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Committee Meeting
March 10, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Kristen Novacich called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Gushleff and Brenda Roosevelt

OTHERS PRESENT: Engineer Scott Weiner, Attorney William Schooley, SSA #1 Superintendent Ralph Burnett, SSA #1 Lead Craftsman Robert Falk, SSA #1 Office Manager Carol Knott, Resident's Stephen Knogl and Linda Knogl, Chemco Industries, Inc.'s President Kamel "Doc" Yadav and Sales Representative Dennis Meyer.

February 2016 Committee Meeting Minutes were submitted for approval. William Gushleff made the motion to approve, seconded by Brenda Roosevelt. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Scott Weiner discussed the proposed parallel force main from Lift Station 19 to Lift Station 15 and the I.E.P.A. permit and railroad permit that will be needed to proceed. The bid packages are going to be prepared.

Scott also discussed a proposed new force main for Lift Station 23A to Lift Station 9C to help alleviate some of the backup issues in the Georgetown Subdivision. The plans are not as far along but SSA #1 would like to coincide that with the Glen Carbon bypass project. Brenda Roosevelt asked how far along the Glen Carbon project is and Scott informed the Committee that the plans are complete but he does not know a start date at this point. Ralph stated Glen Carbon wants to have the project complete before the beginning of the next school year. The reroute of the Glen Carbon line will take their flow (upwards of 3,000,000 gallons a day) directly to Lift Station 4A eliminating all their flow through Lift Station 9A which will increase the capacity significantly allowing more flow from Georgetown. Robert Falk explained his spreadsheet regarding the amount of flow going through Lift Station 23A and how much relief the new force main should give the subdivision.

Approval for Sheppard, Morgan & Schwaab to prepare bid packages for the two aforementioned proposed projects was requested. Chairman Novacich made a motion to approve with Brenda Roosevelt seconding. **MOTION CARRIED.**

William Schooley explained the draft of the letter to residents regarding backups due to heavy rains in December 2015. During the last committee meeting, Art Asadorian proposed a letter be drafted to deny legal/financial responsibility but wanted the letter to express board members support of

residents efforts to seek compensation for their loses. Mr. Schooley suggested each individual board member decide whether to sign and distribute at their discretion.

Approval was requested for William Schooley to approach the Water Companies in our district with a proposed agreement to not reconnect service for the resident until they provide documentation showing they have satisfied their unpaid sewer bill. Leo Kosen, the attorney for Mitchell Water, stated he was opposed to any such agreement and would suggest to their committee not to commit to this idea. Pontoon Water has agreed to the proposal. Mr. Schooley will approach Illinois American Water after he receives permission to proceed. Chairman Novacich made a motion to proceed, seconded by William Gushleff. **MOTION CARRIED**

Approval was requested to authorize William Schooley to begin foreclosure proceedings on commercial customers with a balance over \$5,000. There was a brief discussion regarding the status of delinquencies and some thoughts on how to approach the issue. This is just a starting point for reducing those delinquencies and how well it works will determine how to proceed prior to including residential accounts. William Gushleff made a motion to proceed, seconded by Chairman Novacich. **MOTION CARRIED**

The email notification from FEMA regarding compensation for damages due to the heavy rains in December 2015 stated Madison County did meet the threshold for compensation but the State of Illinois as a whole did not. Therefore they would be looking into other criteria which may help. As this point there is no definite decision regarding compensation/declarations.

Mr. Yadav addressed the Committee regarding Chemco's desire to continue to supply Madison County Special Service Area #1 with odor eliminating chemicals in our sewer system. He submitted pricing, Certification as a Minority Business Enterprise, performance records, mission statement, recommendation letters, etc. on their behalf. Superintendent Burnett expressed his positive feelings regarding their professionalism in the past.

The Balance sheets dated November 11/30/2015 (Revised) and 1/31/2016 were reviewed with a motion to approve both by Brenda Roosevelt, seconded by William Gushleff. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Purchase Order Report for February 2016 was presented for discussion and approval. A motion was made by Chairman Novacich to approve the report, seconded by Brenda Roosevelt.

The ayes and nays being called for on the motions to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Chairman Novacich, Mr. Gushleff and Ms. Roosevelt.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Bill List for February 2016 was presented for discussion and approval. A motion was made by Brenda Roosevelt, seconded by William Gushleff.

The ayes and nays being called for on the motions to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Chairman Novacich, Mr. Gushleff and Ms. Roosevelt.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Durkin Report for February 2016 was submitted for discussion and approval. Brenda Roosevelt made a motion to place the report on file, seconded by William Gushleff. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Input: Linda Knogl, Georgetown Subdivision Resident, addressed the committee regarding their continuing concerns for the water problems in their subdivision. She stated she was pleased with the progress made on the proposed upgrades to the sewer system. She submitted, and read, a letter which will be put on file.

New Business: Superintendent Burnett praised Carol, Bob, the Committee, Scott and William with regards to how the department has been run during the difficult last six months.

A motion to adjourn.