

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

**Thursday, August 26, 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, August 26, 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 8:49 a.m., and stated the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law.

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

Future project – Force Main Replacement at Lift Station 1. Greg Gress stated that a Force Main is a cast iron pipe that pumps the wastewater from each pump station back to a man hole that will then gravity flow to the next pump station and then finally to the plant. After new pumps were installed at the lift stations, it was discovered that the volume was not being pumped liked expected. The Force Main replacement project is expected to begin in the next two months. Notices will be sent out to inform homeowners.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project:

The Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project is moving along but still has some work to be done. Primary focus is to finish the storm drain and the asphalt roads. The control building which was gutted is now being reassembled. Staff is waiting for a shipment of the new gear boxes, which is expected to ship next week. Greg Gress will follow up to get an update on the ship and delivery date. Once the new gear boxes are installed, there will be an additional 30-day trial run.

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

Lift Station Conversion Project:

Lift Stations are finishing up with punch list and final inspection. Final inspection has been rescheduled for next week. Lift Station 4 still has some fence work to be completed. Currently cleaning up the laydown yard.

Councilmember Gary Visser stated concerns of a water connection stand pipe on Lift Station 5 at Station 30, which is not secured. Recommended a padlock to be added.

Lift Station 1- Located at Station 9.5 Street and Osceola Avenue.

Lift Station 2- Located at the corner of Station 13 Street and Cove Avenue.

Lift Station 3- Located at the end of Station 18 Street on the marsh side.

Lift Station 4- Located at the corner of Goldbug Avenue and Station 26 Street.

Lift Station 5- Located between Middle Street and I'On Avenue at Station 30 Street.

**3. Discussions/Motions:**

- a. Approval of Minutes- July 22, 2021.

**Motion was made by Councilmember Gary Visser, seconded by Councilmember Scott Millimet, to approve the Water and Sewer Minutes from July 22, 2021, carried unanimously.**

- b. Stormwater Division within Water and Sewer- Councilmember Bachman Smith shared the multiple steps to start a Stormwater division. Greg Gress stated concerns on legal implications.

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

- a. Wastewater Treatment Plant Retrofit (Construction Phase-Final)
- b. Charleston CPW/ICW Water Main Project (Construction Phase-Final)
- 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-Final)
- 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, September 23, 2021 8:45 a.m.**

**6. Adjournment:**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Gary Visser, seconded by Councilmember Scott Millimet, to adjourn at 9:30 a.m., carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Bridget Welch*

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