

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 12, 2024 AT 3:00 P.M. HELD REMOTELY THROUGH ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

CALL TO ORDER: Jim Mersfelder called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

ATTENDANCE: Board members attending James Mersfelder, Jerry Abrahams, Alfred Shull, Norval Lunan, Dave Hazan also attending Tax Collector/Clerk Laurie Mosley.

EXCUSED: Raymond Turri, Plant Superintendent Mark Theriault

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Jim Mersfelder seconded by Alfred Shull to seat Norval Lunan as a voting member. **ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular board meeting held February 13, 2024 were presented for approval. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Norval Lunan seconded by Alfred Shull 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

- Mike took the Operator Class I exam on Friday March 1st and PASSED with a score of 75. Congratulations to Mike. Mark promoted Mike to Operator Class I and increased his wage up to the Operator Class I rate. All of our operators are certified now.
- Mark is having Northwest Environmental Water Labs test the influent, effluent, wells and stream for nutrients. He has received some result back and will forward all the results to Jim once he receives all of them. Jim reported that the results of the lab and Bantam Lake Association's lab have shown that our numbers are much lower than we have reported (which is a good thing). Jim stated that the labs that are testing these samples are in high tech labs verses our lab that uses boxed testing techniques.
- Billy and Mike cut down the 3 large trees that were hanging over the digesters. The trees were dropping sticks, branches and leaves into the digesters and creating operational issues with the press.
- Mark had Metler here to calibrate the scale in the lab and Hach here to calibrate the spectrophotometer in the lab, both were past due because of Covid.
- Mark had Eastern here to clean the wet-wells at all stations. Nothing unusual was found.
- We put the snowplow and sander away after doing some minor repairs and maintenance on them.
- Mark had Goshen Oil here to replace the strainer on the furnace in the garage. That unit is pretty new, but is a few years old. He was told that it is a common issue.
- Tower Generator was here to replace the fuel line on the generator in the main plant building. The line was old and dry rotted.

Flows: The average daily flow for February was 139,000gpd and the rainfall was 1in. The average daily flow to date for March is 144,000gpd and the rainfall to date is 5.25in.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT- Jim reported the financials are pretty consistent with how they were last month. We are a bit over in expenses by \$50,000 for year to date totals. We still have quite a few open items under capital to be completed. Jim hopes to hear from Dave Prickett of DPC soon on the field work done for our annual 4 miles of I & I work recommendation.

DELINQUENT REPORT- Laurie Mosley reported the past due delinquent accounts have increased quite a bit, historically this happens in February. Tax payers can forget about their 2nd installment due to no mailings to remind them. She did report that the oldest dated delinquent (on Wellsford Drive- owned by Simsbury Capital LLC) has contacted her and has stated they are going to pay all the back taxes in full this coming week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – MOTION WAS MADE BY Dave Hazen seconded by Norval Lunan at 3:13PM 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 3:31PM.

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS Refunds-Tax Collector Laurie Mosley asked for approval of refunds for Krista & William Femia for \$17.22 and Raymond Rogers & Leslie Bouchard for \$ \$710.18 both for over payment of taxes. **MOTION WAS MADE BY** Dave Hazen seconded by Norval Lunan to approve these refunds. **ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Health Insurance-Approve new health insurance quote from Region 20. Connecticare to Blue Cross. The district is under a contract with many municipalities to bunch together for lower rates. This change does increase the cost roughly 5.5% but still way below what it cost us to pay if we were on an individual account. **MOTION WAS MADE BY** Dave Hazen seconded by Norval Lunan to approve the new Health Insurance carrier. **ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED**

Slate of Officers- Re-ELECT David Hazan and Norval Lunan, one vacancy as an Alternate is open. Both have agreed to run again for their respective positions.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING- None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Alfred Shull, seconded by Norval Lunan, to adjourn at 3:44PM. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred Shull, Clerk

Laurie Mosley, Recording Clerk

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