

Village Board Work Session
January 5, 2009

Members present: Mayor Weinberger, Trustees Bloom, Fast, Higgins, and Mattheus.

Also present: Michael Murphy P.E. and Scott Davis P.E. of HDR, Superintendent Nuzzolese, and Village Clerk Strobl.

Mayor Weinberger called the Work Session to order at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Weinberger asked Trustee Fast to lead the discussion of wastewater treatment plant issues. Mr. Murphy reviewed the three items as described in Attorney Donovan's December 18, 2008 letter to him, and Mr. Davis distributed a response letter.

First discussed was the SCADA/controls system, which has two separate issues. Mr. Davis described the first as punchlist repairs to the SCADA that have not been completed, and the second as lack of automatic control of the plant equipment after brownouts. It was noted that Clough Harbour (CHA), the plant design engineer, has been troubleshooting the issue with Sass Electrical, and has received a report detailing their inspection of the plant equipment. CHA will be providing the Village with a response.

Next discussed were the oxidation ditch gear reducers. The gear reducers on each of the six rotors have leaked oil since installation. All six gear reducers were replaced in August 2008 and again in November 2008. Three of the six are currently leaking oil.

After discussion, the Board concluded that HDR should continue to monitor the provision of answers from CHA as to the causes of the issues, and the recommended resolutions. The Board will then seek legal assistance, as needed.

A discussion of the stockpile remediation was held. HDR has performed two rounds of quarterly sampling of the groundwater monitoring wells at the plant, and has reviewed the weekly runoff samples from the soil pile, which are analyzed for lead.

Mr. Murphy noted that the stockpile is being monitored consistently, while the Village awaits a determination from the DEC.

Trustee Fast reported that Mr. Davis will be providing a proposal for the water assessment at the treatment plant and that she has contacted the EFC which will cover the cost of a new tank.

Trustees' Reports

Trustee Higgins reported that Labor Attorney Waxman has been in contact with the OCDSS, and has prepared a comment letter concerning the proposed intermunicipal agreement.

Trustee Higgins advised that Attorney Donovan has prepared a resolution for the next regular meeting, expressing the Village Board's approval of the site plan for the proposed addition to the Minisink Fire Station.

Trustee Fast noted that it is time to renew the contract for quarterly testing of the groundwater monitoring wells at the wastewater treatment plant. The Board concurred that it would be best to contract for one more round.

Trustee Bloom reported that tree crews are currently out taking down dangerous trees throughout the Village.

Trustee Mattheus informed the Board of her recent meeting with Community Development to move ahead with the 2008 municipal amendment to the Block Grant.

On a motion by Trustee Higgins, seconded by Trustee Bloom, the Work Session was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Bloom	aye
Fast	aye
Higgins	aye
Mattheus	aye