

Minutes for the regular joint meeting of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District and the Board of Directors of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Tuesday September 9, 2025, held remotely through Microsoft Teams video conferencing.

Call to order- James Mersfelder called the meeting to order on Tuesday September 9, 2025, at 3:00 P.M.

Attendance- Board members attending- James Mersfelder, Jerry Abrahams, Raymound Turri, Dave Hazan. Also, Norval Lunan excused present.

Approval of Minutes- The minutes of August 12, 2025, regular Board meeting motion to approve was made by Raymound Turri and seconded by Dave Hazan, all approved

Report of Plant Operations- Raymound Turri reported that there was a power phase outage requiring over time to bring the generator to several of the pump stations. Recently we were having a problem with processing the sludge coming out of the new tanks. Some days it is coming out like soup and sometimes almost clear liquid. The Somat equipment is not capable of processing this material. The staff were working on Somat to adjust it to see if they can get the process working properly. There are several adjustments that can be made to control the process. Unfortunately, there is no third-party source to talk with about Somat since the company that built it is out of business. The staff is using Universal Septic as they need to pump out the drywell to help manage the flows until we can stabilize the process. As an aside, our engineer indicated that it takes some time to get a new sludge process stabilized with a new start up. The new Somat equipment is not scheduled to arrive until December. Ray is going to contact Eastern Wastewater Solutions who we are purchasing the new unit from to try to move the schedule up to see what the holdup is. We are still down as one employee and have spoken to a potential local candidate who is not licensed. Ray reported that an unlicensed new employee would take at least a year to be qualified so it is not an ideal solution. We have ads posted for a licensed operator for Class I or Class II operator. Ray is thinking about trying to use a part-time rated employee and will report back. Ray will investigate posting for the job on the Connecticut Association of Wastewater Operator's website. The daily flow rates were 89,000 GPD and the rainfall was 5.9 inches. Ray's Operations Committee will be meeting next Thursday to continue their work in identifying the critical equipment in the plant that the Board should consider for restoration.

Monthly Financial Report- James Mersfelder reported that regarding the expense budget we are a little over on revenue by \$2,499 and expenses were under budget by \$37,038 with a projected year-to-date transfer to capital of \$39,567. The capital forecast is the same as it was last month. We did get the final bill for the new sludge tanks which were budgeted to be completed last year so the final payment is showing as unbudgeted for \$414,416 but the monies were moved into the fund balance at the end of last year so the two-year impact is that we are on budget. Another item which is still not well defined is environmental testing and so it has not been adjusted and is still \$60,000. We have the same situation with the Ultimate Solution for on-

site and or Litchfield which is budgeted at \$180,000. Hopefully we will get more visibility later in the year regarding these options. Susan Strano has been reviewing our accounting systems and developed a few useful reports which Jerry Abrahams and Jim will be reviewing so that Susan can be able to report the financials next month at the Board meeting. There are 103 taxpayers in arrears now for payments due this year. There are nine taxpayers that are being Marshaled for lack of payment last year. They are all charged an annual interest of 12%. They should each be getting statement each month as a reminder of their status. Jim will be following up with the Office Manager to ensure they are going out is a timely basis. This delinquent level is historically very and needs to be actively managed.

Executive Session- A motion was made to go into executive session at 3:14 P.M by Jerry Abrahams seconded by Raymound Turri so moved. The executive session was voted over at 3:20 P.:M.

Old Business- There was nothing to discuss under old business.

New Business- There was nothing to discuss under new business

Adjournment- A motion was made by Raymound Turri seconded by Jerry Abrahams to adjourn at 3;25 P.M., no discussion, so voted

Respectfully submitted,

Norval Lunan, Clerk