

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SUSTAINIBILTY MANAGEMENT MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 18, 2018 AT 2:00 P.M. AT VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Steve Grimm, Steve Smuda, John O'Connor, Jim Conklin, C/T Decker, Jim Durning, Scott Conklin, Luke Smith, Supervisor Evans

ABSENT: Mayor Moore, Trustee Strauss and Warner

INFRASTRUCTURE STABILITY:

This was ranked as a low achiever. Why? Scott Conklin stated reasons could be incomplete inventory, not enough spare parts, not enough money, not enough board involvement to name a few.

Mr. Grimm asked what might make the infrastructure stability a high achiever?

Everyone agreed that completing an inventory would be a huge improvement. An assessment of spare parts would be advantageous as well. This coupled with the ability to replace parts as used would allow us to be proactive rather than reactive. Mr. Grimm stated it was a tedious and time consuming job and probably would take about a year. Once done, parts should be ordered that can be and a plan to purchase those that are more expensive put in place. At this point Mr. Durning offered his services to the plant operators as he has some experience in inventorying and O&M. When completed, this in when the Village should create a dedicated reserve for the plant.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY:

This was ranked a Low Achiever: Why?

There was much discussion on this category with the consensus being financial restraints year after year. Time. Time is a precious commodity that there never is enough of. Time management is key. The committee felt there was insufficient understanding of the plant first and foremost by the board and the public. Money, time and insufficient understanding were the main reasons for a low achiever ranking.

How can we make it a high priority?

Suggestions were education; educate the elected officials – current and future members. Mr. Grimm has provided a copy of Utility Management Study Guide that each new elected official should peruse to better understand their responsibility as stewards of the Village. Educate the public of the operation/processes of the plant. Possibly provide an open house annually. When residents see how it all happens they are usually quite impressed. The Village has a website and a facebook page that could be utilized fully to educate the residents that use social media. An example is our upcoming influent screen replacement project – the pertinent facts of the equipment and

its funding can go on the website/facebook page. Other ideas that were discussed were a monthly/semi- annual Newsletter from the Mayor to the local newspaper. All agreed to not involve engineers at this point, although they could become a source of information. At this time Jim Conklin was referred to as the Village's Sewer Czar.

CHALLENGES TO BE MET:

Manage time and money.

Gaining Village Board and public support

Public's perception of operations/money

Market and support a plan to avoid emergencies – become proactive rather than reactive.

Market our plant. We have tremendous capacity for new businesses/manufacturing etc.

Our plant was designed after the 2006 flood to accommodate huge amounts of flow.

This is a little known fact.

Get minutes to the Board and public via our village webpage.

Utilize our resources we have such as: NYCOM, EPA, DEC, NYRW, and NYWEA to name a few.

Mr. Grimm stated we would be discussing Community Sustainability & Economic Development for the next meeting – so all be sure to do their worksheets.

The next meeting is May 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.