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**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Tour of Water/Sewer System Minutes
Monday, April 21, 2021 at 3:00 P.M.**

Attendance: Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Lori Furr
Commissioner William Meadows
Commissioner Jim Sells
Town Administrator Randy Holloway
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman

Also Present: Kenny Black

A quorum of the Board went on a tour of the water/sewer facilities in the Town of Mount Pleasant. Randy Holloway drove a small bus with the three Commissioners and Town Clerk to the Raw Water Intake site. He explained the damage by Hurricane Florence to the dam and the process required to repair it. He pointed out the building holding the electrical panel that was underwater a few weeks ago. The panel is rusting out and sitting on the floor. It needs to be updated and raised off the floor. He showed the group the intake site at the edge of the creek. It has a mound of silt, sand, and dirt building up at the entrance of the intake pipe. This was cleaned out 3 years ago and will be dredged out once again during the dam repair. It is a bid alternate for the FEMA project to move the intake pipe out into the stream to eliminate this problem in the future.

Next, the group went to the lagoon to show where the water from the intake site goes. Kenny Black pointed out the newest well installed 2 years ago. The wells bring clear water in the lagoon when the creek is muddy to reduce the amount of sludge that settles on the lagoon floor. The liner is showing signs of wear, but the life can be extended by coating with a potable paint which can be done by staff. Mr. Black would like to drain the lagoon during the dry summer months and dredge out the debris and also put a sloping trench at the bottom for easier cleaning in the future.

Mr. Black walked the group to the Water treatment Plant on Foil St. to tour the facility. He stated that the old facility built in the 1950's is used for storage of chemicals. The newer facility built in the 1980's is still running well. It can produce 800,000 gallons of water a day with a slightly reduced water quality. Normally, the plant produces 250,000 gallons a day to supply the Town. He walked the group through the 8-bin system where the water is cleaned. Then the group went into the office/lab testing area to see the old machine used to treat the water vs. the new SCADA system by Mission Communications which he can also access by his cell phone. The only need he mentioned was new flooring for the office area.

After leaving the Water Treatment Plant, the group rode to the various pump stations to see where they were located. At the Fieldstone/Cold Spring Pump Stations Amy Schueneman explained the difficulties with customers that did not put sewer services into their names for months and the ones that did not pay their bills. Since we are unable to disconnect their sewer, liens must be placed on their homes for past due sewer bills. Therefore, the Town should not give away their water and sewer to developments outside town limits. The Cold Springs station did not have a fence around it which should be installed by beginning of FY21/22. Many of the pump stations do not have generators. They are also not on property

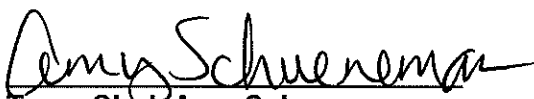
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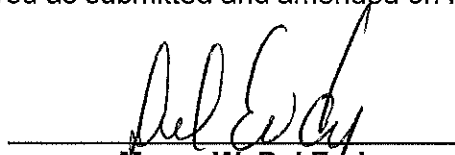
owned by the Town or have easements to access the property they are on. The Town will work with our attorney to start correcting these issues. It will take time and money to correct the issues.

The group returned to Town Hall and discussed some of the issues mentioned. No motions or decisions were made by the group.

Commissioners Ashby and Simpson will take the same tour with Mr. Holloway on Thursday, April 22, 2021. Since there will not be a quorum, minutes will not be taken at that tour.

By our signatures, the following minutes were approved as submitted and amended on Monday, May 17, 2021 in the Regular Meeting.


Town Clerk Amy Schueneman


Mayor W. Del Eudy

