

Minutes of the NVC Utilities Committee
March 12, 2021 2:30 pm
ZOOM meeting

In attendance: David Crofoot, Judy Metcalf, Jeffrey Wilt, Janae Novotny, Dick McElhenry, William Paige
Absent: Casey Brown
Guests: Blane Casey and representatives

The Minutes of the February 2021 meeting were approved.

Blane Casey attended our meeting by ZOOM to discuss progress and delays in the new Wastewater Treatment Building. Delays in the project, some but not all of which are related to the Covid-19 pandemic, were discussed. The contract date for substantial completion of the project was December 18, 2020. The building was felt to be substantially complete on January 10, 2021.

Blane Casey was unaware of an e-mail we had sent them with regard to delays in January. Delays have not resulted in fines from the DEP but the project has incurred significantly increased engineering costs.

A frank discussion ensued. Blane Casey is committed to finish up the project as quickly as possible.

Because the pre-cast metering tank was incorrectly measured and cast, it will have to be revised. Blane Casey will remove the top of the tank with the hatch and bring it to American Concrete for revision. The deep part of the tank will be covered to prevent dangers. The two flow meters will have to be removed and reinstalled and calibrated. As soon as the new top and hatch are returned, they will be installed and the flow meters will once again have to be reinstalled and calibrated.

At that point, chemicals can be delivered and the plant can start chlorination/dechlorination. It is hoped that this will be accomplished within 7-10 days.

A financial report was delivered to Committee members 45 minutes before the start of the meeting. The Committee Members expressed dismay and dissatisfaction with the report, which included sewer and water totals through the end of 2020 along with General Government numbers. There were no accompanying budgets. The Committee requested that Judy Metcalf confer with the Village Treasurer and the bookkeeper to request reports that are more timely for our meeting and that are delivered in a format that includes budgets for each utility as well as a summary of cash on hand in checking accounts and reserve accounts.

The Superintendent's Report for the past month was reviewed. There were no violations for flow, TSS, or BOD. Dick McElhenry reported that he is queried every week by the DEP about when the Utility will be able to start chlorination.

Next meeting will be on April 9, 2021 at 2:30 pm. The Committee members expressed their desire to resume in person meetings with social distancing and masks. A ZOOM link would continue to be arranged to allow remote participation as well. Judy Metcalf will raise this question with the Overseers to see whether a policy can be established for Committee meetings in the Community Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

David D. Crofoot, Chairman