

Present were SEWER Commission members Interim-Chair Robby Brown, Peter McNerney, Cliff McGinnes, alternates Frank Leslie and Rally Migliaccio, District Clerk Janet Ziegler.

Absent were members Tom Doyle, Sandra Finizia.

Also present were Public Works Director Nancy Dodge and Sewer Superintendent Ray Boucher.

Absent were Finance Director Amy Lewis and Attorney Elliot Taubman.

R. Brown called the meeting together at 10:02 PM.

1. Sewer Plant Operations. Act on Proposals for Pump Stations Alarm System.

**MOTION:** by C. McGinnes, based on recommendation of sewer superintendent to adopt one R. B. Allen box for the sewer plant and the small Honeywell boxes for the other five locations. The motion was not seconded.

R. Boucher said that there are a number of existing phone alarms at the sewer plant (for fire and for various malfunctions) and at Old Harbor Pump station (malfunctions) that feed directly to dispatch. Installing an Allen box and a Honeywell box at the sewer plant would provide triple redundancy. The Allen box would be programmed to call out the specific alarm type (fire, high level, etc) and its signal would feed directly to dispatch. The Honeywell alarm box is relayed to Long Island before the signal is returned to a cell phone; there is no identification as to what set off the alarm.

P. McNerney, a volunteer fireman, stated that it seemed illogical to have only dumb alarms; fires require imminent actions and time is critical. Dispatch needs to know immediately whether a fire-truck roll-out is required so that they can page out information to the standby crews. Boucher agreed and said that the Old Harbor Pump Station should also have an Allen alarm system installed because it is indispensable to operations and does not have a fire alarm.

Boucher recommended the Honeywell boxes because of their simplicity and the purchase costs are moderate (\$500 each as compared to \$3,500 for the Allen box). Normally, any upset at the treatment plant or pump station requires personal address, so an alarm triggered requires a reaction and the simple Honeywell boxes fill that requirement inexpensively. Monitoring fees for the Honeywell boxes are unknown at this time as is who would provide maintenance and those associated costs.

**MOTION:** by P. McNerney to have two Allen alarm boxes installed (one at the sewer plant, one at OH Pump Station) and to contract for six Honeywell boxes to be installed at all six pump locations (Champlin's, Boat Basin, Ocean Ave. #1, Ocean Ave. #2, OH Pump Station, sewer plant). The motion was seconded, a quorum was present and the vote on alarms was:

AYE: 5 (Brown, Leslie, McGinnes, McNerney, Migliaccio). NAY: Ø. ABSTAIN: Ø.

The motion carried.

Boucher agreed to obtain a formal proposal from Conant Electrical for the purchase of the Honeywell boxes, installation, maintenance and monitoring fees per station before the next meeting so that budget numbers could be prepared.

N. Dodge stated that operating charges for the Allen boxes were more complicated, but that \$350 per location per year was a good number.

The Commission generally agreed that flow charts of the various alarms should be worked out and made available to the Commissioners and staff and posted. They were especially concerned with the transmission of off-island signals by the Honeywell boxes: where and who receives the alarm replays, what notice is given, protocols at the site and what would be the local response procedures.

#### **Adjourn.**

**MOTION:** by P. McNerney to adjourn the meeting was seconded and the motion was unanimously approved by all members present.

The meeting adjourned at 10:38 AM

Respectfully submitted, Janet Ziegler, District Clerk

Approved: March 15, 2010

