

**BOROUGH OF CALDWELL
SEWER BOARD
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The Sewer Board meeting of the Borough of Caldwell was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:19PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Kelley, Council President Schmidt, Councilman Rodgers, Cole, Lace, DePalma-Iozzi & Gates

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator, Thomas Banker, Borough Attorney, Vincent Nuzzi, Philip LiVecchi, Mott McDonald & John Scheri, Mott McDonald, Mayor Tempesta, Paul Jemas, Esq., Township of West Caldwell, Nikole Baltycki, Township of West Caldwell, Councilwoman Canale, Township of West Caldwell, Mr. Webster, II Esq., Borough of Roseland, Councilman Freda, Borough of Roseland, Maureen Chumacas, Borough Administrator Roseland,

Adequate notice of this Caldwell Sewer Board meeting was given on February 26, 2019. Notice was posted on the bulletin board on the first floor of the Borough Hall, One Provost Square, Caldwell, New Jersey. Official newspapers of the Borough were notified of this meeting by mail. Notice was posted and all persons requesting notice were sent same.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

WELCOME INTRODUCTION

Philip LiVecchi, PE
Mott MacDonald

John Scheri, PE
Mott MacDonald

Mr. Thomas Banker introduced issues:

- We are in excess of our permitted volume.
- Annual rating for our facility is 4.5 million gallons per day.
- Average daily flow is 5 million gallons per day (MGD)
- With the I/I study we are 11-12 million gallons per day.

There have been repairs on the generator, UV and sand filters have been done. Mott MacDonald has studied the cost structure and will communicate results, EDU numbers and obligations of member communities including construction and capital improvements which are necessary.

We do not have current contracts with all the members in the communities which is required by the DEP.

John Scheri gave an overview:

We have received commendations from the DEP on our efforts to study the I/I, to seek contracts from members of the communities and expand capacity.

Phase II of the I/I will identify sources and corrective actions including added capacity and re-rating.

Financing would be done through the NJ Infrastructure/Water Bank.

- 1) Phase II of the I/I collection investigation starting in the Spring. This will be in front of the Mayor and Council on March 3rd.

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- 2) Preliminary Engineering.
- 3) Decisions based on Preliminary Engineering within 4 – 6 months.

Mr. Banker added that the expanded capacity will not be online until 3 – 4 years because the plant will need to continue operating during the expansion.

Mayor Kelley asked how this may affect development and Mr. Banker responded that a large project would likely be denied and the development will have to be restricted.

Councilman Lace asked about re-rating and the reply was there is not much room for any growth. Mr. Banker added that the collection review will take place in various phases.

Councilman Cole confirmed that the I/I study should cover the entire system – all partner communities. This was confirmed by the fact that the system does not have “political” boundaries.

Mr. LiVecchi expressed the urgent need to have contracts in order to comply with the DEP. This is necessary obtain their support for our projects. Discussions with Roseland and Essex Fells are ongoing. Fairfield was the only contract that has been sent back and signed.

Mayor Jemas suggested a diversion of the flow to Parsippany Troy Hills (ParTroy) or Two Bridges. This was something discussed long ago. He and others supported the idea of analyzing this option before committing to spending millions on the expansion projects.

Mr. LiVecchi and Mr. Banker both agreed to look into it. It was also agreed that the Sewer Board participate in the process so as to give more weight to the discussion.

West Caldwell Engineer asked how often we are above capacity and Phil LiVecchi explained that we have not been below the limit for the past 18 months.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Moved by Council President Rodgers, seconded by Councilman Cole to open meeting to the Public.

There being no additional business to be conducted a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Lace, seconded by Councilman Gates unanimously affirmed by all members present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM

Prepared by: _____
Lisa O'Neill, Deputy Borough Clerk

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