

Minutes of the October 19, 2021 meeting of the SWPCA:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 am by Chairman Mayland.

In attendance: D. Mayland, R. Leech, D. Bayersdorfer, C. Humes, T. Atkinson(zoom)

Chairman Mayland welcomed Charlie Humes as the new Superintendent of the SWPCA. Charlie was asked to review with the committee any capital projects that he was aware needed to be completed or newly started. He reported that all of the large projects recently engaged in are completed and all is running well at the new pump station on Salmon Kill Rd. He did bring up a situation at the East Meadow pump station that the committee was unaware of. There are two pumps in this station. Both are effluent pumps, which means they do not turn solids into pumpable effluent. The screens upstream from these pumps require manual cleaning on a regular basis. In addition the backup generator in this station is dated. Chairman Mayland asked that Charlie get rough dollar figures from suppliers of this type of equipment in anticipation of replacing the pumps and generator .

After the discussion that followed it was agreed that Charlie will work up a 5 year capital plan and have it available for discussion at the November meeting.

Chairman Mayland presented the financial figures for the financing of the recently completed \$3,000,000. Projects (Pipe lining, P removal, Salmon Kill Rd. pump station). The USDA loan of \$2,500,000 is now in effect. The existing loan with Salisbury Bank will be paid down to \$250,000. Interest rates on both loans are less than 2%. Mr. Mayland was questioned about the terms of the loans (fixed rates?, etc.) He said he would have this information available at the next meeting.

Chairman Mayland expressed the opinion that sewer user rates needed to be raised starting with the fiscal year 2022/2023. He presented three scenarios....raising rates 8% , 10% or 12%. His suggestion was that we consider an 8% increase starting with the next billing period and then two years later consider another raise in the rates. He was asked how much of a revenue increase would be created by an 8% increase. He said he would have this information at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00am.

Donald K. Mayland