

**ONANCOCK SEWER TRANSMISSION LINE STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2019**

Councilmember Spuck called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Members present were Messrs. Colonna, Silverman and Shannahan. Absent was Messrs. Byrd and Dodge and Mdme. Tunstall. Chairman Bloxom entered the meeting at 10:15am. Also present was Town Manager Kerbin and Office Manager Lisa Fiege.

Mr. Kerbin gave an update on the six requests for engineering services that had been sent out to assess the operational status of the Town's wastewater and collections systems. All quotes are due back by 10/28. It is the desire of the Committee that Council approve a vendor and the corresponding expenditure at the Council meeting on 10/28.

Chairman Bloxom and Mr. Kerbin briefed the group on the preparatory conference call held by the regional committee and HRSD ahead of the 10/24 public information session to be held at ESCC at 5pm. As the regional committee now intends to petition Accomack and Northampton Counties in early January to be included in the HRSD service area, it is important that the Onancock Steering Committee stay on schedule and wrap up our work by the end of the year. Mr. Bloxom also clarified for the group that on that conference call it was stated that the estimated \$3.33 "assessment" for each regional user to cover Onancock's existing debt (assuming the debt cannot be eliminated) would be assessed per 1,000 of usage.

The Committee agreed that representatives from Onancock should be a party to any discussions underway by the regional committee with regard to the resolution of Onancock's debt. Mr. Bloxom agreed to have that discussion with Steve Johnsen, Jeff Holland and the HRSD leadership at the regional meeting on 10/24.

The finance sub-committee stated that they were meeting with Town staff 10/16 to begin to build the proforma financial statements. The legal sub-committee stated that they would need to reach out to the Town's current lenders/bondholders to discuss their positions if the decision were made to partner with HRSD but the Town's debt remained in place. That sub-committee will also attempt to meet with the Middlesex County Administrator, who is attending the 10/24 regional meeting, prior to that meeting if his schedule permits. We still want to have similar conversations with Surry and King William County.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.