

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, JANUARY 11, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M. HELD REMOTELY THROUGH ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

CALL TO ORDER: Raymond Turri called the meeting to order at 3:02PM.

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

EXCUSED: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular board meeting held December 14, 2021 was presented for approval. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY**, Richard Reis seconded by Alfred Shull; 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 F-250 back at P+C Repair for the clutch fan to be replaced. The fan that was installed last month was defective from the factory. P+C warrantied the fan and labor. Ray commented that come spring, Mark should start looking for a new truck. This one is breakdown quite a bit, we did budget for a new truck, time is here to start the search before repairs are too numerous.
- Mark talked with Garrett at Public Works about the chip sealing they had done last fall. The contractor that did the work had chip sealed over a few of my manhole covers. He asked Garrett for a list of the roads that were done and Conor and he went out and checked all the covers. There were 18 covers that were chip sealed over out of about 90 or so. Conor and he marked the 18 that need attention and are working to access them. All of the 18 covers are visible and could be opened if needed with a little extra effort as of now.
- Mark had Billy out sick with the flu. He went home sick on Sunday January 2nd. Conor came in to finish for him on that Sunday. Billy had a Covid test and it was negative, he tested positive for the flu. He will be returning to work on Monday the 10th.

Mark commented that he had issues over the weekend with the pumps getting clogged with rags. He had to call Conor in to help him pull the pumps. Mark then had to call Eastern. They pulled out two fifty gallon barrels of rags. All this made a mess of the wet wells. Monday, they had to get a vac truck to help clean out the wet well and clarifier area. Discussion on why the rags are getting through to the pumps continued. Apparently the muffin monster machine, up on the hill at the plant, is there to shred, chew up any debris, including rags, does so but the rags (baby wipes, hand wipes, etc.) seem to get shredded but then the small particles stick back together making big balls or rags of debris that then get lodged in the valves and or pumps. Homeowners are told not to flush these items down the drain but it is obvious it is ignored or not known. These wipes say they are flushable on the labels. They are flushable but then cause such havoc in processing. Norval made a suggestion to send out a notice in the tax bill mailing warning people not to flush these down the drain. It was so noted, Laurie will send out the list of DO NOT FLUSH the following items statement to all sewer users in June.

FLOWS: The average daily flow for December was 100,000gpd and the total rainfall was 2.2in. The average daily flow to date for January is 100,000gpd and the total rainfall has been 25in.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:

David reported that December was a quiet month. Things to note- higher payroll due to 5 week pay month and retro pay to two employees. Everything else is in line with the budget.

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 and has already collected two tax warrants.

At 3:24PM A MOTION WAS MADE BY Richard Reis, seconded by Alfred Shull 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 3:29PM.

At 3:29PM 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 3:32PM.

OLD BUSINESS- Ray reported that the DPC I&I project has quite a few easement/right of ways that must be used for the project. A list of property has been mapped out and ownership has been put together on a spreadsheet. These properties need to be notified of the upcoming project so that when the I & I work starts, people are not surprised that someone is on their property. Ray, Jim and Dave Prickett have been working on a letter to send to them acknowledging the upcoming I & I work. Drafts are being edited. Jim felt that getting property owners to sign an acknowledgement at least lets us know they have been notified. If they do not sign it, it does not mean we cannot enter (because of legal easement or right of way); it just lets us know if we will have an issue with communication.

NEW BUSINESS- Ray reported that the board had decided to start in person meetings again at the clubhouse however the WLPOA had decided not to open the clubhouse to meeting currently due to the new COVID variant. We will continue to meet remotely.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING- None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Alfred Shull, seconded by Richard Reis, to adjourn at 3:36PM. No discussion, **SO VOTED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred Shull, Clerk

Laurie Mosley, Recording Clerk

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