

MINUTES – May 3, 2022

Cambridge Area Joint Authority

A regular meeting was held by the Cambridge Area Joint Authority on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bauer. The following members were present: Jodie Ellis, Delores Hale and Marci Dickson. Also, present were Engineer Diane Altland Dennis Ottaviani, Rick Clayton, and Administrator Sandy Pude.

Presentation by Prior Arrangement – A written report was submitted. Dennis also said that Veolia has hired a new operator for the plant, his name is Jamie Baldwin.

Public Comment

Jason Howles, owner of the Riverside Brewery and his Attorney Jason Reagles attended the meeting to discuss the most recent surcharge for the Brewery.

Diane said the sample taken showed the BOD over 20,000. The allowed number is 300. She said the numbers were up when the testing began in 2020 and came down after the brew master discussed the issue with CAJA.

Howles said they have the same gentleman brewing the beer and they brew two times a week in the summer months and one time each week in the winter months when they are not as busy. But he said the test results have been up and down and never consistent.

Reagles asked if the monthly operational cost increase when the BOD & TSS levels have increased.

Dennis Ottaviani said it would create more sludge that needs to be disposed of and of course more chemicals in the treatment process and electric to run the plant as well as the wear and tear on equipment.

Howles asked if there could be a problem with the testing.

Diane said the sanitary and storm sewer lines were dye tested to ensure that they were connected properly, and they were.

Reagles said that the surcharge should reflect on current operational cost at the plant. He asked what cost have increased. He feels there should be another formula.

Bauer said he doesn't see how we would know that unless we were to test every day.

Dickson said there wasn't a complaint when the surcharge was minimal or at zero. She also said we saw these high numbers before implementing the monthly surcharges.

Ellis asked if they could check the brewers' logs to see what was being done the day the sample was pulled.

Bauer said he is not sure what caused the high number with this sample, but the Brewery needs to investigate it further.

Reagles stated that he would like the Authority to consider some sort of forgiveness or possibly use an average instead of expecting his client to pay this high surcharge for the month.

Rick Clayton attended the meeting to discuss with CAJA the 2021 Audit. He said the revenues are still down because the water usage was down again in 2021. The largest user, the State Correctional Institute still is not back to their pre-pandemic numbers. Clayton also said the debt ratio was at 108 when it should be at 120.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Hale to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ellis. A poll vote was taken:

ELLIS	-	yes	HALE	-	yes	RESULTS:
DICKSON	-	yes	BAUER	-	yes	4 YES

Treasurer's Report

Revenue Account \$14,745.46	Bond Payment Account \$1,011,708.79
Capital Reserve \$298,473.92	Operating Reserve \$237,087.80
Debt Reserve \$148,174.56	Primerica Investment Account \$303,642.30

Report of Officers

Chairman's Report – None

Vice Chairman's Report – None

Secretary/Treasurer's Report – None

Administrator Report

A written report was submitted.

Engineer's Report – Diane said she received a quote from McLallen Construction for approximately \$86,000 to stabilize the bank along Jackson Run. She is waiting on a couple more quotes. She also reported that the DEP permit was approved.

Solicitor's Report – None

Unfinished Business – None

New & Other Business

Hale said the Authority needs to consider raising sewer rates because the revenues are down.

After consideration, the Authority decided to raise the rate from \$19.25 per thousand gallon to \$21.00 per thousand gallon. A special meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. to adopt the necessary Resolution.

Approval of invoices

A motion was made by Hale to approve payment of the invoices. The motion was seconded by Dickson. A poll vote was taken:

ELLIS	-	yes	HALE	-	yes	RESULTS:
DICKSON	-	yes	BAUER	-	yes	4 YES
						MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dickson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Hale. A poll vote was taken:

ELLIS	-	yes	HALE	-	yes	RESULTS:
DICKSON	-	yes	BAUER	-	yes	4 YES
						MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra M. Pude
Administrator

