

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, MARCH 9, 2021 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, Alfred Shull, Richard Reis, James Mersfelder and Dave Hazan, also attending Tax Collector/Clerk Laurie Mosley, Plant Superintendent Mark Theriault

EXCUSED: Alternate Jerry Abrahams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular board meeting held February 9, 2021 were presented for approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Richard Reis, seconded by David Hazan; to approve said minutes as presented. No corrections or discussions. **SO VOTED.**

REPORT FROM PLANT SUPERINTENDENT AKA CHIEF OPERATOR- MARK THERIAULT

- Mark reported that the main supply valve on the west digester stop working. He went to Torrington for a replacement valve. Conor and he made the repair. They also replaced 3 air drops, one in the contact tank and two in the west digester.
- Mark took the press apart with Conor's assistance to change a bearing on the auger and power wash the screen. The press is running a lot better after the repair.
- Mark had the John Deere tractor at Stanton Equipment for the leaks he mentioned at the last meeting. The tractor will be there for two weeks or so. He had them order all the parts they would need to do the repair before he sent the unit up there to speed up the return time.
- Mark sent the flatbed truck to P+C repair in Thomaston for service and front shocks. P+C also replaced the water separator.
- Mark had Conor paint the back bathroom; it was in need of a little TLC. Conor also replaced the floor with spare flooring I had left over from the last project. He did a great job, looks good.
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Ray Turri reported that Mark had signed up Conor and Billy for OSHA required confined space entry training. Last week they both went and passed and are now certified. Ray also suggested that they take the online Osha 10 course which goes over more standard safety issues that are good to know for our industry.

He also reported that last week Mark and he inspected the failing furnace in the plant garage. They determined it was now an emergency to have it replaced. Mark called and ordered one and reported it should be here this Wednesday or Thursday. Goshen Oil will install this.

FLOWS: The average daily flow for February was 90,000gpd and the total rainfall was 2.43. The average daily flow for March to date is 112,000gpd and the total rainfall is 0in.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Under Financial Reports, David reported Income for February was pretty much in line with the budget. Expenses were also pretty in line with the budget with the exception of plant expenses. We had

discussed (and approved) the purchasing of extra parts to have on hand for some of the pumps last month. Mark ordered the parts and they have been paid for. David also noted he will be simplifying the spreadsheet for reporting the financials soon with Laurie.

Laurie reported on the delinquent report. We have 57 taxpayers in arrears for a total of \$64,548.61 compared to last year's 68, \$61,457.52. The temporary reduced rate of interest that only applies to the January 1 installment of taxes will revert back to the 18% verse 3% for any unpaid taxes this coming April 1. She will then send intent to lien and/or warrant letters for hopefully quicker collection.

Richard reported on the proposed 2021-2022 budget. All board members were presented with the most recent draft. Each item was looked at and determined. For capital items it was determined to add a new vehicle at \$45,000 and \$200,000 to the repair of the collection system, partially for the current I & I project that will run over into next year, and for next year's annual repair project. We will finalize this in the next week so we can mail it out to the taxpayer's mid-April.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Richard Reis seconded by Alfred Shull, to go into Executive Session at 3:25PM to discuss the Sewer Pipeline. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

At 3:30PM **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Alfred Shull, seconded by Jim Mersfelder to come out of Executive Session. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

OPEN END ISSUES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS IF ANY- Jim reported that the final filing response for the Burton Welte Et al, Ad Valorem Tax Case, has been filed with the court. Ray noted that the taxpayers should know how much this has cost the district. It is closing in on \$70,000.

NEW BUSINESS- The Board had discussed salary modifications for the 2021-2022 budget. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Richard Reis, seconded by Alfred Shull, to accept these payroll modifications. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

Laurie reported that the website has been updated by Strategic Solutions. The "Contact Us" section was not working and has now been fixed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY James Mersfelder, seconded by Richard Reis, to adjourn at 3:35PM. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred L. Shull, Clerk

Laurie Mosley, Recording Clerk
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