

**MINUTES FOR THE JOINT MEETING OF THE WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT SEWER AUTHORITY
AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT MAY 20, 2019,
WEDNESDAY, 3:00 P.M. HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM LOCATED AT THE WOODRIDGE LAKE
CLUBHOUSE, 260 EAST HYERDALE DRIVE, GOSHEN, CONNECTICUT**

CALL TO ORDER: Raymond Turri President, called the meeting to order at 2:58 PM.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present, Alfred Shull, James Hiltz, James Mersfelder, Raymond Turri, Richard Reis and Alternate Jeffrey Clark, also attending Tax Collector/Clerk Laurie Mosley and Plant Superintendent Mark Theriault.

EXCUSED: Alternate Thomas McKiernan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular board meeting held April 10, 2019 and the Annual meeting held April 27, 2019 were presented for approval.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY, Richard Reis, seconded by Jim Hiltz to approve said minutes as written. No other corrections or discussions. **SO VOTED.**

REPORT FROM PLANT SUPERINTENDENT-MARK THERIAULT

- The John Deere Gator broke a tire rod, Mark ordered a new one and was able to make the repair in house. The Gator was back in service within a week.
- The carbon filter at station 6 has been replaced with a new one. The filter will run starting the Friday before Memorial Day.
- Mark talked to Ron McCarthy about surveying the right of way from station 6 to Beach Street. Ron said \$1800, Mark told him to start on it as soon as he has time.
- The John Deere tractor was sent in for service and has been returned. Mark plans to start mowing as soon as things dry out a little.
- Pump 2 at station 6 was not keeping up with the flows. Joe and Mark pulled the pump. There were 2 pieces of 2in. PVC pipe lodged in the impeller. The PVC was removed and the pump is running fine now.
- Eastern water was here on May 13th, 14th and 15th to clean the wet wells. We found that the rock catchers that were installed are working perfect, any rocks are being held back and not getting into the pumps. Since we installed the rock catchers we have not had any issues with rocks destroying impellers and no seal issues. It was well worth the cost to install them. Eastern did find 15 to 20 pieces of 2in PVC, mostly elbows in the wet well when they did the cleaning. Two pieces of PVC were able to float over the rock catchers and did manage to get into the pumps. The other pieces of PVC were held back by the rock catchers. The PVC did no damage to the pump. The PVC was removed and we will be watching the issue. Discussion occurred on possible scenarios to this issue and how to solve it.

- Eastern found at station 2 that the check valves need to be cleaned out. The shut off valves at station 2 are frozen, they were not replaced when the station was rebuilt. Mark told Tony to get me a quote on replacing the shut off valves and cleaning out the check valves.
- Flows: The average daily flow for April was 139,000 Gal/day and the total rainfall was 7.81 in. The average daily flow to date for May is 128,000 Gal/day and the total rainfall to date is 3.28 in. Jeff Clark reported that the ground water level is up to 8 feet, up from 6 feet.

Jeff Clark discussed his flow charts (that relate to the Torrington IMA) on Monthly ADF verse Limits, Fiscal Year Total Flow verse Limits and Fiscal Year ADF verse Limit and Speed Limit Penalties. Discussion occurred on this topic.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Jeff Clark reported on the delinquent report. We have 17 in arrears, same as last year. 6 taxpayers are under warrant. Total delinquent is \$14,472.86.

Under the Revenues, we have collected \$4415, \$576 under budget, this was partially due to not having any new connections. Under expenditures we spent \$50,990, \$12,354 under budget. We are very under budget for Capital, all due to the project not starting yet. Year to date we are still doing well. We are over budget in revenue by \$4735.00 and under budget in expenditures by \$46,555. Therefore under the column Available to Transfer, we have \$46,575 available to transfer. Under Capital Expenditures, there was one item with expenditures; \$36,883 was charged under Engineer Design Update. From a budget variance we have not started the pipeline project, which was forecasted to start so we are expenditures, year to date we have spent \$376,605, \$281,295 below budget.

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING- The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May25th following the WLPOA meeting at 9:30AM. Laurie received a letter from Robert and Mary Hill about the meeting, which was accepted by the board. Jeff Clark read the letter to the board (see copy on file with minutes). They are protesting their tax bill because they feel the ad valorem method of calculating taxes is neither fair nor reasonable. They are urging the board to change. They would like to speak at the budget meeting.

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

At 3:45PM A MOTION WAS MADE BY Alfred Shull, seconded by Jim Hiltz to come out of Executive Session. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

NEW BUSINESS: Jim Mersfelder reported that the bid for pipe repair/lining came in from the National Water Main Cleaning Company out of Canton, MA at \$117620.00. With some eliminations the bid was brought down to \$88,870.00, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Alfred Shull seconded by Richard Reis to approve the presented bid for our infiltration and infrastructure project as presented. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Alfred Shull seconded by Richard Reis to go into Executive Session at 3:48PM to discuss personnel benefits. Laurie and Mark were asked to leave for the discussion. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

At 4:16PM A MOTION WAS MADE BY Alfred Shull, seconded by Jim Hiltz to come out of Executive Session. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Jim Mersfelder, seconded by Ray Turri to roll over the CBIA Insurances up for renewal for the employees. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

OLD BUSINESS: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Alfred Shull, seconded by Raymond Turri, to adjourn at 4:20PM. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred L. Shull, Clerk

Laurie Mosley, Recording Clerk

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