

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND**  
**WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, July 22, 2021**  
**8:45 a.m.**

**1. Call to Order & Freedom of Information Act Requirements:**

The Water and Sewer Committee of Council met at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Council Committee members Bachman Smith, IV (Chair), Scott Millimet and Gary Visser. Staff members present were Andy Benke, Greg Gress and Bridget Welch. There were no members of the public present and no members of the media present.

Chair Bachman Smith called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m., and stated the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law.

**2. Communications/Additional Items from WWTF Manager, Greg Gress**

Greg Gress stated that annual maintenance is needed on the water tower. Annually, the water tower is inspected either internally or externally. This year, the internal inspection will be conducted in early August along with some touch-up paint work.

Matt Utley has passed his probationary period and is now considered a full-time employee. All of his licenses from Illinois have been transferred through reciprocity and he has passed all of his required South Carolina certifications including Class A Water Treatment, Class A Water Distribution and Class A Waste Water Treatment.

Greg Gress informed the Committee of an incident that took place on July 8<sup>th</sup>. An individual drove through the work zone at Station 18 on the marsh side. He was a diabetic and nobody was injured from the accident.

Future project – replacing waterlines at Station 22.5 to Station 23 from Myrtle Avenue to Goldbug Avenue. There is currently a waterline running through the African American Cemetery and a private property that will be capped off and no longer used. During this project all sewer lines will be inspected and replaced as needed.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project:

The Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project is moving along as expected. The new Wastewater Treatment Plant has been online since May 7, 2021. A week after the plant went live, issues started relating to the gear boxes and rotors. Staff added diesel pumps to circulate the oxygen in two of the oxidation ditches to keep the bacteria and

microorganisms alive. DHEC has been updated of the situation. The DEHC stormwater permit came in this week. The Town is waiting on Charleston County to give the go ahead. Staff is waiting for a shipment of new gear boxes, which is expected to arrive September 16th. Once the new gear boxes are installed, there will be an additional 30-day trial run. The plant is currently in the process of switching the chlorine system from gas to tablets. There is a shortage in chlorine gas supply and tablets are more beneficial, safe and easier to store. Greg Gress stated that the plant will keep chlorine gas stored until they are comfortable with the chlorine tab system.

A date has not been set yet for the ribbon cutting ceremony, but it is anticipated to be held late September/early October.

Lift Station Conversion Project:

Lift Station 1- Located at Station 9.5 Street and Osceola Avenue. Contractors are putting final touches on this station and putting up fencing. This station is currently online.

Lift Station 2- Located at the corner of Station 13 Street and Cove Avenue. Contractors are putting final touches on this station and putting up fencing. This station is currently online.

Lift Station 3- Located at the end of Station 18 Street on the marsh side. Contractors are currently demolishing this building. This station is currently online.

Lift Station 4- Located at the corner of Goldbug Avenue and Station 26 Street. Contractors are currently demolishing this building. This station is currently online.

Lift Station 5- Located between Middle Street and I'On Avenue at Station 30 Street. Contractors are putting final touches on this station and putting up fencing. This station is currently online.

**3. Discussions/Motions:**

- a. Approval of Minutes- June 17, 2021.

**Motion was made by Councilmember Gary Visser, seconded by Councilmember Scott Millimet, to approve the Water and Sewer Minutes from June 17, 2021, carried unanimously.**

**4. Review of Active and Pending Projects:**

- a. Wastewater Treatment Plant Retrofit (Construction Phase-Final)
- b. Charleston CPW/ICW Water Main Project (Construction Phase)
- c. CWS contract revisions
- d. Written Cost Recovery Program


- e. Private Sewer Lateral Policy for I&I Reduction
- f. Pump/Lift Stations flood proofing project (Contracting Phase)
- g. Water & Sewer Ordinance review/clean-up
- h. ASR: Aquifer Storage and Recovery (explore use of Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant funds)

5. **The next Water and Sewer Committee Meeting is scheduled for:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 8:45 a.m.

6. **Adjournment:**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Scott Millimet, seconded by Councilmember Gary Visser, to adjourn at 9:04 a.m., carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Bridget Welch