision-making and the impending rate case filing.

Sewer Treatment Plant Updates; Adam Twitchell.

- Adam described the status of the Webitat project including early phase of construction and pouring of a concrete pad, with a target date of Fall of 2024, which would be comfortably in advance of the DEC target of May of 2025. This project will allow for compliance with DEC ammonia discharge thresholds.

Water Operator Responsible Charge Update; Chairman Angelillo.

- Chairman Angelillo revisited how the Village has historically contracted with the City of Syracuse Water Department for the requirement for a Water Operator Responsible Charge. Chairman Angelillo suggested that, to gain efficiencies and savings and in light of the hiring of Mason Hawker, this responsibility may be possible to transition in-house to Mason.
- Additional conversation included the City of Syracuse's initiative for the eventual transition from chlorine gas to a safer alternative, and a discussion of risk evaluation and mitigation plans, followed by a suggestion of possibly including a representative from Syracuse to a future meeting.

Other Matters

- The long-term need to replace or significantly upgrade the sewer treatment plant was discussed, which would realistically take a minimum of five years, including design and construction;
- Trustee Evans referred to the joint comprehensive plan and the stated intent of denser development, that would include the benefit of preserving open agricultural lands surrounding the village, which could be facilitated by sewer treatment plant upgrade/replacement.

On the motion of **Commissioner McQuaid seconded by Commissioner Yates and with unanimous approval the meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Carroll, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator and Clerk to the Municipal Board

The next meeting of the Municipal Board is at 8 am November 28 at the DPW building at 3829 Fennell Street.