

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 14, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M. HELD REMOTELY THROUGH ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

ON THIS DAY, A MAJOR SNOWSTORM WAS HITTING THE GOSHEN AREA. THIS CAUSED INTERNET AND CALLING IN ISSUES WITH ORIGINAL ZOOM MEETING INVITE. A NEW INVITE WAS SCHEDULED WITH A NEW ADDRESS.

CALL TO ORDER: Ray Turri called the meeting to order at 3:15PM.

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

EXCUSED: Plant Superintendent Mark Theriault, Alfred Shull

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Jeremy Abrahams, seconded by Jim Mersfelder 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 14, 2023 were presented for approval. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** David Hazan seconded by Norval Lunan 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
Ray Turri reported for Mark Theriault**

- Mark had Eastern here earlier than usual to clean the wet wells due to all the grit and rags that were washed out of the collection system because of heavy flows in December. The wells had lots of grit and rags in them. Mark was having issues keeping pumps running after those high flows. Station 9 had a very large amount of grit and rags in it, so much that Eastern had to return with more help as well as two vac trucks to remove it all. Mark had one truck at station 6 to truck water to the plant. Mark had to shut down the entire system for the duration of the cleaning. The other truck was at station 9 to keep the well dry while they removed the rags. Mark had one pump that was down at that station, Eastern was able to clear the blockage and get that pump back up and running. Mark talked with Universal septic about the large amount of debris in the wet well and we both feel that there is a strong possibility that someone is illegally dumping somewhere along beach street. Mark is inspecting those manholes and looking into sealing them up semi-permanently so they cannot so easily be opened. He is also putting half blocks alongside the gate at the top of the driveway at station 9. Ray suggested they also install a camera to record the area.
- Eastern had to order a new pump for station 8, the pump that was in there took a large surge and could not be repaired. Mark will have Roy from Turri Masterson get better single phase surge protection installed at that station. That unit should be installed by the end of the month. Ray suggested all the stations have these installed; the current surge protectors don't always work to protect higher phases. Ray will get a price for this and let the board know soon.
- Ray discussed the current issue of power outages with the snowstorm. Pump stations 6 & 9 have their own generators however, the generator at 6 failed during the big storm in 2019 and we were unable to connect our current mobile generator to the pump station. Ray felt we should get a manual transfer box for this issue; we can't last for long at these major stations without any power. He is not totally sure the cost but would let the board know by the end of the month, the ballpark estimate was around \$8100 per box. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Jim

Mersfelder seconded by David Hazan to progress with putting in manual transfer boxes at Pump station 6 & 9 **ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

- Billy took his exam on March 8th and scored 65, he will be taking the exam again in three months.

Flows: The average daily flow for February was 97,000gpd and the total rainfall was 1.35in. The average daily flow to date for March is 106,000gpd and the total rainfall has been 1.9In.

DELINQUENT REPORT- Laurie Mosley reported 71 accounts are delinquent for February. A bit higher than last year. Many are repeat delinquents. She has sent out Intent to Lien Delinquent letters to all who owe. This usually gets most homeowners to pay their taxes by the end of the month.

One refund needs to be issued this month. **A MOTION WAS MADE** by Ray Turri seconded by Norval Lunan to approve the refund payment of \$787.65 to Vita Muir for overpayment of taxes. No discussion. **SO VOTED.**

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT- Jim reported that we were in good shape under income revenue; cell tower and interest are up. We were over budget in expenses, under the collection system and plant equipment repair we have had many unbudgeted repairs and that will continue into the month of March. No change in the capital budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – MOTION WAS MADE BY Norval Lunan seconded by Jim Mersfelder at 3:40PM to go into Executive Session to discuss the Compliance with DEEP Consent Order. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:55PM.

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS- Norval has been asked by many residents if their sewer tax would increase due to the new revaluation of their homes. Norval was assured that we compute the mill rate the same way every year. The budgeted revenue divided by the total assessed value of all property equals the mill rate. So in stating that, if our budget were to stay somewhat equal to this year, the mill rate would definitely go down as long as the valuation went up.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING- None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY David Hazan, seconded by Norval Lunan, to adjourn at 4:00PM. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Mosley, Recording Clerk

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