

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF POPLAR SEWER COMMISSION MEETING
May 4, 2021

The Sewer Commission Meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Jones at 6:29 pm

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

Operator In Charge: Randy Jones

Clerk/Treasurer: Gina Ormond

Absent: Scott Carlson, Operator

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Ken Clausen, second Pete Kruit to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2021 meeting. Motion passed without negative vote.

PAY BILLS: A motion was made by Dan Bergsten, second Jim Tollas to approve paying the bills from April 2021. Motion passed without negative vote.

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

OPERATOR'S REPORT: Randy Jones has been talking with Pat Morrow from MSA and Eric DeVenecia from the DNR regarding the repairs of the sewer pond. They have been discussing the matter of how to dispose of the excavated material, whether it can be disposed of onsite or if it must be hauled to a landfill. Randy Jones was told that he now has to prepare a new Sludge Management Plan. A motor was dropped off and one was picked up that was repaired. A control panel was worked on. Benson Electric needs to come out to replace some switches. The meters at the village and the school have been calibrated. Braun has to come and do the yearly maintenance at the lift stations.

CLERK'S REPORT: Gina Ormond has checked with BPCL and emailed a couple of places through the DNR to check on options for refinancing the USDA loans. Randy Jones has checked with Kyle Torvinen and Gina Ormond has talked to the auditors to get input on refinancing through AMKO Advisors. Gina Ormond will check with NBC and let the Sewer Commission if it would be possible to refinance through them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Randy Jones is going to renew his certification for one more time and then he would like to step down from the Sewer Operator position. Scott Carlson is also going to consider what he will be doing for the wastewater position. There was a discussion on how the wastewater treatment plant will be taken care of in the future.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Every quarter – Discuss hiring someone to take Randy Jones position as Wastewater Operator and do the reporting when he retires from his position.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Pete Kruit, second Dan Bergsten, to adjourn at 7:43 PM. Motion carried without negative vote.

Randy Jones, Chairman

Gina Ormond, Clerk/Treasurer

Date:
