

## **Plainfield Water/WasteWater Commission Meeting Minutes for July 18, 2023**

Present In Zoom Session: Tim Phillips, Josh Pitts, Mary Lane, Tristan Macgregor-Stewart

5:15 Meeting called to order

### **Review/approve agenda**

Agenda approved

### **Review/adopt minutes**

Approved minutes for June 13, 2023

### **Clerk's financial report**

Deferred as Carol was not present.

### **Chief Facility Operator's report**

Business as usual, floods and what not. Sustained very little damage. Monday night Tristan had to close the valves and shunt the influent into the river to keep the plant from being overwhelmed. About 1PM Tuesday he was able to reopen the valves and run the incoming load through the plant.. He was running about 4 times the maximum flow the plant was designed for...but made it work. Still seeing a high flow, but it is all working.

The plant driveway was a mess but the operators managed to get it open enough.

The state has been notified about deliberate release.

Somehow Plainfield got on a list of very damaged facilities and Tristan has been dealing with phone calls from assorted agencies offering help.

There is no real substantial damage from the storm to the system.

Scott and Tristan put in a lot of hours during the last week doing basic cleanup and getting ready for a possible 2nd round of rain that did not appear.

Tristan would like to raise the height of the driveway to match the elevation of the plant itself and widen it. That would help during flooding and make deliveries easier for large trucks. This would mean Janice Walrafen's garden would have to be shifted as it appears to be partially on the facility property. .There also is a manhole somewhere in that garden that Tristan would like to get accessible again.

Tristan talked with Carol about meter readings. Tristan would like to simply charge everyone the minimum for now and then do some checks over the next few months and make sure the meters are all running and get the meter reading then before doing the January bills. The Commission all agreed this makes sense.

Getting the top of the concrete tank resurfaced in September.

Planned to do 6 manholes on Main Street since they were repaving next year. Given the difficulty in getting paving-contractors right now to do patches, Tristan is thinking he'd like to defer those until next spring just ahead of the actual paving. He'd also like to use some of the

money to do cleanup around the plant to access a manhole that is really buried by silt and some other excavating issues. The Commission agreed his plans made sense.

Sump-pumps are not allowed to be tied into the wastewater system. Tim will put a post on Plainfield People and Front Porch Forum making this point.

Scott will be taking his WasteWater exam next week. Tristan will let us know the outcome of this.

**Approve warrants**

Warrants for 06/14/23, 06/21/23, 06/27/23, 06/28/23, 07/06/23, 07/12/23, 07/13/23 were approved

**Other business**

None

The next meeting was scheduled for August 15th at 5:15PM as a ZOOM session.  
The meeting adjourned 6:02PM

Submitted by Tim Phillips