

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR SEWER COMMISSION MEETING

August 6, 2019

The Sewer Commission Meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Jones at 6:31pm

In attendance: Ken Clausen, Peter Kruit, Jim Tollas, Dan Bergsten

Operator In Charge: Randy Jones

Absent: Scott Carlson, Operator

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Pete Kruit, second Jim Tollas to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2019 meeting. Motion passed without negative vote.

PAY BILLS: A motion was made by Pete Kruit, second Ken Clausen to approve paying bills for July 2019. Motion passed without negative vote.

OPERATOR'S REPORT: Scott Carlson is getting the treatment pond ready for Aquatic Restoration to come to start removing the sludge. He is sending sludge samples to Ohio. The Total Suspended Solids are exceeding the limits but the BODs and Phosphorus levels are fine. Braun has been here to check the lift stations. The lift stations are working good. One pump was taken from Bayfield Road for repairs.

CLERK'S REPORT: With preparing the 2020 budget coming up quickly, it is time to start working on it. Randy will be unavailable in October and possibly November due to knee surgery. We need to plan ahead of time to get as much done as we can before the end of September. Since Lisa Totten will be here August 14 and 15, this will be a good time to get the planning underway. There was a discussion regarding setting up a budget meeting to start going over the numbers for next year. A meeting was set for Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Randy Jones mentioned that at some point the sewer system should purchase a pump for sludge removal of our own instead of borrowing the one from WRWA. Aqua Restoration will need \$5,000 up front to start removing the sludge. Once the pond repairs are underway, it should take about three weeks to complete the project. DNR wants Randy Jones to submit a sludge removal management plan to them.
- Jay Fransway presented more information to the sewer commission regarding the potential car wash in Poplar. The Sewer Commission will have to look at all the facts presented as well as talk to the Consultants from MSA to see it is feasible to put in the car wash. Milt Olson spoke about his concerns regarding the future growth of Poplar and what impact a carwash would have. Would the sewer be able to handle development and a carwash?

NEW BUSINESS:

- The sewer truck needs to have tires put on as the old ones are in bad shape. Scott Carlson went to Olson Auto to get quotes for three different sets of tires with different miles (50,000, 55,000, and 60,000 miles). After a discussion, a motion was made by Ken Clausen, second Jim Tollas to purchase the tires with the 60,000 mile option. Motion passed without negative vote.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Update on the Storm Damages – Sludge Removal Progress

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Randy Jones, to adjourn at 8:26 PM. Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, Chairman

Gina Ormond, Clerk/Treasurer

Date:
