



COMMISSION FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2019

PRESENT: Commissioners Elofson, Lakdawala, Levenston, Lynch, Rodriguez, Taraski, Templeman (Taraski and Templeman left early).

FISCAL YEARS 2020-2029 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET REVIEW

The Finance Committee (Commissioners Rodriguez, Lynch and Elofson), Commissioners Lakdawala, Levenston, Taraski, Templeman and staff reviewed all newly proposed and existing capital projects for FY 2020-2029.

A final review meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to review and discuss all new projects not in the first draft CIP and/or other projects requiring substantial revisions, as well as a final review of the balanced 10-year CIP projection.

Attachments: None

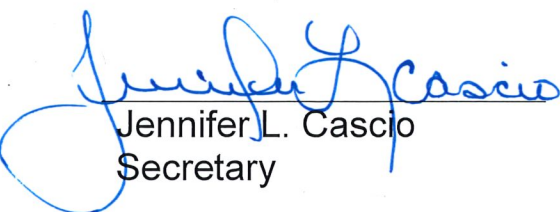
Public Comment: Mr. William Saunders, Director of Planning, Engineering and Public Works for the Town of Smithfield, read the [attached letter](#) seeking assistance in the remediation of high pressure issues in the Town of Smithfield.

Next Finance Committee Meeting Date: April 1, 2019

Meeting Adjourned: 2:30 p.m.

SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:


Jennifer L. Cascio
Secretary


Stephen C. Rodriguez
Committee Chair



TOWN OF SMITHFIELD

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February 1, 2019

HRSD Commission

Re: High Pressure Issues in HRSD Force Main – Town of Smithfield, VA

Dear Commissioners:

Please accept this correspondence as an appeal to you for assistance in the remediation of the high pressure issues that the Town of Smithfield experiences in accessing the HRSD force main with our terminal sewer pump stations.

The pressures experienced exceed those for which the town's pump stations were designed, resulting in one or more pump stations offline with bypass pumps employed much of the time; further, the town has incurred the cost of installing permanent bypass pumps at numerous stations. It has grown to the degree recently that our standard bypass pumps cannot provide access to the main and high head pressure bypass pumps have been obtained for access. This situation has also increased the amount of energy and repair costs required for the primary pumps, as well as personnel costs to monitor and react to the ongoing situation. It is our contention that the town's taxpayers should not have to shoulder the burden of these costs.

This issue has been recognized by HRSD staff, as they have logged months of data that show proof of the issue and have repeatedly sent crews to vent the valves in the lines in an attempt to reduce pressures. While the operations arm of HRSD has worked as well as can be expected with their limited resources to reduce the issue, this is a problem that is beyond the reach of operations.

It is understood that a temporary pressure reducing station is in the planning stages for south of the town limits; the town enthusiastically supports this project and it is our hope that the Board will include this project in the HRSD Capital Program to provide the Town of Smithfield a more workable environment in our partnership with HRSD.

Please contact me at 757-365-4266 or wsaunders@smithfieldva.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

William G. Saunders, IV, AICP, CZA
Director of Planning, Engineering and Public Works

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