



**Minutes of the Seabrook Island Utility Commission
December 13, 2018
Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Morawski at 9:30 AM.

Commissioner Vancini was in attendance as were Tommy West and Carmella Montgomery of Hawthorne Services.

The minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

The financial report for November was reviewed. Ms. Montgomery reported that net income for the month was \$1,220. The Water Utility showed a positive \$9,418 but the Sewer Utility had a loss of \$8,197. Total Net income for the year to date is \$40,799, \$68,519 from the Water Utility and a loss of \$27,720 from Sewer. Adjusting for Bond principal and capital expenditures shows a reduction in cash of \$70,759 for the year. She further reported that the current amount of unpaid accounts was approximately \$800. Consideration of write offs would occur after year end.

Mr. West reported that wastewater plant performance continued to be good in November with all permit parameters met. Wastewater flows for the month averaged 409,000 gallons per day, and the average for the year of 401,000 gallons per day. He further reported that SIUC delivered 21,475,516 gallons of water for the month of November and 253,787,645 gallons for the year. This accounted for 98.12% of the water received from St. John's for the month and 93.3% for the year. He also reviewed work orders completed during the month, including the installation of the 4th emergency generator located at Pump Station #12, equipment replacement at RAS Pump Station #2, and rehabilitation of another 7 manholes. Mr. West also informed the Commission that the South Carolina Rural Water Association was in the process of transferring SIUC information to the SIUC website, and that Beacon Communication would be setting up a Shared File for access by Commissioners.

Ms. Montgomery reviewed a letter to go out with December invoices informing customers of the increase in water and sewer rates beginning in January 2019. Commissioners indicated their approval with certain revisions.

Mr. West informed the Commissioners that he had received communication from Saint Johns Water Company that they would be increasing their commodity charge to Seabrook Island by approximately 3.5% beginning in March 2019. Under previously established SIUC policy, this increase will be passed on to water customers and a note on March invoices will inform customers of this change.

Mr. West indicated that he had been in contact with engineers for several developments in the SIUC sewer service area. Based on projections, a number of new pump stations will be added by developers, but impact SIUC flows and forcemains. He proposed the Commission retain its own engineers to determine the best way to accommodate the additional flows and effluent discharge. Commissioners indicated their approval of retaining an engineering firm for such study.

Vice-Chairman Morawski provided a list of SIUC meeting Dates for 2019. There being no suggested changes, the dates will be provided to the Town for posting.

There being no further business, upon a motion by Vancini, second by Morawski, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 am. The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for January 16, 2019 at 9:30 AM at Town Hall.

Date: January 16, 2019



Town Clerk