

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT SEWER AUTHORITY AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025 AT 3:00 P.M. HELD REMOTELY THROUGH ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

CALL TO ORDER: Raymond Turri called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

ATTENDANCE: Board members attending Raymond Turri, James Mersfelder, Alfred Shull, Dave Hazan (arrived at 3:05PM), Jerry Abrahams, also attending Tax Collector/Clerk Laurie Mosley and Plant Superintendent Mark Theriault.

EXCUSED: Norval Lunan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 14, 2025 Regular Board meeting were presented for approval. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Alfred Shull seconded by James Mersfelder to accept the minutes as presented. No corrections or discussions. **ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

REPORT FROM PLANT SUPERINTENDENT AKA CHIEF OPERATOR- MARK THERIAULT

- Mark had Roy from Turri Masterson here to look at pump 2 at station 9. Pump 2 would not run when SCADA called for it to run. Roy found the timer for the starter to have gone bad. Mark had timers on hand at the plant so the issue was quickly resolved.
- The hot water heater at the main plant started leaking a lot. Mark had it looked at and found that it needed to be replaced. He then had a new hot water installed at the main plant.
- Berkshire Surveying was here to locate and get elevations on the 14 wells that we use for ground water depths. They were here for one day and the job went very well for them. Mark is waiting to hear back from them with the information they recorded.
- Eastern Water was here to look at the site for the tank replacement project. Eastern is working on putting together a quote for the work. Mark commented that since he wrote this report they have received the quote. Raymond Turri stated they would go over the contract and vote on it in Old Business.

Flows: The average daily flow for January was 85,000gpd and the total rainfall was 0.20in. The average daily flow to date for February is 75,000gpd and the rainfall has been 1.5in.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT- Jim Mersfelder reported no significant changes, the only concern is the continuous overtime. This will happen until we get the sludge management completed. As we started to discuss the tank issues and the high cost of replacement, Jim did want to note that we currently have about \$1,300,000 in the bank. Cash wise we are in pretty good shape.

DELINQUENT REPORT- Laurie Mosley reported the past due delinquent account are at 13. State Marshal Art Quinn has had inquiries on Lee Matos via a mortgage company so hopefully that account will be paid soon. There were no other delinquent payments this month. Laurie did comment that she sent out 133 delinquent notices for January payments. That should drop significantly before the end of the month for reporting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – MOTION WAS MADE BY Jerry Abrahams seconded by Alfred Shull at 3:09 PM to go into Executive Session to discuss the Compliance with DEEP Consent Order. Laurie Mosley and Mark Theriault were invited to attend. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:15PM.

OLD BUSINESS- Ray Turri reported that since both the aeration digesters tanks have had serious holes in the upper half of each tank, both can only be filled about halfway. These problems are resulting in additional extra time and effort spent on the staff processing the sludge properly and in a timely fashion not to have a potential spill. Superintendent Mark Theriault commented that these tanks must be replaced as soon as possible, this is an urgent emergency. Ray reported that DPC has done research and estimating on removing and replacing the tanks. After much discussion and research by Ray and Mark, Eastern Water Solution has given us a proposal to provide the necessary services to plumb in two new Frac Tanks to be used as replacement aeration digesters. The tanks have a 3-week lead time, once here, this will be a 4-day process (or shutdown) to complete. Ray reported that this will include the following: Mobilize all required crews, cranes, excavation equipment, materials and stone bedding needed to install two 20K gallon Frac Tanks. The existing aeration tanks will be taken offline, drained, cleaned and removed from their present location. Each tank will be crushed and hauled off for proper disposal. The area will be graded, filled, compacted and two new gravel pads will be prepared in the same area as the old tanks. Two 21,000-gallon new Frac Tanks will be supplied and delivered to the site. The tanks will be sandblasted, painted to match and fitted with new tires, valves and plumbing. Each tank will be set upon the new gravel beds and made level. The existing plumbing pipes are in place to the new tanks and will be connected in parallel to allow each tank to be filled and drained to the sludge press. The Frac Tanks will be fitted with bulkhead fittings and horizontal header pipes located at the bottom of each tank which will be ported with holes to allow air injection for the full length of each tank. These headers will be connected to the existing air supply line. Each tank will be fitted with two sewage handling mixing pumps that we will plumb and power with the intentions of keeping the water moving 24/7 during the winter months. We are hoping this constant disturbance will minimize any freezing. The proposed price is \$615,761.00. Alfred Shull asked if we had to go out to bid. Under our policies and procedures declaration, an item or service that is required on an emergency basis does not have to go out to bid (even though we did get numerous quotes to proposals on how to fix this).

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Raymond Turri, seconded by James Mersfelder to except the proposal from Eastern Water Solutions as presented for \$615,716.00, No discussion, Four approving, Alfred Shull abstaining. **SO VOTED.**

NEW BUSINESS- Ray commented that we also need to replace our dewatering machine made by Somat, it is over 50 years old and not very efficient. With the new tanks we will need to replace that to be efficient and this will also stop all the overtime hours. Ray has done research and has a company from New York to the plant later this week. A second company will be visiting on site next week. We are expecting to have two bids to replace this aging machine with a new dewatering machine one. He has no idea the cost of this but something to forecast for our upcoming expenses. Jim suggested we wait until we get those costs before voting on our I/I project to go forward. All agreed.

Jim commented that he had sent out revisions to the Personnel Handbook. He had heard responses from Laurie, Mark and Norval and requested others on the board look at those revisions. A final document will be presented subsequently to the Board for approval.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING- None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Alfred Shull, seconded by David Hazan, to adjourn at 3:33PM. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred Shull, Clerk

Laurie Mosley, Recording Clerk

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