The meeting of the Princeton Sewer Committee (PSC) was convened at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 via Virtual Meeting/Zoom Conference. D. Goldfarb opened the meeting in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Section 5, Chapter 231, P.L. 275. In conformance with the requirements of the Law, Notice was provided of the date, time and location of this regular meeting by posting a copy of the adopted Schedule of Regular Meetings in Monument Hall and Witherspoon Building and by mailing copies to the Trenton Times, Princeton Packet, Town Topics and by filing a copy in the Office of the Clerk of Princeton. Adequate notice was provided to the public and to all parties concerned.

PRESENT: David Goldfarb, Valerie Haynes, Eve Niedergang
ALSO PRESENT: Andrew Filippi, Sewer Design Engineer; Dominick Itzi, Sewer Operations Manager; Jim Purcell, Assistant Engineer (left meeting at 9:30); Janice Most, Secretary (left meeting at 11:10)
ABSENT: Deanna Stockton, Engineer/Deputy Administrator
PUBLIC:  

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA
No amendments to the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
E. Niedergang moved to approve the December 1, 2021 and January 12, 2022 Minutes as presented. V. Haynes seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.
Pump Station Design and Reconstruction Update

A. Filippi stated that nine proposals have been received with a wide range of pricing and timeframes. Decision should be made by late February.

Presentation to Mayor and Council Regarding Long Range Financial Plan

Scheduled for the February 28, 2022 Mayor and Council meeting is the Special Improvement District (SID) discussion. As this will be a lengthy discussion, it is suggested that the Sewer Department presentation be moved to the Mayor and Council Meeting of April 11, 2022; all agreed. The outline of the presentation is prepared; A. Filippi, D. Itzi, D. Goldfarb will work on graphics.

Infiltration and Inflow (I/I Program)

A. Filippi stated that Mini System 35 design work is being finalized and an explanation letter to affected residents will be sent. The location of the system is the triangle of Cherry Hill /Mt. Lucas/Witherspoon.

Discussion: access will be needed to approximately 30 properties; some have easements, and those that do not will be sent an agreement letter that will need to be returned to start the easement process before going to bid; can get temporary access agreements to go to bid; a few original easement do not have original agreements; some property owners might not sign agreements or easements; current easements are recorded in County Clerk’s Office; some easements are only on a filed map and this constitutes a legal easement; during the project easements can be finalized; can present easement agreements at time of temporary access agreements.

Method of Calculating Sewer Connection Fees

Discussion: Consultant is putting together data for analysis; calculation connection fees from alternative tables; DEP flows incorporated into I/I contributions/ DEP view at treatment plans adds I/I projected use; calculation = total debt service divided by flow; developers look to revised tables; DEP are State Regulations, Developers need to follow Princeton calculations, same as we are doing; discussion of different scenarios for calculations; absolute fair number is not reasonable for so many different scenarios; hard to recalculate fee – follow State Statutes; A. Filippi will reach out to M. Sacks who is working with Kevin VanHise.

D. Itzi stated the collection system is going well.

A. Filippi shared NJAC 7.14A-23 published February 7, 2022 - Committee reviewed Sections and 40A:26A-11 Connection Fees – Committee reviewed Sections
Adjourn

At 11:20 a.m. E. Niedergang made a Motion to adjourn. V. Haynes seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2022 a.m. via Virtual Meeting/Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice Most, Secretary
Princeton Sewer Operating Committee

 Adopted: March 2, 2022