

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF POPLAR SEWER COMMISSION MEETING

September 1, 2020

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

In attendance: Peter Kruit, Jim Tollas, Dan Bergsten

Operator: Randy Jones, Scott Carlson

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Jim Tollas, second Pete Kruit to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2020 meeting. Motion passed without negative vote.

PAY BILLS: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Jim Tollas to approve paying the bills for August 2020. Motion passed without negative vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Financial Report was presented to the Sewer Commission for review.

SPEAKERS: Anna Lundberg Haskins – not present. There was a discussion regarding the monthly sewer rate for the Lake Effect Dance Studio. The Sewer Commissioners had a few questions before making a decision to adjust the rate. The topic was tabled until next month.

OPERATOR'S REPORT: Scott Carlson and Randy Jones have been pumping down the sewer pond. The effluent and influent pipes were not seen last month so it was thought that they had been broken. The pipes were found as the ponds were being pumped down. They were just covered with sludge. With the variance that we received, we do have to present a phosphorus reduction plan. Information will be mailed out to residents regarding how to reduce the use of phosphorus products.

CLERK'S REPORT: A list of delinquent sewer bills were given to the sewer commission. It was discussed to mail out letters to the customers who had delinquent balances.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- FEMA approved the additional \$58,309.43 claim for the 2018 flooding damages done at the sewer pond bringing the new project total to \$94,210.92. FEMA pays 75%, The State pays 12.5 % and the Sewer pays 12.5 % of the total amount to repair the damages done by the flood.
- There was a discussion regarding the sewer smell that is still over by Olson Auto and what is the next steps that can be taken to figure out where the smell is coming from.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Jim Tollas, second Pete Kruit to approve the request from Ken Clausen for the ¾ Single Sewer Rate at 5413 S Balsam Drive. Motion carried without negative vote.
- A meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2020 to start working on the 2021 Sewer budget.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Anna Lundberg Haskins - Discuss the rate for Lake Effect Dance Studio
- Discuss reinstating late fees for monthly sewer bills

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Jim Tollas, second Pete Kruit to adjourn at 7:54 PM. Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, Chairman

Gina Ormond, Clerk/Treasurer

Date:
