

NOT YET BOARD APPROVED

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, DECEMBER 13, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M. HELD REMOTELY THROUGH ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

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

ATTENDANCE: Board members attending, Raymond Turri, James Mersfelder, Alfred Shull, Jerry Abrahams, Alternate Norval Lunan, Plant Superintendent Mark Theriault and Tax Collector/Clerk Laurie Mosley, also attending, First Selectman Todd Carusillo and Selectman Mark Harris.

EXCUSED: Dave Hazan

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Alfred Shull, seconded by James 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 November 8, 2022 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

- Mark took the F-450 flatbed to Zeller Tire for a front-end alignment after putting new tires on the front the week before. Zeller was booked up at the time so he had to schedule the alignment for the next week.
- Mark had Fay and Wright here to raise the manholes that were paved over on East and West Hyerdale. There were 4 manholes that needed to be raised. Jared and his crew did a great job as always.
- Billy took his State Wastewater certification Exam on November 17th. Billy scored a 64 He will be taking the exam again in February 2023

Flows: The average daily flow for November was 91,000gpd and the total rainfall was 2.55in. The average daily flow for December to date is 133,000gpd.and the total rainfall to date has been 3.15in.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT- Jim reported that our income is currently over budgeted and our expenses under budget, leaving us in good shape for the time being. No breakdowns have occurred to change this, early in the season. On the capital side, we finished the 4 miles of CCTV, (we have not been billed for yet) and DPC has sent the recommendations for the budgeted \$200,000 repairs. Also the SCADA upgrade has come in much higher (estimate was 6 months earlier, prices went up). That increase is over \$11,000. Capital is running a little higher than forecasted. We did get the final draft on the audit and we got a clean letter on the district's financials. Laurie commented that we are getting a much higher interest return on our bank account. Last year it was at .05% this year we are at 3.41%, which in return means we earned only \$22.18 last year and this year it is at \$1605.82 for the month of November.

DELINQUENT REPORT- Laurie Mosley reported we were in great shape with very low delinquents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – No reason to go into Executive Session.

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS- The 2023 Calendar for WLS D meetings was presented for a vote. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Raymond Turri, seconded by Norval Lunan, to approve the calendar as presented (see attached). No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

The CCTV report on manholes from DPC was sent to the board to look over. Jim Mersfelder reported that the Woodridge Lake Sewer District (WLS D) has been continuing its ongoing proactive efforts to detect and mitigate Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) from its wastewater collection system through an annual CMOM and Asset Management Program. WLS D's I/I Control Plan includes CCTV inspection of its collection system on a five (5) year recurring interval. WLS D contracted DPC Engineering, LLC (DPC) to conduct CCTV sewer inspections of approximately four (4) miles of gravity sewer main to evaluate the conditions of the gravity sewer mains mainly area Sub 6. They also inspected 86 manholes. The inspections included opening manhole covers, and recording observations including depths to inverts (inches), manhole type, pipe locations and types, conditions, infiltration and inflow (I/I) observations and other O&M considerations. Based on the results of the CCTV and manhole inspections, and based on WLS D's FY2023 I/I mitigation budget of \$200,000, they recommend implementing a manhole rehabilitation project to address the highest priority needs that were identified. DPC has observed on recent projects that manhole rehabilitation currently provides the most cost efficient I/I removal, and this type of rehabilitation will also improve the O&M of the recommended manholes. DPC recommended 19 manhole rehabilitations for the budgeted amount of \$200,000. Discussion on the all the inspections and recommendations for future capital projects occurred.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Raymond Turri, seconded by Norval Lunan, to approve the recommendation to go out to bid on the 19 manholes and then vote on the project once an actual total is presented. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING- We have in attendance First Selectman Todd Carusillo and Selectman Mark Harris. They are here to observe and to see if the Town support us in finding a solution to our sewer system issues. History of the WLS D as a stand-alone municipality has always been an issue. On December 7, there was a zoom meeting held to discuss the connection to Litchfield. Todd was invited by the Litchfield First Selectperson Denise Rapp to attend, Todd then asked Ray Turri to attend, he declined. Others in attendance from Litchfield were Jeff Zullo, Bill Buckley and Raz Alex as well as a DEEP representative Nisha Patel. Litchfield and DEEP asked why the Town of Goshen has not become involved with negotiations and planning. Litchfield feels the Town of Goshen should be involved in the talks and planning and not just the WLS D board members. Todd reported that he was invited by Denise, she wanted him to hear what was going on with their WPCA and the scope of study they were discussing. Litchfield had questions to ask Todd about the WLS D. Todd admitted to them that he, nor any past Selectman, have been involved in anything with the sewer district, he told them he probably could not answer these questions. The first question Litchfield had was why WLS D do not hook up to Torrington. DEEP Representative Nisha Patel answered that question. The next question Litchfield had for Todd was whether or not Tyler Lake was going to hook up in the future. They also asked if the Town of Goshen would guarantee payment for the WLS D if the District was late on their payments. Todd stated he accepted this meeting to open up dialogue between Litchfield, WLS D and the Town of Goshen. He wants to educate himself and the other Selectman on the project. Ray Turri took him on a tour of the sewer plant and district this morning so that he could up close see how the district works. Todd was very impressed with the facility and surprised on how well it looks and runs considering its 50 year old age. He told Litchfield he would attend a WLS D board meeting and open dialogue with the board. Todd felt the meeting was positive; Litchfield wants everyone to meet together. There was a discussion regarding the potential of an Intermunicipal Agreement between WLS D, the Town of Goshen and the Town of Litchfield. Todd said he was willing to consider such an

agreement and present the idea to the Goshen Board of Selectmen. Turri reported that the WLS D Board would be presenting a letter to the Town's Selectmen for their consideration and expressed our Board's appreciation of their consideration.

Jim Mersfelder reported on what the potential connection to Tyler Lake would look like. He reviewed a table top design that was completed by DPC Engineering in 2015. This design anticipated connections to 100 homes around the lake. The estimated construction consisted of 8,300 feet of gravity lines, 8,600 feet of forced main, 5,700 feet of low pressure sewer lines and two pump stations for an estimated cost of \$5,841,000. Mersfelder applied a 3% per year increase in the costs which elevated the cost to \$7,182,000 or \$71,000 per home. Mersfelder noted that the home owners would need to pay an additional amount to install laterals from their home to the sewer line in the street. Todd reported that he and Mark would consult with others in the Town to see if there was an interest in continuing to consider this option.

Mark Harris, Selectman was President of the Tyler Lake Association for many years. He reported that Tyler Lake was not interested in connecting to the sewer. Discussion occurred.

Ray thanked the Selectmen for attending and asked Todd to consider appointing a liaison to the WLS D who is not a WLS D resident to be part of the dialogues.

Todd thanked the board for inviting them to the meeting and looks forward to open dialogue in the future with Litchfield and the WLS D.

Other business- Ray asked to make a motion for holiday gifts: **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Alfred Shull seconded by Norval Lunan, to give Laurie and Mark \$500, and Eric, Michael and Billy each \$250 for holiday gifts. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Alfred Shull, seconded by Norval Lunan, to adjourn at 3:48PM. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred Shull, Clerk

Laurie Mosley, Recording Clerk

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