

CAMDEN-WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

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*Minutes of the Camden-Wyoming
Sewer and Water Authority (CWS&WA)
Regular Session - Authority Meeting
Held on April 12, 2022*

Authority Members present:

Mr. Thomas Ness, Chairperson
Ms. Maryann Faust, Vice Chair
Mr. Michael Quinn
Mr. Daniel Ridgely
Mr. James Winchell
Mr. Daniel Woodall

**Also in attendance representing
the CWS&WA:**

Mr. Harold Scott, Authority Superintendent
Mr. Soheil Gharebaghi, P.E., Authority Engineer

Public in Attendance:

Meeting Attendance/Sign-in Sheet;
available at the CWS&WA Office

The Camden-Wyoming Sewer and Water Authority (CWS&WA) met at the CWS&WA Conference Room on April 12, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairperson, Mr. Ness.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion: Mr. Quinn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Ridgely. Motion carried unanimously.

Maintenance & Operations Status:

Mr. Scott distributed the Operation and Maintenance Reports for the past period, to the Board Members, and discussed the same.

Mr. Scott explained that a fire hydrant needed to be removed and replaced on Old North Road.

Regarding the Authority's finances, Mr. Scott indicated that approximately \$347,000 had been billed out - of which approximately \$179,000 had been collected. Mr. Scott also reported that 330 disconnect notices had been sent out, with a shutoff date of April 5, 22. 27 properties had been shutoff, of which 7 remained shutoff, Mr. Scott continued.

Mr. Scott indicated that the Authority's accounts receivables (AR), aging longer than 180 days, was approximately \$65,000 compared to about \$55,000 before the pandemic. In response to Ms. Faust inquiry, Mr. Scott indicated that the number of the Authority's customers was approximately 2,800.

Maintenance & Operations Status (cont.):

Mr. Scott announced that the State of Delaware, Health and Social Services (DHSS) and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), concerned with public water purveyors, would begin to require additional data associated with lead and copper in drinking water. The data would include, among other things, an identification and inventory of all lead and copper pipes in the Authority's service area. Mr. Scott indicated that copper or lead pipes had not been used in the Authority's service area. However, before the advent of high density polyethylene (plastic) pipes, a small length of lead pipe had been used to connect service lines to that of customers', commonly known as Goose Necks. These Goose Necks allowed the necessary flexibility to bend small lead pipes between the water main, corporation stop (mostly galvanized service connections) and curb stop, normally at the right-of-way of the street on which the customers' service connection was located, Mr. Scott added. Mr. Scott indicated that it could take two or more years to identify every single Goose Neck in the Authority's service area and inventory the same. In addition to the inordinate amount of time it would take to collect the necessary data, the customers' service lines, owned by property owners, from the curb box - at the street rights-of-way - to the customers' homes could easily become necessary and in need of an upgrade to plastic pipes. Notwithstanding the cost associated with service connections upgrades - who would be doing the actual work? - these service pipes were within the perimeter boundaries of customers' properties. The effort would logistically be a nightmare, at a significant cost to the Authority, Mr. Scott lamented.

Mr. Scott noted that cross connections and back flow preventions have also been the subject of new regulations. Mr. Scott indicated that, since the early 1980's, every home in the Authority's service area had been equipped with back flow prevention. Annual testing of back flow preventers could also be a requirement in the near future, at a substantial expense to the Authority, Mr. Scott added.

Regarding Sunset Village, Mr. Scott indicated that clearing and grubbing of the project site had been completed. The grading of the development streets, which had been two months behind the builder's schedule, had commenced, Ms. Scott added. Mr. Scott also indicated that the construction of the buildings was anticipated in the Fall.

Mr. Scott discussed DelDOT's East Camden Bypass project, and noted that the Authority's existing water mains in the vicinity of the intersection of Routes 10 and 13, was slated for relocation to accommodate DelDOT's plans for the East Camden Bypass construction.

Engineering Report:

Gharebaghi referred to his Engineering Report for the period ended March 31, 2022, which was distributed to the Board Members, along with other meeting documents, and offered to address any questions the Board might have has on his report.

Correspondence:

With the exception of those referenced above, there was no other correspondence.

New Business: *118 N. Main Street*

The new property owner discussed his intentions for the property at 118 N. Main Street in Camden. He then questioned the Authority's Impact Fees, and indicated that he wanted to understand the Authority's Impact Fees.

Visitors' Comments:

There were no comments from the Public.

Adjournment:

Motion: Mr. Woodall made a motion to adjourn the Authority Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Quinn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Camden-Wyoming Sewer and Water Authority Regular Session; Authority Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on July 12, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
CAMDEN-WYOMING SEWER & WATER AUTHORITY

Harold L. Scott, Sr.
CWS&WA Superintendent