



## **Council Committee Notes - Water/Sewer**

**Date:** November 4, 2009 **Time:** 8:30 AM **Location:** Town Hall **Chair:** Councilmember John Smith **Attendees:** Councilmember Randy Moubray, Town Manager Tom Saunders, Chief WWTP Operator Pat Chenoweth, Field Superintendent James Seagle, Bill Rosenbaum – Progress Engineers

**Visitors:** Ben Burton, Bay Engineering, representing Kilmarnock Partners LLC

### **Notes on Discussions:**

1. James Seagle reported that work to replace the Harvey Lane lift station generator has been completed but the start-up/on line procedures have not been scheduled. The replacement pump at that lift station has been delivered but not yet installed.
2. TM Saunders reported the following:
  - a. Work on the Well #3 completion project continues. All piping is in place, the block walls around the well head have been built, perimeter fencing work has been scheduled for next week. Electrical and control work seems to be the largest remaining component to be tackled. Mr. Rosenbaum predicts completion possibly by the end of the month. Significant performance and bacteriological testing would be required after that before the well could be placed on line.
  - b. Work on the Entertainment Center water line is essentially complete with just bacteriological testing remaining. James Seagle reported that the new lines passed their pressure test with flying colors. He also reported that while the new line was exposed on the north side of Town Centre Drive he had a meter and yard hydrant installed so that water would be available to the Town lot if needed for an event. The hydrant handle will be locked.
  - c. The latest Virginia water and sewer rate study has been released and a copy was provided to the committee for study.
3. Ms. Chenoweth reported that the WWTP has operated well within design and permit parameters for the last month. Shawn Lawson, who had been hired recently as an assistant operator, has not been retained at the end of her probationary period. She and Mr. Saunders will renew their efforts to recruit someone for that position.
4. The Committee discussed the pending Kilmarnock Glen re-zoning application in the context of impacts on the Town's water and sewer system. The Committee asked staff to provide more details on the impact of the development on both the School Street and Wiggins Avenue pump stations before they make any recommendation to Council.
5. Mr. Burton presented some information concerning the possible Kilmarnock Partners

apartment complex on Church Street and asked Mr. Seagle to perform flow tests at several fire hydrants in the area so his firm can proceed with water line engineering for that project. Mr. Seagle will coordinate and notify Mr. Burton of the time of the tests and, with the requirement that someone from his firm witness the tests. Mr. Burton agreed.

6. Mr. Rosenbaum discussed the recent meeting to kick off the Mary Ball Road Improvement Project (block grant) and the results of his early look at options for water and wastewater. There will be quite a bit more to report next week.
7. Chairman Smith asked staff about excessive noise at the WWTP, as alleged in a recent letter to the Town. Mr. Saunders explained that he had investigated and doesn't believe the noise referred to is coming from the plant. He will offer to meet the letter writers at their convenience to see if he can help determine the source, and report back to the committee when he has new information.

**Recommendations to Council:**

**Recommended for further study:**

- a. Kilmarnock Glen demands on the existing system.
- b. CDBG options for wastewater routing.