

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND  
WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 24, 2020**

**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, September 24, 2020 at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Council Committee members Bachman Smith, IV (Chair), Chauncey Clark and Tim Reese. Staff members present were Andy Benke, Jason Blanton, Greg Gress and Courtney Sottile. There were three (3) 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**

**3. Discussions/Motions:**

- a. Approval of Minutes- August 27, 2020.

**Motion was made by Councilmember Tim Reese, seconded by Councilmember Chauncey Clark, to approve the Water and Sewer Minutes from August 27, 2020, carried unanimously.**

- b. Construction updates as to the Lift Station Conversion Project and Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements: The Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project is running smoothly. The Lift Station Conversion Project is running smoothly, however there is a slight delay in the schedule mainly due to change orders and an amendment to the project agreement. The project is roughly two months behind schedule. The recent king tides have caused flooding issues in the wet wells. They are currently working on Lift Station #2.
- c. Discussion of the now concluded Phase II of the I&I work and claims for damages arising therefrom: Chair Smith stated that the purpose of this item was to review the situation, not to take any action at this time. Homeowners Laurie Ulmer and Dawn Ulmer gave an update on the incident that happened in their garage regarding a drain blockage/sewer backup caused by a grouting operation back in November of 2018. Mr. Ulmer stated that the Town and Bionomics denied responsibility. After reviewing photos and emails provided by the Ulmer's, Chair Smith stated he would like to see more



correspondence and emails with time stamps. This item will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

- d. Comply with Codification Review suggestions as to water shut-offs due to unpaid bills (on hold).

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

The current status of active and pending projects (a. through h. below) was reviewed.

- a. Wastewater Treatment Plant Retrofit (Construction Phase)
- b. Charleston CPW/ICW Water Main Project (currently ratifying easements)
- 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. ASR: Aquifer Storage and Recovery (explore use of Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant funds)
- h. Water & Sewer Ordinance review/clean-up

5. **The next Water and Sewer Committee Meeting is scheduled for:** Thursday, October 22, 2020 8:45 a.m. at Sullivan's Island Town Hall.

**6. Adjournment:**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Chauncey Clark, seconded by Councilmember Tim Reese, to adjourn at 9:21 a.m., carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Sottile

