

Monthly Report from the Manager
Monday, February 5, 2024

In November 2023, staff participated in a kickoff meeting with Division of Water Infrastructure staff to address the SOC dated December 22, 2021. The intent of this meeting as well as future meetings is to address items listed in the SOC and be permitted to accept additional wastewater flow (domestic, industrial, or commercial) without prior approval from the Water Quality Permitting Section. On January 16, 2024, we meet with DEQ the office of Viable Utilities, they are helping us with the SOC and Moratorium.

The sewer collections system inflow and infiltration are our main issue regarding the moratorium. The Town of Mount Olive has made great progress in 2023 and will continue to do so in 2024.

On August 23, 2021, the town was awarded a Community Development Block Grant for the construction phase of the Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project for \$1,864,000. This project consists of relining approximately 7500 Linear Feet of 8" sewer line which is completed. The project areas are Southeast and Southwest Center St., Herring St., Hillsboro St., Nelson St., Elizabeth St., and Johnson St. To date, they have installed 60 of the 95 cleanouts that we have. They are also installing mini manhole covers, this will protect the cleanouts from damage and make them easy to locate if they are covered. They have completed rehabbing 6 of the 35 manholes the town has in that section of town. We have had to remove Conner St., because Johnson St. was in worse shape than Conner St. Today they have started paving the sections that they cut to make repairs in the lines.

On June 8, 2022, the town was awarded a North Carolina Department of Public Safety Grant for \$964,100.00. This project consists of improvements to the drainage infrastructure in the Maple St. and Nelson St. areas and installation of additional culvert(s) under the CSX railroad to expand drainage capacity and improve connectivity. At this point, the contractors have received approval from NC Emergency Management to extend the project schedule and make some changes to the originally proposed design.

They have initiated the required CSX plan review process and are planning a field meeting with the local CSX representative.

They have also initiated a discussion with NCDOT (North Carolina Department of Transportation) about the encroachment into their Right of Way.

And the next steps include implementing our proposed changes into the plans and submitting them to both CSX and NCDOT by the end of February.

On June 8, 2023, the Town was awarded a North Carolina Division of Water Infrastructure Grant for \$8,000,000.00 for our Wastewater Treatment Collections

System Rehabilitation and Replacement. The design phase will begin in about three months.

On January 18, 2024, DEQ, Washington Office came for a site visit of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Problems were found with work performed in contract I and contract II. A finding has not been sent to us yet.

The final part of the sign machine should be here any day, and we should start replacing signs by the end of the month.

We have been in talks with ITSS, and we are working toward getting our cameras up and running by the end of February.