

**TOWN OF ASTATULA
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES**



**COUNCIL WORKSHOP
TUESDAY MAY 25, 2021
SEWER GRANT**

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Mayor Mitchell Mack called the workshop to order at 6.01pm. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Mitchell Mack, Mayor
Stephen Cross
Gayle Sikkema
Orita Issartel

Absent:

Kimberly Kobera

Also Present:

Graham Wells, Town Clerk
Steve Elias P.E., Pennoni

Roll Call was performed, and it was determined that a quorum was present. The Mayor welcomed Steve Elias from Pennoni and outlined what the topic of the meeting was and the grant opportunities that were open to the town for water and wastewater. He stated that the grant funding available right now may never be seen again for a generation and the town must seize whatever it can get to expand the utility opportunities.

Mr. Elias gave a power point presentation of what grant funding was available and what it could potentially be used for which is summarized below:

Water Infrastructure Needs:

Ground Storage Tank (s)
High Service Pumps (VFD's)
Chlorination Upgrades
Operations Building/Motor Control Center
SCADA Communications
Fire Hydrants/protection
Central Water Service to residents
Private wells
Potentially contaminated wells

Water Infrastructure Funding:

FDEP State Revolving Fund

Principal Forgiveness (grant) to small (<10,000) disadvantaged (<MHI) communities
50% planning and design grants
20% - 90% construction grants
Function of Population and MHI
34% grant (depends on 5-year MHI)??
20/30-year loans
2.26% base loan (Astatula 0.23% ??)

Wastewater Infrastructure Needs:

Septic to Sewer Improvements

Hideaway Harbor, East Lake Harris Estates, East Lake Harris, etc

Abandon septic tanks

New sewers, pump stations, force mains

Wastewater Treatment Plant

20-acre site +/-

Packaged plant

Effluent Disposal ponds (RIB's)

Wastewater Infrastructure Funding:

2021 Florida Wastewater Grant

New in 2021 per FS 403.0673 (\$610+ million)

Project Areas – BMAP, adopted alternative restoration plan, or rural areas of opportunity

Project Types

Must reduce excess nutrient pollution

Retrofit onsite sewage

Construct, upgrade, or expand WWTF's to provide advanced treatment

Connect on-site sewage treatment (septic) to central sewer systems

Priorities

1st – Connecting onsite systems to existing infrastructure

2nd – Expanding collection systems along with other projects in R/W

3rd - Connecting on-site systems to WWTF's

Nutrient load reduction, readiness, cost-effectiveness, location, matching funds, water savings

Application Steps:

Planning (facilities Plan + environmental desired, not required)

July 1, 2021 (+/-) application window ends?

FDEP State Revolving Fund

Principal Forgiveness (grant) to financially disadvantaged (<FL per capita income avg) small communities (<10,000)

50% planning grants

70% - 90% design and construction grants

Function of Population and per capita income (affordability index)

20-year loans

2.26% base loan (Astatula <1%)

Application Steps:

Planning (facilities Plan + environmental) – 90-day review

Design

Construction

August 2021 and November 2021 Funding Hearings

Other: CDBG, USDA, 319, Stimulus, etc

Following discussion by the Council it was decided that Mr. Elias would provide the Clerk with a firm proposal on the wastewater grant prior to the June 14 Council meeting for them to vote on as no decision was able to be taken at the workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Graham Wells, Town Clerk



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