MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 9, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Ann Parish Council was held on Thursday, October 9, 2014 in the Council's Meeting Room, St. Ann's Bay.

PRESENT WERE:

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

His Worship the Mayor - Cllr. Desmond Gilmore – Chairman Councillors - Vinnette Robb-Oddman (Mrs.)

Vinnette Robb-Oddman (Mrs.)Winston Brown

Marlon Garvey
Lydia Richards (Mrs.)
Arthur Clemetson
Gilbert McLeod
Anthony Walker

Dr. Rohan Williams Sydney Stewart Lloyd Garrick Lambert Weir Ian Bell

OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mr. Alfred Graham - Secretary/Manager

Miss Susan Riley - Acting Director of Administration

Miss Ethlyn Douglas - Director of Planning

Miss Althea Hall - Acting Supt. Roads & Works

Mrs. Marcine Jackson - Director of Finance
Mr. Christopher Morris - IT Specialist
Miss Nicola Gayle - Internal Auditor

Miss Meisha Samuels - Budget & Revenue Officer

Mrs. Sharmaine Davidson - Matron, Infirmary

Miss Kaydian Harty - Public & Community Relations Officer

Mrs. Yvett Duncan

Miss Carolyn Prince

Inspector of Poor
Office Manager, CS Unit

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ST. ANN HEALTH DEPT.

Mr. Leroy Scott - Actg. Chief Public Health Inspector

REPRESENTATIVE OF ST. ANN FIRE DEPT.

Mr. Patrick Robinson - Assistant Supt. of Fire

REPRESENTATIVE OF NEPA - Nil

REPRESENTATIVE OF NEPM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT - Nil

REPRESENTATIVE OF ST. ANN PARISH DEV. COMMITTEE - Nil

REPRESENTATIVE OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Richardo Aiken - Parish Manager

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POLICE DIVISION - Nil

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SENIOR CITIZENS - Nil

DEVOTION

The devotional exercise was conducted by Captain Anthony Sanchez from the Salvation Army. He commenced by stating that God is good to us and he promised to be good to us if we are faithful to him.

Captain Sanchez read from Romans 13 verse 1-7; He entitled his message "Enjoying Freedom Under Authority". During his exhortation he stated that God has appointed authority over men to bring order to our society, and in bringing order, He has given each of us an opportunity to learn the lesson of how to submit to governance. This is a lesson we all *must* learn, for even Christ is subject to the Father. Additionally, that John 14: vs 15 implores us to love, it states: "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments" He further stated that to love those who have wronged us was hard but that we must love our neighbours as ourselves detest darkness and put on the armour of light.

He ended with prayer and the words from the following song pointing out that as long as we have love, God will be pleased; that when there is no love that was when problems set in.

"I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more But the Master of the sea, heard my despairing cry From the waters lifted me, now safe am I

Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help Love lifted me"!

The Chairman thanked captain Sanchez for conducting the devotional exercise and invited him to stay as long as he could be however withdrew from the meeting

WELCOME

The Chairman extended a cordial welcome to all present

1. NOTICE CONVENING MEETING

The Secretary/Manager read the Notice convening the meeting

National Water Commission's Representative Attendance at Meeting

The Chairman advised that one Mr. Roy Lawrence Acting Regional Water Supply and Distribution Manager should be in attendance but he has not yet arrived.

Councillor Stewart stated that the Council needed to take a decision regarding the way forward as the people whom he represents were suffering and he needed answer.

The Chairman asked that a call be made to ascertain the reason Mr. Lawrence was not in attendance.

1. CORRECTION TO MINUTES

On page 1, & 11	Mrs. Francine Phillips-Kelly to be corrected to read Dr. Francine Phillips-Kelly
On Page 10	Road # 56 to be corrected to read Road # 59
On Page 12	In the 1 st paragraph the word "systems" to be corrected to read "symptoms" and in the 3 rd paragraph the word that follows practice to be deleted
On Page 19	In the second paragraph the word "worked" to be inserted before the word "extremely" and the word "to" to be inserted before "extinguish"

On page 20 Under the caption "Brown's Town Concerns" the word "for to be substituted

in place of :with"

Under the caption "Closure of Business Establishment" the word or in the second line of the 1st paragraph to be deleted and substituted with "and"

On Page 21 Under the caption "Maintenance of Streetlight" the word "seized" to be

corrected to read "ceased"

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on September 11 2014 was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Robb-Oddman and McLeod respectively, subject to the aforementioned corrections.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were tendered on behalf of the following:

- Councillor Delroy Giscombe Absent
- Councillor Delroy Redway AbsentCouncillor Lydia Richards Late

3. MATTERS ARISING

Trucking of Water to Drought Stricken Areas

Councillor Bell expressed the view that the amount received by Council to assist with trucking of water to drought stricken areas was "woefully" inadequate. He further stated that with the prolonged drought affecting the Country persons in his division were parching; therefore he needed to know the Council's position regarding the assistance of trucking water bearing in mind that that its truck had been out of service since July and what was being done to have the truck repaired to assist those that were suffering immensely.

The Acting Supt. Roads and Works agreed that the truck was out for an extended period of time. However, she advised that in keeping with the Procurement guidelines quotations were sought to have the unit repaired and one garage was asking for \$500,000. Additionally, that the company had to be NCC and TCC compliant; therefore it was decided that the company that sold the truck to Council should be asked to do an assessment but instead they sent a quotation to replace the gear box.

Councillor Bell then stated that he did not believe there was much urgency on the part of Council to have the truck repaired.

The Secretary/Manager stated that based on the disparity with the quotes as the second was for over \$800,000.00 the suppliers Vehicles and Supplies was asked to do an assessment and submit a report and instead a quote for over \$10,000,000.00 was submitted for a gear box.

Councillor Garvey stated that maybe the buy was not a good one but pointed out that based on the terrain and the volume of work the truck was expected to perform it would only be natural for it to go bad, he asked that in acquiring a new truck such factors be considered.

Following a further lengthy discussion it was decided that since quotations were sought and not received this be recorded and the matter be expedited.

Request for Additional Water Truck

The Chairman informed that there still was no response from the Minister with responsibility for Water regarding the captioned matter.

Repairs to Rainwater Catchment Tanks

The Chairman informed Council that Mr. Reid from Rural Water Supplies Limited visited and we were awaiting the Bills of Quantity for the second set of tanks that he has visited.

Councillor Richards and Weir joined the meeting

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Plastic Tank Programme

The Chairman advised that they were having challenges as it relates to amount of tank to be given to each division and the number of divisions to benefit monthly; that the matter would be finalized at the Finance Committee of Council.

Town Hall Meetings

The Chairman advised that the Public and Community Relations Officer had done the new schedule which was circulated. Councillors who had concerns regarding their dates were asked to make contact with Miss Harty to have the matter addressed.

Parish Review Committee for Special Discretionary Relief - Property Tax

The Chairman informed the Committee that a meeting to process the applications was still not yet convened.

Tying of Horses along the Highway

The Chairman advised that the notice was served and the Pound keeper advised.

Councillor McLeod stated that a month has passed and he was still seeing horses on the road.

The Chairman advised that having served the notice the Council can now act.

Concern was raised regarding the content of the notice and the Director of Planning read the following:-



With immediate effect, the tying of horses is prohibited along the public thoroughfares, with emphasis along the Northern Coastal Highway.

Any horse found tied along the roadways after this date will be immediately impounded.

Signed

Alfred Graham, JP Secretary/Manager PARISH COUNCIL – ST. ANN 2014 SEPTEMBER 11

The discussions concluded after hearing the content of the foregoing notice.

Municipal Building

The Chairman advised that the final submission was still being awaited from the Acting Supt. Roads and Works.

Rehabilitation of Road No. 320, Club Street – Brown's Town Division

As it related to the captioned matter the Chairman advised that an allocation was received from Ministry of Local Government.

<u>Tour of Sections of the Parish with the Ministers of State in the Ministries of Transport, Works</u> and Housing and Local Government and Community Development

Councillor Stewart stated that he was not pleased as the Minister had visited and made certain commitments which he said would be dealt with after the budget.

He further stated that he felt as if he was backed in a corner; that the condition in Tanglewood was heart rending and it was affecting the lives of those residents. He said he was grateful that there have not been any fatalities but that when it happened the state including the Council would have to take responsibility.

It was decided that a letter be sent to the National Works Agency (NWA) based on the urgency of the matter.

Request for the installation of Traffic Light – Moneague Division

Councillor Garrick asked that a follow up letter be done regarding the captioned request.

Suspension of Standing Order

The Standing Order was suspended on a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Bell and Brown respectively to facilitate discussion with Mr. Roy Lawrence Acting Regional Water Supply and Distribution Manager.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Lawrence to the meeting.

Mr. Lawrence acknowledged the welcome and stated that he was new to the parish and would not be familiar with the issues raised. He stated that he was just shown a copy of the matters he should address and that he would be happy to carry out the investigations and report his findings to Council.

Councillor Richards stated that it was unfair to Mr. Lawrence to be asked to attend the meeting and not being briefed about the discussion, she noted however that she liked his approach.

The Chairman informed Mr. Lawrence that the Council was dis-satisfied with the level of representation from the National Water Commission at the Local Level and as a result a request was made to have discussion with someone senior and a list of the issues raised were sent to their head office.

Councillor Stewart stated that the fact that Mr. Lawrence was sent to the meeting and not briefed was evident of the scant regards with which the Commission held the Council.

Councillor Garvey was of the view that since Mr. Lawrence was not prepared he be given time to peruse the list and the discussion be held at the next Roads and Works Committee Meeting.

Councillor Weir however stated that he believe the discussion should still be held and Councillors be given an opportunity to voice their concerns.

Concern was raised regarding the agreement or lack thereof between the National Water Commission and the National Works Agency to have Parochial Road surfaces restored after pipe laying work had been carried out by the National Water Commission. It was suggested that Council be given the contract to use its contractors to repair these roads.

Councillor Brown advised that the water system in Cascade had broken down as a result of a defective water main for the past nine weeks. He said that the schools were affected and have

threatened to close their doors. Additionally that he was told that a four inch main was required to correct the situation.

Councillor Weir expressed concern that the National Water Commission was not an entity with which one could communicate he added that the customer service skills of the workers were poor; that there were frequent water lock offs and no information regarding the lock off given leaving persons to speculate.

The Councillor also advised that the extension to Barrett Hall has been outstanding for a while that he was told that there were two pumps in Claremont but that only one is operational and he needed to know what was happening.

The Chairman pointed out that if the Councillors are given the requisite information they could assist the National Water Commission in passing on this information to those in their respective communities.

Councillor Dickenson advised that the St. Ann's Bay Primary School has been out of water and no one could say why. He reiterated the concerns of his colleagues that they needed to be informed when these locks off would be scheduled.

Councillor Clemetson also reported that areas in his division such as Old Folly, Primrose Hill and Lakeside Park suffered from frequent water lock off and each time they are told when it would return it was never back by that time.

Councillor Stewart advised that there was a spring in Liberty and for more than four years the residents have been suffering from lack of water and that whenever they do get some of the supply it's a small amount. He added that it was a disgrace and asked that attention be given to the communities of Liberty, Lewis, Tanglewood and Priory. Additionally, that he was to hear that the system was being regulated and upon carrying out his investigations it was discovered that it was just mere fabricated stories being offered by the Local Office.

Councillor Dr. Williams welcomed Mr. Lawrence to the Parish. He stated that Ocho Rios meant eight rivers and several areas had been experiencing problems with water. He had concerns that areas such as Snow Hill, Pimento Walk, Soring Piece, Parry Town and Beecher Town have issues regarding regular water lock off; that there has been many theories regarding the pump at Turtle River.

The Chairman asked that all the Councillors give Miss DaCosta a copy of their supplemental listing by Friday October 10, 2014 in order for her to compile same and forward via electronic email to Mr. Lawrence.

The Standing Order resumed on a motion moved by Councillor Brown and seconded by Councillor Garrick.

Drain Cleaning

Councillor Brown advised that a request was made from the Roads and Works Committee for funds to be extracted from SGR regarding the captioned matter and he was told the matter would be dealt with under Supplemental Correspondence.

<u>Drainage System in the vicinity of the</u> Brown's Town Infant School

The Chairman advised the road falls under the jurisdiction of the National Works Agency, and that the estimate was requested

Alexandria Library

The Chairman enquired of Councillor McLeod whether he could meet with him for a brief moment following the meeting.

Councillor McLeod stated that he was not sure the point of the meeting he said it was sad to see how the matter was being dealt with. He asked the Secretary/Manager whether there was any

correspondence from the Japanese Embassy since the funding was released and the Secretary/Manager replied in the negative.

Councillor McLeod said he found it strange that in the initial stage whenever there was any discussions with the embassy an electronic mail followed, now he was hearing about letter authoring change of site.

The Chairman recalled that at the last meeting he advised that all correspondence that he got he copied to all the relevant persons he said he wanted to meet with the Councillor as the Minister had proposed two dates and he wanted to see which would be more convenient for him in order to move forward.

Councillor McLeod stated that he would be attending the meeting to reject anything that was put forward adding that something was not right.

Councillor Stewart suggested that he have consultation regarding the matter rather than deciding to reject what was put forward; he also reminded Council that the project commenced with the assistance sought by Councillor McLeod as well as his assistance.

Councillor Stewart stated that he did not think the Councillor should take that stance without hearing what was proposed. He added that the Council was the implementing agency and he was surprised that the Minister and other allies did not communicate with the implementing agency.

Council's Retreat

The Chairman informed the meeting that Heads of Departments met On October 8, 2014 and an additional week was needed to compile the plan after which it would be circulated to all Councillors.

Councillor Richards stated that it was taking too long and asked that she be given her copy via electronic mail.

Roads numbered 45, 46 & 50 - Sturge Town and Bamboo Divisions

Councillor Bell expressed his dissatisfaction that a month had passed and the assistance was not given for remedial work to be done to provide access to the community served by these roads.

The Chairman advised that the Acting Supt. Roads and Works would have the matter addressed.

Presentation Animal Identification & Traceability

At this point the Standing Order was suspended on a motion moved by Councillor Dickenson and Seconded by Councillor Robb to facilitate presentation by Dr. Ikolyn Ricketts from the Ministry of Agriculture

She advised that it was the Vetenary Division intention to sensitize persons about the National Initiative of Animal Identification and traceability.

She made the following presentation:-

- Animal Identification included:-
 - Branding
 - Tattooing
 - Ear Notching
 - Ear Tags
 - RFID
 - DNA profiling
 - Traceability
 - The ability to trace individual animals or homogenous groups of animals throughout all stages of life

- Pilot Study
- Conducted by Veterinary Services Division
- Global Change
- OIE and Codex
- Animal Identification This was defined as "the combination and linking of the identification and registration of an animal individually, with a unique identifier, or collectively by its epidemiological unit or group, with a unique group identifier".
- Animal Traceability "the ability to follow an animal or epidemiological group of animals during all stages of life".
- Animal Identification System "the inclusion and linking of components such as identification of establishments/owners, the person(s) responsible for the animals, movement and other records with animal information".
- The Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act of Jamaica
 - Regulations on the marking of Bovine Animals
 - Definitions
 - Registration of bovine animals and establishment
 - Identification of bovine animals
 - Ear tag management
 - Movement reporting
 - Obligations of the owner
 - Central register of establishments
 - Computerised database
 - Financing of the AIT system
 - Field inspection control,
 - Offences, and reporting.

The desired objective

- Trade
- Securing access to domestic and international markets
- Official establishment of animal ownership
- Registration and identification
- Aid in the reducing larceny of livestock
- Through the use of tissue ear tags which makes provision for DNA analysis

Components

- REGISTRATION OF BOVINE ANIMALS AND ESTABLISHMENTS
- IDENTIFICATION OF BOVINE ANIMALS (TAGGING & PASSPORT)
- RECORD DATA INTO THE COMPUTERISED DATABASE
- ANIMAL MOVEMENT REPORTING
- Identification of bovine animals (Tagging & Passport)
 All animals must be identified

Each cattle on the establishment will be tagged with a pair of visible ear tag bearing a unique Id number and a bar code, one being a conventional ear tag and the other a tissue ear tag(larceny).

The Cattle Passport bearing the same ID number and bar code will be filled with the relevant information of the animal and given to the owners at the time of tagging.

This number will be unique to this animal throughout its lifetime.

- Record data into the computerized database
 - Data/info collected on both the owner and the animal will be entered and stored in the central computerized database.

Traceability feature/function of the system

- Animal movement reporting
- All movement must be notified within seven (7) days of its occurrence

The cattle passport corresponding to the ear tag must accompany the animal at all times during movement

The following are who should participate

- All owners of cattle
- Public health Inspectors
- Operators of abattoirs/slaughterhouses
- Operators of livestock markets and show grounds
- The Police

Who should carry out Naits Activity

- First tagging/identification exercise will be carried out by VSD personnel
- Routine tagging/identification will be both VSD personnel and cattle owners

First tagging/identification will take place on a Parish by Parish basis, Community by Community and Establishment by Establishments

The following questions were posed:-

Councillor Richards seeing that reference was made to cattle whether goats could be registered she said she did not see how the scheme would reduce predial largeny.

Dr. Ricketts advised that it would serve as a deterrent to those stealing as the DNA of the meat sample could be matched after testing

Councillor Garrick asked whether the National Security was a partner and Dr. Ricketts replied in the affirmative.

Samples of the animal passport and the ear tagging/ identification was circulated

The Chairman thanked Dr. Ricketts for attending she accepted the sentiments expressed and advised that St. Ann was being used as the pilot project

The Standing Order resumed on a motion moved by Councillor Garrick and seconded by Councillor Robb

Requests submitted to the Ministry of Local Government for funds to be deducted from the Equalization Fund to Rehabilitate Roads in the Parish

The Chairman advised that a follow up was sent to the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development

Cemeteries

The Secretary/Manager advised that the matter of new cemetery for would be included in the Strategic Plan.

Request for Demolition of Illegal Buildings - Salem

The Chairman advised that a memorandum was sent to the Acting Supt. Roads and Works and the Director of Planning and the matter would be dealt with at the Planning Committee.

Breakaway in the Community of Bamboo

The Committee was advised that the Disaster Co-ordinator did an investigation and a report was sent to the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM).

Councillor Stewart requested that while the response is being awaited the National Works Agency be asked to erect caution tape.

Windalco- Mining Permit

The meeting was informed that a community meeting was scheduled for October 15, 2014 at the Moneague Primary and Junior High to address the captioned matter.

Purchase of Tablets

The Chairman advised that negotiations were taking place with a supplier for the tablets to be purchased without the data plan.

It was suggested that the matter be dealt with further at Finance Committee meeting

Chikungunya Resolution

The Chairman informed that the resolution that was passed at the last meeting was forwarded to the ministry for the amount of \$8,000,000.00 to be extracted from the Equalization Fund.

4. FINANCE MATTERS

a. Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on September 19, 2014 was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Garrick and Bell, respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman made the following announcements:

a. Local Government Month Activities

The Chairman advised that plans were already being made for the captioned event

b. Heroes Day Celebration

The Council was reminded that the Heroes Day Celebrations would be held on Monday, October 20, 2014

c. Chikungunuya Virus

The Chairman advised that as part of the Council's response to the captioned outbreak the Council has partnered with the Health Department; that apart from the \$200,000 that was approved the Council loan a multimedia projector to assist in the public education campaign, assisted with printing of flyers, made one of the van available to assist with fogging

On the adoption of a motion moved by Councillor Garrick and seconded by Councillor Richards it was agreed that the meeting be continued beyond 1:00 p.m.

6. SESSION AS THE LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

On the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Bell and Richards respectively, Council sat as the Local Board of Health.

a. REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER (HEALTH)

Mr. Leroy Scott apologized for the absence of the Medical Officer.

Chikungunya Virus

Mr. Scott advised that the number of suspected Chik V cases continue to be on the rise; that they continue to sensitize the communities and to do fogging in affected communities

Burial Site Inspections

During the month thirty-eight (29) family plot burial requests were received. Twenty-five were investigated and recommended, while four remained outstanding.

BUILDING PLANS

The following is the breakdown of building proposals submitted to the public health department as well as those processed during the month of August:

- 25- Received
- 48- Investigated
- 46-Recommended
- 2- Not Recommended
- 0- Outstanding

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION

INDICATORS	REPORTIN MONTH	G PREVIOUS MONTH
Complaints received -	29	18
Investigation	20	18
Resolved	6	4
Notices served	10	6

A total of twenty-nine complaints were received, while twenty were investigated and six were resolved. Ten statutory notices were served during the period. The complaints received were in relation to one or more of the following issues:

- (1) Animal rearing
- (2) Unsanitary disposal of waste water
- (3) Overgrown vegetation
- (4) Unsanitary Animal Rearing
- (5) Improper disposal of solid waste
- (6) Pest infestation

BARBERS/ HAIRDRESSERS

TABLE 1: BARBERS AND HAIRDRESSERS SESSIONS

Indicators	Reporting month	Previous month
No. Sessions Held	1	3
No. Applicants processed	22	51
No. Permits renewed	17	34
No. New permits issued	5	17
No. % permits issued within 3 weeks	19	20

One session was held for the certification of hairdressers, beauty therapists, barbers and cosmetologists. This was two fewer than those held for previous month. There was a fifty-six percent (56%) decline in the number of applications received and processed.

INSPECTION OF BEAUTY SALONS

A total of thirteen establishments were inspected for compliance with the requirements for licensing. In the process seven were found satisfactory and recommended for licence.

WATER AND WASTE-WATER

Residual Chlorine Tests

During the month under review forty-eight (48) residual chlorine tests were done on water supplies. Forty-five (45) representing ninety-three percent (93%) of those sampled had chlorine residue greater than or equal to the standard level of 0.2mg/lt. of water.

The rate of satisfactory residual chlorine tests was one percent more than that achieved for the previous month. Of the sixty-one operational treated water supplies, thirty-seven or 60% were sampled.

Breakdown of Treated Water Supplies by Ownership

Operators of Treated Supplies	Total
NWC	29
Parish council	12
Private	20
Total	61

Parish Council Water Supply Status

Six of the parish council's treated water supplies were inspected and sampled. Four supplies including Green Hill, Madras, Clay ground, Murray Mt and Higgins Land were unsatisfactory while Welcome was the only one which had satisfactory residual chlorine reading.

Private Water Supplies Status

There was no inspection of any of the privately operated water supplies during the period under review. Of the fourteen supplies sampled for chlorine residue, two, Chukka Cove and Plantation Village had no residual chlorine.

NWC Water Supply Status

Five NWC water supplies were inspected one of which was unsatisfactory. Eighteen (18) supplies were assessed for residual chlorine with seventeen (17) or 94% achieving standards. The Liberty supply was without residual chlorine for the second consecutive time it was checked.

Bacteriological Analysis

No bacteriological analysis was done on water supplies during the month.

Waste Water Management

Fourteen of the twenty waste-water plants were sampled for residual chlorine. Samples from six plants were also submitted for bacteriological analyses with four meeting the desired standards. These include Sandals Ocho Rios, Moneague Gardens, Moneague Rose Hall and St. Ann's Bay Hospital. The unsatisfactory samples were obtained from Ocho Rios and Moneague College. Fourteen of the plants were inspected, with eleven representing 78% being satisfactory. Residual chlorine reading at thirteen of the plants assessed however, met the required standard.

National Water Commission Sewage Treatment Plants status

Three of the five Sewage Treatment Plants operated by the NWC were inspected during the month under review. At two of the plants, Moneague Rose Hall and Moneague Gardens, residual chlorine samples were satisfactory. None was done at the third plant which does not use chlorine as disinfection.

Government Owned Sewage Treatment Plant Status

The St. Ann's Bay Hospital Sewage Treatment Plant is the only GOJ operation of its kind in the parish. While the plant continue to operate in an unsatisfactory physical and mechanically operational state, the residual chlorine tests done on the effluent were satisfactory

Private Sewage Treatment Plant Status

Ten of the fourteen private waste-water plants were inspected and sampled for chlorine residue; two plants effluent were also done for bacteriological analysis. Nine plants had acceptable residual chlorine levels, The unsatisfactory plant was Moneague College.

VECTOR CONTROL

Aedes aegypti Indicators

Indicators	Current month	Last month	Same period last year
No. premises inspected	1185	777	840
No. premises positive	209	120	162
No. container found	3381	2423	2079
No. Container positive	541	242	480
Premises index	17.6	15.4	19.1
Breateau index	45.6	31.1	57.1
Container index	16.0	9.9	23.08
Port index	0.8	0.83	0.3

The table above shows a comparative reading of the different indicators over the three periods. Eleven hundred and eighty-five premises were inspected during the month of September. This was thirty-four percent (34%) more than the previous month but twenty-nine percent (29%) percent more than the same month last year. Although showing a 2% increase over the previous month, the premises index was 1.5% below the same period last year.

Anopheles Breeding Status

Indicator	Current month	Last month	Same period last year
No. of anopheles breeding sites	101	101	99
No. of Anopheles breeding sites inspected	8	18	10
No. of Anopheles breeding sites positive	2	4	3
No. of anopheles breeding	2	6	8

sites treated			
Total number of dips done	11	191	176

The table above gives a breakdown of the Anopheles breeding sites inspected for the three periods. The total number of Anopheles breeding sites in the parish increased to 101. During the month under review eight sites were inspected with 2 having active breeding. Both of the positive sites were treated.

Disease notification (Chikungunya)

The number of suspected cases of Chikungunya reported for the parish during the period as well as the communities affected has increased exponentially over the previous month. As more persons become infected with the virus, the potential for greater spread has increased. Public sensitization of the disease and its prevention including mosquito control remain the central strategy of the public health department.

Although the message has been welcomed by the majority of the target groups, rumours about the disease which is new to this part of the world, have created doubts in the minds of some which have in turn affected receipt of the message and the desired action to prevent transmission

Aedes aegypti control activities have been further intensified with the inclusion of other personnel in the daily search and treatment or destruction of mosquito breeding sites, complemented by fogging to reduce the adult mosquito population. Community sensitization has also been scaled-up across the parish in an effort to reduce the potential for transmission of Chikungunya. Health education and promotional activities were carried out at PTA meetings, among students at schools, community groups, churches, and various staff meetings at hotels and several clinics at health centres. In excess of 6200 people were reached during these health educational sessions.

A total of thirty-nine schools were inspected and mosquito control activities including larvicidal treatment carried out at eight. In addition twenty-seven communities were visited and larvicidal mosquito control carried out. Fogging was done in twenty-three high-risk communities and two schools to reduce the population of adult Aedes mosquitoes

PORT HEALTH AND QUARANTINE

Summary of Vessels Processed

Total number of vessels processed	<u>18</u>
Number cruise vessels	5
Passengers on board	16780
Passengers landed	10
Passengers in transit (leaving)	16785
Passengers listed for surveillance	nil
Passengers quarantined	nil
Passengers joined	15
Crew on board	7234
Crew landed	
Crew in transit (leaving)	7239
Crew listed for surveillance	3
Crew quarantined	nil
Crew joined	29
Ship Sanitation Control Certificate	nil
Ship Sanitation Exemption Certificate	
Number of cargo vessels	12
Number of crew	365
Number of crew landed	10
Number of crew joined	12
Number of crew in transit	367
Number of passengers landed	nil
Number of yacht	nil
Number of passengers on board	nil
Number of passengers landed	nil

Number of passengers joined	nil
Number of passengers in transit	nil
Number of tug & barge	ni1
Number of crew	8

Table 1. Ships Summary in comparison to two previous period

	Present month	Previous month	Same month last year
Number of vessels	18	19	17
Passenger on board	16780	18900	19201
Passenger landed	10	20	3
Passenger in transit	16785	18906	19204
Passenger for	Nil	Nil	Nil
surveillance			
Passenger	Nil	Nil	Nil
quarantined			
Crew on board	7607	8600	6273
Crew landed	34	39	15
Crew in transit	7604	8607	6278
Crew for	3	6	1
surveillance			
Crew quarantined	Nil	Nil	Nil

The table above shows that a slight decrease in the number of cruise ships was realised for the period under review compared with the previous month as regular scheduling resumed. One cargo vessel docked at the Reynolds Pier in Ocho Rios for ten days to conduct cleaning of the hull. However this was an intra-island transfer as the vessel previously called and received clearance at the port of Kingston. There was also one (1) Tug & Barge at the Port Rhodes in Discovery Bay. One (1) sugar vessel, which arrived from the Dominican Republic, called at the Reynolds Pier in Ocho Rios.

b. Recommendations for Burials in Family Plots

On the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Garrick and Brown respectively, Council ratified the following applications that were recommended by the Public Health Department and approved out of session by the Chairman of the Council:

Sylvia Grant - Carnic

Egbert Gordon
 Juliet Arscott
 Skipton, Lime Tree Garden
 Muir House, Buxton

c. Recommendations for Barbers/Hairdressers/Beauty Therapists/Cosmetologists

On the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Brown and McLeod, respectively, Council ratified the following applications that were recommended by the Public Health Department and approved out of session by the Chairman of the Council:

Salon

1. Keshan Barrett	Lorie's Nail Care	Shop #18, China Plaza, Discovery Bay
2. Moyah Lopez	Nails Concept	Chin Plaza, Discovery Bay
3. Varlo Fullerton	Lorna's Hair & Nails	38 Main Street, St. Ann's Bay
4. Paulette Wildman	Alijulee Beauty Studio & S	Shop #58, Ocean Village, O/Rios
5. Cheryl Hardware	Cheryl Nail Affair	Shop 9B Point Plaza, O/Rios
6. Sophia Bowen	Sophia's All Natural	Shop 12, Point Plaza, Ocho Rios
7. Stacy Dixon	Intrigue Salon	Point Plaza, Ocho Rios
8. Susan Gordon	Susan's Beauty Cottage	Shop #23, Point Plaza, Ocho Rios

9. Janet Comrie J & J Hair Care Shop #5, Cell Plaza, Claremont
 10. Venne Small V & B Salon & Supplies Lot #2, Rose Hall, Moneague

Beauty Therapist

1. Norman Davy Minott Sandals Grande Main Street, Ocho Rios 2. Antonette Johnson Red Lane Spa/Sandals Royal Plantation Ocho Rios 3. Kayan McLeod Red Lane Spa/ Sandals Royal Plantation Ocho Rios 4. Tricia Lee Broderick Jewel Dunn's River Mammee Bay, Ocho Rios 5. Tanya Williams Riu Renovo Spa Riu, Ocho Rios 6. Parris- Jordon Williams DNQ Day Spa 56-57 Main Street Ocho Rios Village Hotel 7. Kathy Williams Royal Plantation/Red Lane Spa Main Street, Ocho Rios Royal Plantation/ Red Lane Spa Main Street, Ocho Rios 8. Nneka Pinnock 9. Sophia Karen Martindale Roaring River, Steer Town 10. Sherane Shantal Muschette Jewel Paradise Cove Salem, Runaway Bay 11. Shirley Francis Jewel Dunn's River Beach Resort & Spa Mammee Bay 12. Kamiel Thorpe Pineapple Court Hotel

Trainee Beauty Therapist

Dontricha Grant Sha-G's Beauty Salon
 Karen Reid Sha-G's Beauty Salon
 Evelyn Street, Ocho Rios
 Evelyn Street, Ocho Rios

Hairdresser

1.	Hazel Sterling	Hazel's Beauty Salon	Shop # 4, Rexo Plaza, Ocho Rios
2.	Theresa Grant	Ultimate Look Beauty Salon	Main Street, St. Ann's Bay
3.	Novelette Audrey Hamilton	Nov's Beauty and Barber Salon	Evelyn Street, Ocho Rios
4.	Marjorie Reid-Sharpe	The Ulimate Experience	Shop #2, Church Plaza, O/Rios
5.	Leonie Robinson		1 Exchange Road, White River
6.	Lillieth Walters	Ultimate Beauty Salon	43 Main Street, St. Ann's Bay
7.	Andrea Knight		Jack Ruby Plaza, 1 James Ave
8.	Karlene Mcknight	Sarie's Beauty Salon	2 St. Hildas Drive
9.	Rosemarie Hamilton		44 Main Street, St. Ann's Bay
10.	Joyce Brown	Beauty Statement Salon	29 Ocean Village Shopping Centre
11.	Anice Burtram	Karlene McNight	2 St. Hilda's Drive, Brown's Town
12.	Fabia Bowers	Sarie Beauty Salon	St. Hilda's Drive, Brown's Town
13.	Meicha L. Williams	Jack Ruby Plaza, Ocho Rios	
14.	Stephanie Clarke	Ionie's Beauty Salon	Musgrave Street, Brown's Town
15.	Ionie Murphy	Ionie's Beauty Salon	Musgrave Street, Brown's Town

Cosmetologist

1.	Geraldine Bennett	Renova Spa/Rıu Hotel	Mammee Bay St. Ann
2.	Nekesha Bando	Covagirl Beauty Shop	Main Street, Brown's Town

3.	Shenel Wilson	(Nail Tech)	5-6 Dacosta Drive, Ochi Rios
4.	Sophia Mckoy	Beauty Salon	22 Main Street, St.Ann's Bay
5.	Vanesha Thompson	Andrene True Beauty	Main Street, Discovery Bay
6.	Kerry-Ann Christian		Golden Grove, Lydford
7.	Sherica Fritz	C. S. Beauty Salon	Claremont, St. Ann

Barber

1.	Orane Nelson		26 Main Street, St. Ann's Bay
2.	Rohan Alphanso Jones		Lot #10,Little Buckfield, O/Rios
3.	Demore Livinstone	Sizza & Comb Barbershop	Main Street, St. Ann's Bay
4.	Sheldon Clegon Folks	One Knock Barbershop	26 Main Street, Middle Street
			Ocho Rios
5.	Curtis Jaylon	Neat Cut Barbershop	Point Plaza Shop 22 Ocho Rios
6.	Marcellous Miller	Pro Star	73 Main Street Ocho Rios
7.	Donne Robinson	Pro Star	73 Main Street Ocho Rios
8.	Anthony Mitchell	Classy Clippers Barber	17 Main Street, Brown's Town

Recommendations for Butchers Licence

NII.

On the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Robb-Oddman and Richards, respectively, Council resumed its normal sitting.

8. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION COMMITTEE MATTERS

a. Minutes of the Public Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Public Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2014 was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Brown and Walker, respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

9. HUMAN RESOURCE MATTERS

a. Minutes of the Human Resource Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Human Resource Committee Meeting held on September 18, 2014 was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Weir and Richards, respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

b. Resolution Re: Retirement on the grounds of Age Albert Lucas

	RESOLUTION
	WHEREAS Mr. Albert Lucas, Security, Brown's Town Market employed in the service of the St.
	Ann Parish Council will attain the age of retirement on the 9th April, 2015.
	BE IT RESOLVED that he be retired from the Council's service on the ground of age;
	AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Albert Lucas proceeded on (26) days pre-
	retirement leave with effect from March 02, 2015 and his effective date of retirement be the date following the expiration of his retirement leave.
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	MOVED BY:
	DATE: THE DESIGN

The Committee unanimously supported the resolution that was moved and seconded by Councillors Bell and Garrick respectively.

10. PHYSICAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MATTERS

a. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Environmental Control Committee Meeting -

The Minutes of the Physical Planning and Environmental Control Committee Meeting held on September 10, 2014 was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Bell and Clemetson, respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting

<u>Diversion of Traffic Flow - St. Ann's Bay</u>

b. Councillor made reference to the page 38 of the Planning Minutes for September 9, 2014 which dealt with the captioned matter. He said as the Chairman of the Committee he was mandated to enquire of Council what transpired on October 1, 2014 when the implementation should have been effected and the Police, Media and other personnel were present and there was no representation from Council the implementing agency which proved very embarrassing and he needed an answer from the Chairman.

The Chairman said he could only speak personally; that he received a call from the media advising that the Police was out in full force and there was no one from the Council in attendance.

Councillor Richards asked if the Council organized the exercise how could there be no representative from the Council.

Councillor Dickenson stated that it was decided to have the programme put in place on the 1st October; that police from the highest level was in attendance and was extremely disgruntled about the lack of organization and he was very embarrassed.

The Secretary/Manager advised that discussions were held at the Planning and Commercial Services Committees; that a sub-committee of the Commercial Services met on Thursday, September 25, 2014 to look at the implementation date; that he and the Mayor were not in attendance at that meeting as they were summoned to a meeting in Kingston. He further stated that on his way back from Kingston at about 4:20 p.m. an officer called him regarding a press release that was emailed to him and he advised that he was in traffic and could not deal with same; that on Friday when he got to Office and read the draft press release there was inconsistent information. He said on October 1, 2014 the scheduled date for the change, he got a call from Cllr. Bell stating that persons were not advised of the change of date and as such the police were out in their full numbers. He enquired who was responsible for advising the stakeholders of the change of date to which he responded that that should have been done by administration and as

head of administration he took responsibility for it not been done. Cllr Bell again enquired who was responsible, to which he responded that it is not time to get into a blame game, the council has erred and we should be focusing on correcting the damage.

The Chairman pointed out that the Chamber of Commerce who had responsibility for the business sector was not a part of the meeting; that contact was made with the Police acknowledging that Council erred and an apology extended which was accepted and another date was put forward however, the expressed reservation as that date October 13, 2014 would be the commencement of Circuit Court.

Councillor Bell continued by adding that the sub-committee met and the PRO was contacted regarding the Press Release it was suggested that town cry, flyers and the erection of the signs be done but he felt it was a direct aim to derail and undermine the efforts of the Committee; that he has lost the confidence of the Administrative Staff headed by the Secretary/Manager. He said an invitation was sent to the Chamber of Commerce and they categorically refused to attend.

The Chairman said if by categorically refusing to attend it made no sense to invite them to a next meeting as Council would want to give an opportunity to every sector to give their contribution on the matter. He said Council would now have to bear in mind the way forward.

Councillor Bell advised that there was 4-5 representative of the Taxi Association, Citizens Association, Fire as well as other representatives in attendance at the meeting.

Councillor Dickenson stated that he wanted to hear from the Roads and Works Department how long it would take to put things in place.

The Acting Supt. Roads and Works informed that after the sub-committee meeting she called the Acting Deputy Supt who had decided to have them erected over the weekend however, due to a family emergency he was not able to do so, but that most has since been erected.

Councillor Stewart stated that he too was present on the day in question and that the police was extremely displeased he suggested that a new date be identified and all that is to be done be put in place.

Councillor Garrick suggested that a role out date be set and the matters finalized at the next Physical Planning and Environment Committee meeting.

Following further discussions the Committee directed that all the relevant stakeholders be contacted, flyers be sent out and all the requisite signs erected for the programme to be implemented Monday, November 3, 2014.

AFFIXING OF COUNCIL'S COMMON SEAL IN CONNECTION WITH:

SUBDIVISIONS APPROVED BY COUNCIL & HAVE RECIVED CONFIRMATION FROM THE MINISTER OF WATER, LAND, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE NAME OF APPLICANT NAME OF OWNER LOCATION # OF LOTS PURPOSE OF SUBDIVISION Est. Gordon Allan Wellesley Lewis Richmond Development Limited C/o Steve Bennett Lands Part of Richmond 2 Residential

On the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Bell and Clemetson respectively, Council granted its approval for its Seal to be affixed to the aforementioned documents.

11. POOR RELIEF MATTERS

a. Minutes of the Poor Relief Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Poor Relief Committee Meeting held on September 17, 2014 was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Garrick and Dickenson, respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

12. ROADS AND WORKS MATTERS

a. Minutes of the Roads and Works Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Roads and Works Committee Meeting held on September 5, 2014, was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Garrick and Bell, respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

Supplemental:

The Secretary/Manager presented Memo dated October 9, 2014 from the Clerk of the Roads and Works committee requesting that a sum of six million dollars (\$6,000,000.00) be deducted from the SGR for a special drain cleaning programme as part of the Council's response to assist with mitigating the Chikungunya Virus outbreak.

This was approved on a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Bell and Garrick respectively with unanimous support.

13. **DISASTER MANAGEMENT MATTERS**

a. <u>Minutes of the Disaster Committee Meeting</u>

The Minutes of the Disaster Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2014 was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Richards and Brown respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

b. Report of the Senior Deputy Supt. • Fire Brigade

The report on the activities of the Fire Brigade for the month of September 2014 was tabled by Assistant Superintendent of Fire Mr. Patrick Robinson and adopted on a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Brown and Garrick, respectively. The following points were highlighted:

Fire Statistics:

Classification of Calls	Amount	Total
Genuine Fires	40	
Malicious False Alarm	04	
False Alarm with Good Intent		
(FAWGI)	00	
Special Service	15	
TOTAL CALLS	59	

Genuine Fires	Amount	Total
Residential	07	
Commercial Building	00	
Hotels	00	

Bush	22	
Dumps and Rubbish	04	
Electrical Equipment	07	
Motor Vehicle	03	
Tree	04	
Total	40	

Fire Prevention Activities:

Activities	Amount
Building Plans approved	02
Subdivision Plans inspected/approved	04
Fire Prevention Lectures	05
Pamphlets issued	104

Response Capability:

The response capability of the Division for the month of August 2014 continued to be satisfactory amidst various technical glitches been experienced.

All three Pumpers assigned to the Division are fully operational, as well as the specialized rescue unit assigned to the St. Ann's Bay Fire Station

The Fire Boat was still out of service and funding to effect the necessary repairs was being waited.

Building Project – St. Ann's Bay Fire Station

Asst. Supr. Robinson informed that the work was almost completed; that painting tiling and replacement of the doors were left to be done.

The Chairman thanked Asst. Supt Robinson for his presentation and for his patience in staying throughout the meeting.

14. CIVIC AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS MATTERS

a. Minutes of the Civic Affairs and Community Relations Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the Civic Affairs and Community Relations Committee Meeting held on September 17, 2014, was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Clemetson- and McLeod, respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

15. COMMERCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MATTERS

a. <u>Minutes of the Commercial Services Committee Meeting</u>

The Minutes of the Commercial Services Committee Meeting held on September 17, 2014, was confirmed on the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Bell and Garrick, respectively, subject to any amendment at the appropriate meeting.

17. CORRESPONDENCE - NIL

18. RESOLUTION PASSED BY OTHER COUNCILS AND SUBMITTED FOR SUPPORT

<u>Resolution - Assignment of Repairs and Installation of Fire Hydrants</u> <u>& Valves to the National Water Commission</u>

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the National Water Commission has the responsibility for domestic water supply throughout the island of Jamaica.

And whereas, the Jamaica Fire Department has the right to extract from the National Water Commission's main, the Fire Department does not have the requisite expertise and equipment to remove and repair fire hydrants and valves or to turn off water mains without the authorisation of the National Water Commission.

And whereas, the National Water Commission is the agency that has total responsibility for all water mains in the island, the repairs and installation of new valves and hydrants must be the duty of the National Water Commission

Be it resolved, that the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development assign the repairs and installation of all fire hydrants and valves to the National Water Commission

Be it further resolved that the Ministry of Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change accept responsibility for all the necessary works to be done on fire hydrants and valves so that the Fire Department can have proper use of these equipment.

And be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development, the Ministry of Water, Land, Environment and Climate Change, The Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation, the Portmore Manicipality and all other Parish Connells for information, support and relevant action.

Moved by: Cllr. Godfrey Knight Toll Gate Division

Seconded by Cllr. Anthony O'Conner Crofts Hill Division

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Mr. Rowan Blake

Secretary Manager Parish Council, Clarendon

19. A.L.G.A.'s Update/Newsletter

The captioned document was received and circulated in the meeting.

On the adoption of a motion moved and seconded by Councillors Richards and Weir, respectively, the report was accepted.

20. MATTERS FROM THE ST. ANN PARISH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NIL

21. MATTERS FROM THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Councillor Richards asked whether the captioned report could be taken under Civic Affairs Matters.

The Secretary/Manager pointed out that the Social Development Commission (SDC) was an external agency hence the reason the discussion was taken at this point.

Mr. Aikens Parish Manager advised that emphasis was being placed on local projects; that 13 such projects were identified and resulted in employment. He said if the Councillors identify any projects they were willing to assist.

The Chairman asked the role the Social Development Commission (SDC) was placing to assist with the Chikungunya programme.

Mr. Aiken stated that they assisted with mobilization of community groups. He said a meeting was planned for the Blackstonedge area.

Councillor Bell informed that the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Mile End had launched a Chikungunya campaign and he was asking the Social Development Commission for whatever assistance they could render. Additionally, that the citizens Association of Parry Town would be doing a cleanup of their community and any assistance that could be given would be appreciated..

Councillor Clemetson asked what assistance could be given towards sporting activities for his Division. Mr. Aiken suggested that he have discussions with him after the meeting.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Aikens for the information shared and also commended him for his patience in staying for the duration of the meeting.

22. MATTERS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NIL

23. QUESTIONS ON GENERAL BUSINESS

Councillor Garrick asked whether Council was aware that there was a breakaway on road number 59 Mosley Hall, Blackstonedge; that the works overseer visited but urgent action was required.

Councillor Richards asked whether Council was aware where in print she could find information on General Business to ascertain if it was only questions that could be tabled in this section of the meeting.

Council Richards asked whether Council was aware of the areas they were lacking or had excess workers, she said an evaluation should be done.

Councillor Clemetson asked whether Council was aware that he had explored every possible option of getting funds for Lawrence Park Road to no avail.

Councillor McLeod asked whether Council was aware that he was grateful for the outpouring of love and support given my members and officers of Council at the funeral service for his sister. He expressed his appreciation.

- 26. **NOTICE OF MOTION Nil**
- 27. SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA
- 28. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further matter to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Chairman of the Council Secretary/Manager

