

Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District Trustee Meeting – April 3, 2024

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Gautreau at 5:54 PM
2. Present: Supt. Arsenault, Daigle, Stewart, Palmer, Gautreau, Robinson. Absent: Blais, Ulmer
3. Previous Minutes: Motioned by Robinson, seconded by Palmer to accept the minutes of March 6, 2024 as written. Motion passed unanimously
4. Personnel:
 - a. N/A
5. Finance
 - a. Septage Receiving: Received \$3740 for March, \$12,387.50 YTD. Previous upsets are clearing up. Brewery wastes were shut off temporarily during the month which contributed to lower volumes. Further discussion on January billing errors.
 - b. Current Operating Budget: \$86,397 below budget YTD. #1 Clarifier needs a leak repaired. Will wait for flows to slow down before starting to drain. We had 6.23 inches of rain during March and 9.78 inches YTD. Highest since Jan-Mar 2019.
 - c. Casella Sludge Hauling Contract discussion: Casella's is trying to market compose in NH. This will reduce our per ton cost from \$110 to \$75 if approved. If not, then our cost per ton may increase \$60. Our 2024 budget is \$330k. Further discussion on alternate contract possibilities
 - d. FEMA disaster relief: Falls Hill project approved for 80%
 - e. MEMA/Oxford County EMA: Rumford Point Generator will be delivered May 1st.
 - f. Main Plant Emergency Generator: Three bids were received under the \$230K threshold. Cummings bid had stipulations that pushed the total price above Milton Cat. Milton Cat's bid was accepted for \$187,500. They have a 600 kw generator in storage and can be delivered at our discretion.
 - g. Capital Project Update: 60% drawings have been delivered and approved. 90% phase should begin within a week or so with an estimated completion date of August 1, 2024. Due to the Build American, Buy American (BABA) stipulations for the 1.5 MM grant, the Dix Ave pump station will be separated out and those funds will be used there.
6. Legal
 - a. Preti Flarity still working on the sludge hauling contracts
7. Operations
 - a. Current compliance: The Main plant had seven (7) BOD related infractions all related to the on-going Nitrification issue.
 - b. Sludge Disposal: Currently generating less sludge than normal, which is good for operations
 - c. Pump Station Systems
 - i. Dix Avenue is running good
 - ii. Falls Hill #1 raw sewage pump issue is being worked on
 - iii. South Rumford is running good
 - iv. Collection system costs captured on budget line item 7029 will be transferred to line item 5027 of Main Plant
8. Buildings: N/A
9. Other Business: N/A
10. Adjournment: Motion by Robinson, Seconded by Daigle to adjourn at 6:52 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clifford Stewart for John S. Blais, Clerk