

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, NOVEMBER 9, 2021 AT 3:00 P.M. HELD REMOTELY THROUGH ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

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

ATTENDANCE: Board members attending James Mersfelder, Alfred Shull, Richard Reis, Dave Hazan, Alternate Jerry Abrahams, Alternate Norval Lunan also attending Tax Collector/Clerk Laurie Mosley and Plant Superintendent Mark Theriault.

EXCUSED: Raymond Turri

A MOTION WAS MADE BY, Richard Reis seconded by Alfred Shull; to seat Alternate Jerry Abrahams as a voting member, No discussion. **ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular board meeting held October 12, 2021 was presented for approval. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY,** Richard Reis seconded by Jerry Abrahams; to approve said minutes as presented. No corrections or discussions. **ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

REPORT FROM PLANT SUPERINTENDENT AKA CHIEF OPERATOR- MARK THERIAULT

- Mark had the flatbed at P+C repair for an oil leak. It was found that the oil pump on the front of the motor is leaking. He had them order the parts and will bring the truck back to them today Tuesday November 9th for them to do the repair.
- Bill Colby has finished the repair on the roadway to the plant. Bill and his crew did a really nice job and it looks great.
- Mark went to 62 Rockwall Court for a sewer connection that Bill Colby was doing. When he arrived, they had the road excavated from the manhole to the edge of the road. (About 40 ft.) They could only dig down 36in. before hitting ledge. The ledge ran approximately 8' from the manhole the entire way to the edge of the property. (About 32 ft.) Bill came up with a couple of options none of which were acceptable to Mark. Karl Schwartz the owner of the property suggested using heated pipe so as it wouldn't freeze. That was not acceptable to Mark either. The pipe needs to be buried at least 42in. with 6in. of sand under it. The trench would need to be 48in. There needs to be a foot of sand over the pipe as well. The installation of the sewer line couldn't be done at that time due to the issue created by the 32ft. of ledge.
- Mark had the John Deere tractor at Stanton in Canaan for a front-end problem. Stanton found the front differential to be badly damaged and will need replacement. Stanton is doing the repair now and the tractor should be back by the end of the week. The cost of this repair will be right around \$10,000 depending on the exact parts used (seals and gaskets).
- Mark talked to Craig Motasky at CT DEEP about the Operator Certification Exam 2022. Craig had just finished putting all the information together that morning and sent it to him. Mark had sent in the application for both Bill and Conor to take the exam in February. The exam can be taken from February 2022 to September 2022 by appointment, at a testing location to be determined.

FLOWS: The average daily flow for October was 102,000gpd and the total rainfall was 6.71in. The average daily flow for November to date is 102,000gpd and the rainfall has been 0. Mark also reported on the flow charts.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:

David reported that November was a quiet month. Only thing to note; was a high collection system repair total which Mark had reported on (it was the pump station 6 repair). Laurie did comment that the capital improvement line is not on the income statement sheet (that shows expenses) it is on the expense report. We spent \$45,000 out of capital for the driveway, and the force main repair on Paxton.

Jim had noted that we received the draft audit report for the 2020-2021 fiscal report. He asked everyone to review it. The Board is responsible for the Management's Discussion and Analysis write up. Richard has started the letter. The board will work on this so the final audit can be finished.

At 3:22PM A MOTION WAS MADE BY Alfred Shull, seconded by Richard Reis to go into Executive Session pursuant to CGS Sec. 1-200(6)(B) - strategy and negotiations with respect to pending litigation to which the public agency is a party – Welte v. WLSL litigation. No discussion, **ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:25PM.

At 3:26PM A MOTION WAS MADE BY Alfred Shull, seconded by Richard Reis to go into Executive Session pursuant to CGS Sec. 1-200(6)(B) - strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and pending litigation to which the public agency is a party – Compliance with DEEP Consent Order. No discussion, **ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED**

The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:37PM.

OLD BUSINESS- Delinquent Report. Laurie reported that Delinquent collections are doing well. Much lower than the past couple years. State Marshal Arthur Quinn is now handling our Tax Warrants. Art is a very active, efficient State Marshal, and has started the procedure of collecting our warrant amounts.

NEW BUSINESS

Notification of approval of DPC I&I project planning- Jim wanted a reaffirmation of the boards motion to approve DPC's I & I planning proposal. **A MOTION WAS MADE** BY Richard Reis, seconded by David Hazan to approve DPC's I & I Project Planning proposal. No discussion, **ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion of Perly Grimes letter dated Nov. 2, 2021- Jim reported that he had consulted with our attorneys on the statements Perley Grimes referred to as a violation of FOIA laws. When going into Executive Session, we have been advised to state exactly the purpose of the session, not be so vague. Jim will respond to Perley Grimes by letter stating that our all-volunteer Board appreciates his review of our meeting processes. We have engaged outside counsel to review the elements of the Connecticut Statutes to bring us into conformance with same. He will also add that the Board has always taken a vote of the Board members in advance of going into executive The District posts the agendas of all Board meetings on the website <http://wlsd-goshen.org> at least 24 hours in advance of any such Board meetings. The Board within any of the Executive Sessions has not passed any resolutions causing the District to take any actions or to direct others to take any actions on its behalf. Any formal actions taken by the Board have been done after it comes out of Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF 2022 MEETING CALENDAR FOR WLSA- A MOTION WAS MADE BY Richard Reis, seconded by Al Shull to approve the presented 2022 calendar. No discussion, **ALL IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING- None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Alfred Shull, seconded by Jerry Abrahams, to adjourn at 3:51PM. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred L. Shull, Clerk

Laurie Mosley, Recording Clerk

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2022
MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT
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Unless otherwise notified, all Regular Monthly Meetings of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Sewer Authority and the Board of Directors of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District will be held jointly on the second Tuesday of each month, at 3:00 P.M. remotely through Zoom Video Conferencing. Invitations to the meetings will be posted on the website on the agendas. If the meetings become in-person in 2022 the meetings will be held in the conference room of the Woodridge Lake Club House. The dates for the regular scheduled meetings are as follows:

January 11, 2022
February 8, 2022
March 8, 2022
April 12, 2022
(Sat) April 23, 2022 (Annual Meeting of the WLSD)*
May 10, 2022
(Sat) May 28, 2022 (Budget Meeting /Taxpayer Budget Vote)*
June 14, 2022
July 12, 2022
August 9, 2022
September 13, 2022
October 11, 2022
November 8, 2022
December 13, 2022

*NOTE DATE

All Board Members will be duly notified of any special meetings that might be called during the 2022 Calendar Year.

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Dated at Goshen, CT. 11/9/2021